

March 30, 2020

**APPROVED VIRTUAL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES**

**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**VIRTUAL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**  
**VERNON, CT**

CONFERENCE CALL: 1-929-205-6099  
MEETING ID: 537 601 532 PASSWORD: 0330

**MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020 7:00PM**

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Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the virtual meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**B.) ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Council Members Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Julie Clay, Thomas DiDio, Linda Gessay, Ann Letendre, Maryann Levesque, Brian Motola, Pauline Schaefer, Jim Tedford, Steve Wakefield, Michael Wendus

**Absent:**

**Entered During Meeting:**

**Also Present:** Town Administrator Michael Purcaro, Finance Officer and Treasurer Jeffrey O'Neill, Recording Secretary Kathleen Minor

**C.) PUBLIC HEARING**

7:05PM Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the Public Hearing to order to receive comments and questions

7:05PM Clerk/Recording Secretary read the legal notice into the record

No comments from the public were made.

7:08PM Mayor Daniel A. Champagne adjourned the Public Hearing

7:08PM Returned to the Virtual Special Budget Meeting

**D.) PRESENTATION**

There were no updates or presentations.

**E.) BUDGET REVIEW**

**1. Board of Education – Tab 11, Page 359, Code 10990330, \$54,516,892**

Superintendent Joseph Macary presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**2. Police – Tab 5. Page 107, Code 10230180, \$6,509,255**

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James Kenny, Chief of Police, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**3. School Crossing Guards – Tab 5, Page 119, Code 10230181, \$66,053**

James Kenny, Chief of Police, presented budget summary. No discussion.

**4. Traffic Authority – Tab 5, Page 123, Code 10230182, \$163,904**

James Kenny, Chief of Police, presented budget summary. No discussion.

**5. Animal Control – Tab 5, Page 155, Code 10233188, \$138,470**

James Kenny, Chief of Police, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**6. Dog License - Tab 11, Page 371, Code 22233410, \$31,225**

James Kenny, Chief of Police, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**7. Building Inspection – Tab 5, Page 145, Code 10232187, \$383,610**

Steven Prattson, Building Official, presented budget summary. No discussion.

**8. Fire Marshal – Tab 5, Page 141, Code 10232185, \$169,883**

Daniel Wasilewski, Fire Marshal, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**9. Ambulance Division – Tab 11, Page 363, Code 22231417, \$1,326,200**

Stephen Eppler, Fire Chief, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**10. Public Safety – Fire Hydrants – Tab 5, Page 137, Code 10231190, \$828,068**

Stephen Eppler, Fire Chief, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**11. Fire Fighting Administration – Tab 5, Page 127, Code 10231183, \$661,028**

Stephen Eppler, Fire Chief, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Stephen Eppler, Fire Chief, presented budget summary for Capital Improvement requests of \$25,000 for Fire Station (5) – Repairs and Refurbishment; Equipment Request for \$45,000 Firefighter Turnout Gear; Fire Apparatus 95' Rear Mount Tower Ladder (T-541) for \$1,125,000. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Champagne presented budget summary Capital Improvement request on behalf of Police Department request for the first of a two-year project to replace portable radios for the amount of \$76,960. No discussion.

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**12. Emergency Management – Tab 5, Page 151, Code 10232189, \$48,690**

Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator and Emergency Management Coordinator presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**F.) MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**

None

**G.) RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO APRIL 2, 2020**

9:38PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to recess to the next scheduled meeting on April 2, 2020 at 7:00PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Received: May 13, 2020

Approved: May 19, 2020

Respectfully Submitted.



Kathleen Minor  
Recording Secretary