

May 1, 2018

Approved Minutes

Vernon Town Council- Regular Meeting

Town Hall- 14 Park Place- 3rd Floor

Vernon, Connecticut

May 1, 2018- 7:30PM

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

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Steve Wakefield, Thomas DiDio, Brian Motola, Julie Clay, Mike Wendus, Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Ann Letendre, Jim Tedford, Pauline Schaefer, Steve Peterson and Ralph Zahner

Absent: None

Entered During Meeting: None

Also Present: Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro, Recording Secretary Cassandra Minor

C) CITIZENS FORUM

None

D) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

E) PUBLIC HEARING:

None

F) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

1. CCM Discount Prescription Drug Card Program Cumulative Usage Report is out and since 2013, Vernon's participation in this program has saved Vernon residents approximately \$110,000.00! This program is available to all residents regardless of age, employment status, or whether they are currently insured. Those wishing to participate can get a card here at Town Hall or call the toll-free Proact helpline: 877-776-2285. This card can even be used for prescriptions issued for your family pets.

2. SOLARIZE VERNON – Update: The Kick-Off Workshop for this program is May 10, 2018 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at Vernon Center Middle School. Find out if Solar is right for you.

3. Mother's Day Dash, sponsored by our Parks and Recreation is just around the corner on May 13, 2018 starting at Henry Park at 9:15 AM. Call the Parks and Recreation Department for more information.

4. Lacrosse Opening Day, is this Saturday, May 5, 2018 beginning at 11:00 AM at Legion Field. The traditional flag raising is at 11:15 AM. Please mark your calendars.

5. Town of Vernon Administration and the Board of Education are establishing a new Operational Efficiencies Working Group. This Group will be comprised of key staff from: Human Resources, Payroll, Purchasing, Finance, and Administration. Under the leadership and direction of our Town Administrator and Director of Business and Finance this group has begun implementing their first project "Employee Self Service". Other goals in the long and short term are: Actively exploring solutions for the TOV/BOE Time and Attendance

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system; jointly hosting Open Enrollment for all TOV/BOE employees; and upcoming contracts for our Health Insurance Carrier business. We will keep you posted on their progress.

6. You should be aware that yesterday Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator, Fire Marshal Ray Walker and I were the first to testify before PURA, the State of Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority on behalf of Vernon's residents and against the proposed Connecticut Water Company's requested rate hike.

7. Finally, at the Vernon Police Annual Awards Ceremony last Wednesday evening Kerri Reynolds was named Vernon Police Officer of the Year. Congratulations to Kerri and thank you to all our Officers who work tirelessly to defend and protect our residents and visitors.

Also added:

Council Member Wakefield spoke regarding the successful Hockanum Brew Fest and thanked all the staff that worked on the event.

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne reminded the Council and Vernon citizens that the Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 28, 2018.

G) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to move the Consent Agenda. Council Member Motola pulled item C-2. Motion carried unanimously.

- 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 April 20, 2018 included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES FOURTEEN (14) CURRENT YEAR REFUNDS TOTALLING \$7930.51 AS REFERENCED IN THE LETTER FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED APRIL 20, 2018.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Tara Trapp, (R), 52 East Street, Vernon, Connecticut as an alternate member of the Local Historic Properties Commission, said term to commence on May 1, 2018 and expires on April 4, 2021.** (A copy of Ms. Trapp's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 185 (TOWN CODE SEC. 2-122) THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF TARA TRAPP, (R), 52 EAST STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE LOCAL HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO COMMENCE ON MAY 1, 2018 AND END ON APRIL 4, 2021.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of Robert Hurd, (R), 7 Rheel Street, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Local Historic Properties Commission, said term to commence on May 8, 2018 and expires on April 4, 2023.** (A copy of Mr. Hurd's resume is included for Council review.)

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H) **DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**

- C **2. Request the Town Council approve budget amendments #24, #25, #26, #27 and #28 for fiscal year 2017-2018 as provided by Finance Officer Jeff A. O'Neill on the budget amendment forms attached.**

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS, #24, #25, #26, #27 AND #28 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER, JEFF A. O'NEILL.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Tedford made a motion to approve budget amendment requests, #24, #25, #26, #27 and #28 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 as outlined in the Budget Amendment forms provided by the Finance Officer Jeff A. O'Neill. Discussion ensued. Finance Officer, Jeff O'Neill spoke and answered questions. Motion carried unanimously.

I) **PENDING BUSINESS**

None.

J) **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Request the Town Council enter into a formal agreement to sponsor the Summer Nutrition Program.** (See memorandum from Michelle Hill, Director of the Youth Services Bureau and grant documents attached.)

PROPOSED MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO ENTER INTO A FORMAL AGREEMENT ALLOWING THE TOWN OF VERNON TO BECOME A "SPONSOR" ORGANIZATION FOR THE SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to enter into a formal agreement allowing the Town of Vernon to become a "sponsor" organization for the Summer Nutrition Program with the State Department of Education. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to execute the necessary documents to submit application for the 2018-2019 School Readiness funds in the amount of \$325,320.00.** (See memorandum attached from Michelle Hill, Director of the Youth Services Bureau and grant documents for review.)

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N) **DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

None.

O) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

None.

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

1. Monthly Report – Vernon Police Department for the month of March, 2018 as submitted by John Kelley, Captain of Police.
2. Invitation to the Town of Vernon Memorial Day Parade, May 28, 2018, step-off 10:00 AM Northeast School.
3. Invitation to the Department of Public Works sponsored *Community Day*, May 19, 2018 from 9am to Noon. All are welcome!

Q) **ADJOURNMENT 7:44(pm):**

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Wakefield, made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: May 8, 2018
Approved: May 15, 2018

Respectfully submitted,



Cassandra Minor
Recording Secretary.