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

March 24, 2014 7:30 PM

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Pauline Schaefer, Virginia Gingras, Julie Clay, Brian Motola, Kim Appleyard, Steve Wakefield, Steve Peterson, Bill Campbell, John Kopec, Michael Winkler

Absent: Council Member Adam Weissberger and Ann Letendre

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Danielle Forand

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 22, 2014 meeting. Discussion took place.

E.) BUDGET REVIEW

The Town Council shall consider the budgets for FY 2014-2015 for various departments, divisions, and organizations to include:

1. Water Pollution Control Authority
2. Waste Treatment Plant Operations
3. Housing Authority – Sewer Subsidy
4. Finance – Administration
5. Finance – Independent Audit
6. Finance – Treasury
7. Finance – Purchasing
8. Social Security and Medicare
9. Pension
10. Group Insurance
11. Unemployment Insurance
12. Municipal Insurance
13. Contingency
14. Debt Service – Principal Payments
15. Debt Service – Interest Payments
16. Assessment
17. Revaluation
18. Board of Assessment Appeals
19. Collector of Revenue
20. Refunds – Tax Adjustments
21. Capital Improvements – Town

22. Fire Fighting and Administration

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

Water Pollution Control Authority

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 5 page 66, account 10116157, in the amount of \$8,304, motion carried unanimously.

Director of WPCA, Dave Ignatowicz was present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 5 page 66, account 10116157, in the amount of \$8,304, motion carried unanimously

Waste Treatment Plant Operations

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 12 page 303, account 41345700, in the amount of \$5,841,256, motion carried unanimously.

Director of WPCA, Dave Ignatowicz was present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 12 page 303, account 41345700, in the amount of \$5,841,256, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola left the table (8:11 p.m.) Returned (8:13 p.m.)

Housing Authority- Sewer Subsidy

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 10 page 261, account 10673282, in the amount of \$50,200, motion carried unanimously.

Director of WPCA, Dave Ignatowicz was present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 10 page 261, account 10673282, in the amount of \$50,200, motion carried unanimously.

Finance- Administration

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 5 page 31, account 10114140, in the amount of \$496,551, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke was present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to close tab 5 page 31, account 10114140, in the amount of \$496,551, motion carried unanimously.

Finance- Independent Audit

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 5 page 36, account 10114141, in the amount of \$51,965, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke was present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 5 page 36, account 10114141, in the amount of \$51,965, motion carried unanimously.

Finance- Treasury

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 5 page 38, account 10114142, in the amount of \$10,850 motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke was present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 5 page 38, account 10114142, in the amount of \$10,850 motion carried unanimously.

Finance- Purchasing

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 5 page 40, account 10114143, in the amount of \$9,820 motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke was present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 5 page 40, account 10114143, in the amount of \$9,820 motion carried unanimously.

Social Security and Medicare

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 10 page 245, account 10670270, in the amount of \$978,100 motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke was present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to close tab 10 page 245, account 10670270, in the amount of \$978,100 motion carried unanimously.

Pension

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 10 page 247, account 10670271, in the amount of \$2,550,280 motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke was present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 10 page 247, account 10670271, in the amount of \$2,550,280 motion carried unanimously.

Group Insurance

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 10 page 249, account 10670272, in the amount of \$2,514,516 motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke was present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to close tab 10 page 249, account 10670272, in the amount of \$2,514,516 motion carried unanimously.

Unemployment Insurance

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 10 page 253, account 10670273, in the amount of \$30,000 motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke was present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close tab 10 page 253, account 10670273, in the amount of \$30,000 motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Insurance

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 10 page 255, account 10671278, in the amount of \$1,040,411 motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke was present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to close tab 10 page 255, account 10671278, in the amount of \$1,040,411 motion carried unanimously.

Contingency

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 10 page 259, account 10672280, in the amount of \$117,000 motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke was present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 10 page 259, account 10672280, in the amount of \$117,000 motion carried unanimously.

Debt Service- Principal Payments

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 11 page 271, account 10883292, in the amount of \$4,259,450 motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke was present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to close tab 11 page 271, account 10883292, in the amount of \$4,259,450 motion carried unanimously.

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Debt Service- Interest Payments

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to open tab 11 page 273, account 10883294, in the amount of \$1,389,845 motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke was present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to close tab 11 page 273, account 10883294, in the amount of \$1,389,845 motion carried unanimously.

Assessment

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 5 page 42, account 10114144, in the amount of \$260,631 motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke was present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to close tab 5 page 42, account 10114144, in the amount of \$260,631 motion carried unanimously.

Revaluation

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 5 page 54, account 10114147, in the amount of \$30,000 motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke was present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to close tab 5 page 54, account 10114147, in the amount of \$30,000 motion carried unanimously.

Board of Assessment Appeals

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to open tab 5 page 64, account 10116155, in the amount of \$2,800 motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke was present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to close tab 5 page 64, account 10116155, in the amount of \$2,800 motion carried unanimously.

Collector of Revenue

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 5 page 49, account 10114146, in the amount of \$225,965 motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke and Collector of Revenue Terry Hjarne were present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to close tab 5 page 49, account 10114146, in the amount of \$225,965 motion carried unanimously.

Refunds- Tax Adjustments

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 5 page 47, account 10114145, in the amount of \$29,700 motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke and Collector of Revenue Terry Hjarne were present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to close tab 5 page 47, account 10114145, in the amount of \$29,700 motion carried unanimously.

Capital Improvements- Town

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Kopec made a motion to open tab 11 page 265, account 10780290, in the amount of \$765,565, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer Jim Luddecke, Director of Parks and Recreation Bruce Dinnie, and Fire Chief William Call were present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to close tab 11 page 265, account 10780290, in the amount of \$765,565, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to extend curfew. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Fighting and Administration

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 6 page 101, account 10231183, in the amount of \$1,235,425 motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer Jim Luddecke, Fire Chief William Call and Ray Walker were present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Appleyard, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to close tab 6 page 101, account 10231183, in the amount of \$1,235,425 motion carried unanimously.

Ambulance Division

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 12 page 282, account 122231417, in the amount of \$1,173,265 motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer Jim Luddecke and Fire Chief William Call were present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to close tab 12 page 282, account 122231417, in the amount of \$1,173,265 motion carried unanimously.

Fire Marshall

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 6 page 111, account 10232185, in the amount of \$100,043 motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke and Fire Marshall Ray Walker were present. Discussion took place.

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 6 page 111, account 10232185, in the amount of \$100,043 motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Management

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to open tab 6 page 122, account 10232189, in the amount of \$61,626 motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer, Jim Luddecke and Fire Marshall Ray Walker were present. Discussion took place

Council Member Gingras, seconded by Council Member Wakefield made a motion to close tab 6 page 122, account 10232189, in the amount of \$61,626 motion carried unanimously.

H.) **MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Campbell moved to recess the meeting until 7:30pm Thursday, March 27, 2014 at Town Hall, Third Floor. Motion carried unanimously.

I.) **RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 27, 2014.**

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

**Danielle Forand
Recording Secretary**