

RECEIVED
VERNON TOWN CLERK
15 APR 14 PM 3:30

MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

March 28, 2015 9:00 AM

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Pauline Schaefer, Virginia Gingras, Julie Clay, Kim Appleyard, Steve Wakefield, and Bill Campbell, John Kopec, Ann Letendre

Absent: Council Member Brian Motola, Steve Peterson, Fred Lehmann,

Entered During Meeting: Council Members Michael Winkler (10:35 AM)

Also Present: Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Karen Daigle

C) CITIZEN'S FORUM

None.

D.) PRESENTATION

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer to present any updates since the March 26, 2015 meeting. Discussion took place.

E.) BUDGET REVIEW

The Town Council shall consider the budgets for FY 2015-2016 for various departments, divisions, and organizations to include:

1. Data Processing Center
2. Data Processing
3. Police
4. School Crossing Guards
5. Traffic Authority
6. Public Works – Recycling
7. Public Works – Refuse
8. Public Works – Tree Warden
9. Public Works – Leaf Collection
10. Center 375
11. Recreation Administration
12. Recreation Public Celebration
13. Recreation – Parks Maintenance
14. Recreation Programs Account
15. Invasive Aquatic Plant Management
16. Executive and Administration
17. Law
18. Finance – Administration (carried from 3-23-15 mtng)
19. Finance – Independent Audit (carried from 3-23-15 mtng)

20. Finance – Treasury (carried from 3-23-15 mtng)
21. Finance – Purchasing (carried from 3-23-15 mtng)
22. Social Security and Medicare (carried from 3-23-15 mtng)
23. Pension (carried from 3-23-15 mtng)
24. Group Insurance (carried from 3-23-15 mtng)
25. Unemployment Insurance (carried from 3-23-15 mtng)
26. Municipal Insurance (carried from 3-23-15 mtng)
27. Contingency (carried from 3-23-15 mtng)
28. Debt Service – Principal Payments (carried from 3-23-15 mtng)
29. Debt Service – Interest Payments (carried from 3-23-15 mtng)

Directors from each Department presented information and answered questions regarding their budget submissions.

Data Processing Center

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 12 page 190, account 51617710, in the amount of \$1,724,931, motion carried unanimously.

Data Processing Director, Robert Sigan, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

7:39 PM Council Member Clay left the table; 7:39 PM Council Member Clay returned.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 12 page 190, account 51617710, in the amount of \$1,724,931, motion carried unanimously.

Data Processing

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 5 page 41, account 10117160, in the amount of \$1,036,249, motion carried unanimously.

Data Processing Director, Robert Sigan, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to close tab 5 page 41, account 10117160, in the amount of \$1,036,249, motion carried unanimously.

Police

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 6 page 49, account 10230181, in the amount of \$6,127,741, motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief, James Kenny, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to close tab 6 page 49, account 10230181, in the amount of \$6,127,741, motion carried unanimously.

School Crossing Guards

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 6 page 56, account 10230181, in the amount of \$62,120, motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief, James Kenny, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 6 page 56, account 10230181, in the amount of \$62,120, motion carried unanimously.

Traffic Authority

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 6 page 57, account 10230182, in the amount of \$357,160, motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief, James Kenny, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 6 page 57, account 10230182, in the amount of \$357,160, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Recycling

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 7 page 97, account 10340206, in the amount of \$338,042, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Robert Kleinhans, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 7 page 97, account 10340206, in the amount of \$338,042, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Condominium Refuse

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 7 page 100, account 10340208, in the amount of \$4,647, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Robert Kleinhans, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 7 page 100, account 10340208, in the amount of \$4,647, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Tree Warden

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 7 page 101, account 10340208, in the amount of \$13,150, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Robert Kleinhans, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 7 page 101, account 10340208, in the amount of \$13,150, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Leaf Collection

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 7 page 102, account 10340209, in the amount of \$118,490, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Robert Kleinhans, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 7 page 102, account 10340209, in the amount of \$118,490, motion carried unanimously.

Center 375

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 12 page 187, account 42340704, in the amount of \$276,387, motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director, Robert Kleinhans, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 12 page 187, account 42340704, in the amount of \$276,387, motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Administration

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 9 page 129, account 10560250, in the amount of \$368,294, motion carried unanimously.

Parks and Recreations Director, Bruce Dinnie, was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Letendre, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 9 page 129, account 10560250, in the amount of \$368,294, motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Public Celebration

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 9 page 134, account 10560253, in the amount of \$13,500, motion carried unanimously.

Parks and Recreations Director, Bruce Dinnie was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 9 page 134, account 10560253, in the amount of \$13,500, motion carried unanimously.

