

April 4, 2020

APPROVED VIRTUAL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
VIRTUAL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
VERNON, CT

CONFERENCE CALL: 1-929-205-6099
MEETING ID: 463 500 752 PASSWORD: 0404

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020 9:00AM

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Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the virtual meeting to order at 9:02AM.

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 Virtual Meeting:

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

C.) PUBLIC HEARING

9:05AM Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the Public Hearing to order to receive comments and questions

9:05AM Clerk/Recording Secretary read the legal notice into the record

No comments from the public were made.

9:09AM Mayor Daniel A. Champagne adjourned the Public Hearing

9:09AM Returned to the Virtual Special Budget Meeting

D.) PRESENTATION

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne stated that any letters that were sent in were distributed to all Town Council members and added to the record. Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer had no updates to present.

E.) BUDGET REVIEW

2. Cemetery Operations- Tab 11, Page 377, Code 23342420, \$262,101

Travis Clark, Cemetery Superintendent, presented budget summary and answered questions. Council Member Motola asked about income page for this budget. Jeffrey O'Neill spoke and stated that it will be sent to the Town Council on Monday, April 6, 2020. Discussion ensued.

3. Vernon Cemetery Commission - Tab 9, Page 339, Code 10826302, \$164,801

Travis Clark, Cemetery Superintendent, presented budget summary. No discussion.

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4. **Capital Improvements – Tab 10, Page 343, Code 10780290, \$659,810**
Mayor Daniel A. Champagne opened the budget for discussion. Mayor Champagne, James Kenny, Police Chief spoke and answered questions. Discussion ensued.
5. **Data Processing Center – Tab 11, Page 415, Code 51617710, \$2,025,976**
Robert Sigan, Director of IT, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.
6. **Data Processing – Tab 4, Page 91, Code 10117160, \$1,226,032**
Robert Sigan, Director of IT, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.
7. **Social Security and Medicare – Tab 9, Page 307, Code 10670270, \$1,151,680**
Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.
8. **Pension – Tab 9, Page 311, Code 10670271, \$3,326,959**
Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.
9. **Group Insurance – Tab 9, Page 315, Code 10670272, \$3,019,577**
Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.
10. **Unemployment Insurance – Tab 9, Page 327, Code 10670273, \$21,400**
Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer, presented budget summary and answered questions. Council Member Motola and Council Member Wakefield asked for additional information regarding object code 52850, Disability Insurance to be provided on Monday, April 6, 2020. Discussion ensued.
11. **Municipal Insurance – Tab 9, Page 321, Code 10671278, \$983,384**
Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.
12. **Contingency – Tab 9, Page 331, Code 10672280, \$74,605**
Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer, presented budget summary. No discussion.
13. **Debt Service – Principal Payments – Tab 10, Page 347, Code 10883292, \$6,393,812**

Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to reduce object code 59170/Principal – Lease Purchase Vehicles by \$527,457. Discussion ensued. The corrected requested amount for this object code will now be \$207,181 after decrease. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

14. **Debt Service – Interest Payments – Tab 10, Page 351, Code 10883294, \$1,701,773**
Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

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Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to reduce object code 59270/Interest-Lease Purchase Vehicle by \$134,489 due. Discussion ensued. The corrected requested amount for this object code will now be \$40,255 after decrease. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

1. Revenue – Tab 2

Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council member Bush, made a motion to reduce object code 49100/Transfer In-General Fund by \$708,141. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

F.) MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION

None

G.) RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO APRIL 6, 2020

11:21AM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made a motion to recess to the next scheduled meeting on April 6, 2020 at 7:00PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Received: May 13, 2020

Approved: May 19, 2020

Respectfully Submitted.



Kathleen Minor
Recording Secretary