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AGENDA
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

 TOWN HALL — 14 PARK PLACE — 3RD FLOOR
 VERNON, CONNECTICUT

CALL IN: 1-929-205-6099
MEETING ID: 844 8929 2694 **PASSWORD:** 0202

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021
 7:30 P.M.

- A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- B.) ROLL CALL
- C.) CITIZENS FORUM

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- D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - E.) PUBLIC HEARING

F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

- Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to update the Town Council on various topics.

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1.** Request the Town Council approve Tax Refunds for Current years. (See copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator dated January 22, 2021 included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES FIFTEEN (15) CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$16,732.79 AS REFERENCED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED JANUARY 22, 2021.

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H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council approve the Vernon Democratic Town Committee nomination of Jennifer Buckler to fill the vacant seat on the Vernon Board of Education vacated by Latasha Hyatt and further the nomination of Kristiana Wintress to fill the seat vacated by Michelle Arn.** (See letter dated December 30, 2020 from Elizabeth Daly, Chairman of the Vernon Democratic Town Committee to Karen Daigle, Town Clerk relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION #1

RESOLVED, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ENDORSES THE NOMINATION OF JENNIFER BUCKLER, (D), 154 IRENE DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO REPLACE AND COMPLETE THE TERM VACATED BY LATASHA HYATT, MS. BUCKLER'S TERM TO COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 3, 2021 AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 8, 2021.

PROPOSED MOTION #2

RESOLVED, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ENDORSES THE NOMINATION OF KRISTIANA WINTRESS, (D), 174 ELM HILL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO REPLACE AND COMPLETE THE TERM VACATED BY MICHELLE ARN, MS. WINTRESS' TERM TO COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 3, 2021 AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 8, 2021.

2. **Request the Town Council approve the job description for Assistant Town Clerk/Assistant Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Town Clerk's Office.** (See a copy of the job description included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN OF VERNON PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS, SECTION 4.1 (B) ENTITLED "JOB DESCRIPTIONS", HEREBY ADOPTS THE JOB DESCRIPTION OF ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK/ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.

3. **Request the Town Council approve meeting dates for 2021-2022 budget meetings.** See memorandum dated January 20, 2021 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, the Vernon Town Council and Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator from Diane Wheelock, Executive Assistant relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION #1

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES THE FOLLOWING BUDGET MEETING DATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS:

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021; MONDAYS, MARCH 29, 2021; WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021; MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021; AND THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021 WITH A START TIME OF 7:00 PM, AND SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021 WITH A START TIME OF 9:00 AM. PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021 BEGINNING AT 9:05 AM AND THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021 BEGINNING AT 7:05 PM TO HEAR COMMENT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2021-2022 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET. ALL BUDGET MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, TOWN HALL, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT. DUE TO THE COVID PANDEMIC SAID MEETINGS MAY BE CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM.

PROPOSED MOTION #2

PURSUANT TO CHARTER, CHAPTER IV "ANNUAL TOWN MEETING", THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES, TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021 AS THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND FINAL PUBLIC HEARING, TO HEAR COMMENT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE FY2021-2022 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET. THE APRIL 27, 2021 PUBLIC HEARING AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, LOVELAND HILL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM DUE TO THE COVID PANDEMIC SAID MEETING MAY BE CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM WITH DRIVE THRU VOTING.

4. **Request the Town Council authorize the financing required for the Center Road Roof project and schedule a public hearing a special town meeting for same.** (See memorandum dated January 20, 2021 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro from Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer relative to same; letter dated January 26, 2021 from Dr. Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Vernon Public Schools to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne relative to same; and finally memorandum dated January 29, 2021 from Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro relative to same.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #1

RESOLVED, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL DOES HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF 100% OF PROJECT REVENUES OR \$1,500,000.00 TO COMPLETE THE CENTER ROAD SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT PENDING SPECIAL TOWN MEETING APPROVAL.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #2

RESOLVED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 10-283(d) OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL DOES HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE LOCAL SHARE OR \$471,450.00 FOR THE CENTER ROAD SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT COST, PURSUANT TO THE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS AS OUTLINED IN THE TOWN CHARTER PENDING SPECIAL TOWN MEETING APPROVAL.

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES A VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING TO TAKE PLACE AT 7:45 PM, AND A VIRTUAL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO TAKE PLACE AT 7:55 PM, ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AT THE VERNON TOWN HALL VIA VIRTUAL MEANS TO HEAR COMMENTS AND TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF \$1,500,000.00 TO FUND THE CENTER ROAD SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT, SAID FUNDS TO COME FROM THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE AND TRANSFER TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET.

K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

1. Request the Town Council send proposed **NEW** ordinance "**AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "ORDINANCE NO. ____, TOWN OF VERNON ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD"**", AND THE REPEAL OF OLD "**ORDINANCE #292, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD"**", to public hearing. (See **red-lined old** Ordinance #292 and the **NEW** "Ordinance No. ____, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED TOWN OF VERNON ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD" included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V, SECTIONS FIVE AND SIX OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, ENTITLED "PUBLIC HEARING ON AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES", HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE "**REPEAL**" OF "**ORDINANCE #292, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD**", AND THE "**NEW**" "**ORDINANCE NO. _____, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED TOWN OF VERNON ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD**". SAID PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AT 7:35 PM HELD VIA ZOOM (ZOOM INFORMATION WILL BE PUBLISHED WITH THE FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AGENDA AND PUBLISHED IN THE LEGAL NOTICE) TO HEAR COMMENTS AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION RELATIVE TO SAME.

L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

M.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

N.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

O.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON **JANUARY 19, 2021** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

P.) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, ETC. NOT REQUIRING ACTION

Q.) ADJOURNMENT