Recreation – Parks Maintenance

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 9 page 135, account 10560254, in the amount of \$703,702, motion carried unanimously.

Parks and Recreations Director, Bruce Dinnie, and Public Works Director, Robert Kleinhans, were present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

10:16 AM Council Member Clay left the table; 10:18 AM Council Member Clay returned.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to reduce account 56260 by the amount of \$499, motion carried unanimously. Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to reduce account 56261 by the amount of \$4,733, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 9 page 135, account 10560254, in the amount of \$698,470, motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Programs Account

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 12 page 172, account 26560444, in the amount of \$754,349, motion carried unanimously.

Parks and Recreations Director, Bruce Dinnie was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

10:35 AM Council Member Winkler entered the meeting.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 12 page 172, account 26560444, in the amount of \$754,349, motion carried unanimously.

Invasive Aquatic Plant Management

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 9 page 143, account 10570268, in the amount of \$16,000, motion carried unanimously.

Parks and Recreations Director, Bruce Dinnie was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 9 page 143, account 10570268, in the amount of \$16,000, motion carried unanimously.

Executive and Administration

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 5 page 4, account 10112120, in the amount of \$667,336, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Daniel Champagne and Town Administrator, John Ward were present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 5 page 4, account 10112120, in the amount of \$667,336, motion carried unanimously.

Law

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 5 page 9, account 10112121, in the amount of \$182,000, motion carried unanimously.

Town Administrator, John Ward was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 5 page 9, account 10112121, in the amount of \$182,000, motion carried unanimously.

Finance – Administration

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 5 page 19, account 10114140, in the amount of \$498,858, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director, James Luddecke was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 5 page 19, account 10114140, in the amount of \$498,858, motion carried unanimously.

Finance – Independent Audit

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 5 page 22, account 10114141, in the amount of \$53,050, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director, James Luddecke was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 5 page 22, account 10114141, in the amount of \$53,050, motion carried unanimously.

Finance – Treasury

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to open tab 5 page 23, account 10114142, in the amount of \$7,840, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director, James Luddecke was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close tab 5 page 23, account 10114142, in the amount of \$7,840, motion carried unanimously.

Finance – Purchasing

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 5 page 24, account 10114143, in the amount of \$9,820, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close tab 5 page 24, account 10114143, in the amount of \$9,820, motion carried unanimously.

Social Security and Medicare

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 10 page 144, account 10670270, in the amount of \$999,200, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director, James Luddecke was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 10 page 144, account 10670270, in the amount of \$999,200, motion carried unanimously.

Pension

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to open tab 10 page 145, account 10670271, in the amount of \$2,770,380, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director, James Luddecke was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 10 page 145, account 10670271, in the amount of \$2,770,380, motion carried unanimously.

Group Insurance

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 10 page 146, account 10670272, in the amount of \$2,771,111, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director, James Luddecke, Town Administrator, John Ward, and Assistant Town Administrator, Dawn Maselek were present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

11:21 AM Council Member Campbell left the table.

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 10 page 146, account 10670272, in the amount of \$2,771,111, motion carried unanimously. (Council Member Campbell was not present.)

Unemployment Insurance

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 10 page 148, account 10670273, in the amount of \$28,000, motion carried unanimously. (Council Member Campbell was not present.)

Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 10 page 148, account 10670273, in the amount of \$28,000, motion carried unanimously. (Council Member Campbell was not present.)

Municipal Insurance

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 10 page 149, account 10671278, in the amount of \$1,040,407, motion carried unanimously.

11:27 AM Council Member Campbell returned.

11:28 AM Council Member Letendre left the table; 11:33 AM Council Member Letendre returned.

Finance Director, James Luddecke was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 10 page 149, account 10671278, in the amount of \$1,040,407, motion carried unanimously.

Contingency

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 10 page 151, account 10672280, in the amount of \$119,000, motion carried unanimously.

Town Administrator, John Ward was present to answer question. Discussion took place.

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 10 page 151, account 10672280, in the amount of \$119,000, motion carried unanimously.

Debt Service – Principal Payments

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open tab 11 page 157, account 10883292, in the amount of \$4,837,310, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director, James Luddecke was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 11 page 157, account 10883292, in the amount of \$4,837,310, motion carried unanimously.

Debt Service – Interest Payments

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 11 page 158, account 10883294, in the amount of \$1,621,329, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director, James Luddecke was present to answer questions. Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 11 page 158, account 10883294, in the amount of \$1,621,329, motion carried unanimously.

H.) **MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**

11:46 AM Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Campbell moved to recess the meeting until 7:30 PM Monday, March 30, 2015 at Town Hall, Third Floor. Motion carried unanimously.

I.) **RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 30, 2015.**

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen C. Daigle
Recording Secretary