

October 16, 2018

Approved Minutes
Vernon Town Council- Regular Meeting
Town Hall- 14 Park Place- 3rd Floor
Vernon, Connecticut
October 16, 2018- 7:30PM

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

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Steve Wakefield, Thomas DiDio, Brian Motola, Mike Wendus, Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Jim Tedford, and Pauline Schaefer

Absent: Julie Clay, Ann Letendre, Steve Peterson and Ralph Zahner

Entered During Meeting: None.

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

C) CITIZENS FORUM

None.

D) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

7:33 PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made the following motion to go into Executive Session #1. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 1-200(6) (B) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING TAX APPEALS: **Vernon Medical Arts Associates, LLC vs Town of Vernon et al CV-18-604013S**; AND **Michael Santilli, Donna Crowley and Patricia Plympton vs Town of Vernon et al. CV-18-5022902S**, AND INVITES TOWN ADMINISTRATOR MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ASSESSOR DAVID WHEELER AND ASSISTANT TOWN ATTORNEY MARTIN BURKE TO ATTEND.

7:44PM Executive Session #1 ended.

7:45PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made the following motion to go into Executive Session #2.

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 1-200 HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER, AND INVITES TOWN ADMINISTRATOR MICHAEL J. PURCARO, AND ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DAWM MASELEK TO ATTEND.

7:58PM Council Member Campbell exited Executive Session.

8:03PM Council Member Campbell returned to Executive Session.

8:04PM Executive Session #2 ended.

No action taken.

8:06PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to authorize the Town Attorney to settle tax appeal CV-18-604013S, captioned "Vernon Medical Arts Associates LLC vs. Town of Vernon et al," for taxes on the Grand List of October 1, 2017 for the assessed value of \$700,000 or the 100% fair market value of \$1,000,000 and to adjust assessment and tax bill on the January 2019 bill for the 2017 Grand List. The property address is commonly known as 357 Hartford Turnpike, Map 11-0015-00012. Motion carried unanimously.

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8:07PM Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Wendus made a motion to authorize the Town Attorney to settle tax appeal CV-18-5022902-S captioned "Michael Santilli, Donna Crowley, and Patricia Plympton vs. Town of Vernon, et al" for the assessed value of \$42,000 or the 100% fair market value of \$60,000 and to adjust assessment and tax bill on the January 2019 bill for the 2017 Grand List. The property address is commonly known as 9 River Street, Map 23-0060-00007. Motion carried unanimously.

F) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

The RHS Festival of Bands was held this past Saturday evening. The event was very well attended. Congratulations to the RHS RAM Band on another very successful event.

The Seniorhood Fair is this Saturday, October 20, 2018 at Vernon Center Middle School, 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon.

Thanksgiving Football Game this year is November 21, 2018 at Rockville High School vs Ellington. This game is the day before Thanksgiving at RHS and begins at 6:00 PM.

The Artic Splash sponsored by our Parks and Recreation Department is being held Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 1:00PM at Valley Falls Park. Call the Parks and Recreation Department to sign up and get all the details.

REMINDER: No Town Council meeting on November 6, 2018 due to Election Day. The only meeting in November is on the 20th.

Two new businesses are joining the economic landscape here in Vernon: Wendy's on Talcottville Road and Off the Group Sound on East Main Street.

Both of these businesses anticipate a November, 2018 Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening. Stay tuned.

PULLED- Robert Grasis, Director of the Water Pollution Control Authority will be present to update the Town Council on the progress of the facility upgrade.

Presentation made by Karen Daigle, Vernon Town Clerk relative to the Town Clerk's Comprehensive Office Operating System. Town Clerk, Karen Daigle presented. Discussion ensued.

E) PUBLIC HEARING (7:35 PM)

None.

G) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to move the Consent Agenda. Motion to approve C-1 carried unanimously.

C 1. Request the Town Council approve Tax Refunds for Prior and Current Years. (See copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator dated October 4, 2018, 2018 included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES ONE (1) PRIOR YEAR(S) TAX REFUNDS TOTALLING \$210.75 AND TWENTY-SEVEN (27) CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS TOTALLING \$8839.31 AS REFERENCED IN THE LETTER FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED OCTOBER 4, 2018.

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H) **DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**

None.

I) **PENDING BUSINESS**

None.

J) **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Request the Town Council authorize the disposal of fixed assets for the Vernon Public Schools Department (See memorandum dated October 5, 2018 from Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS FOR THE VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS DISCLOSED ON THE FIXED ASSET DISPOSAL REQUEST FORMS.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Tedford made a motion to approve the disposal of fixed assets for the Vernon Public Schools as disclosed on the fixed asset disposal request forms. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to execute all necessary documentation to make application and receive the FY 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). (See memorandum dated October 10, 2018 from Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and the Vernon Town Council relative to same.)**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE FY 2018 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) FUNDING OFFERED BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to execute all necessary paperwork to make application for and receive FY 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Funding offered by The State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Request the Town Council authorizes Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to sign any and all documents relative to the State Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for their Local Prevention Council Grant. (Grant documents are attached for Council review.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5342.00, FURTHER MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR SAME.

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Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Tedford made a motion to authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to execute the necessary paperwork to make application for and receive Local Prevention Council Grant Funds in the amount of \$5324.00, further Mayor Daniel A. Champagne is authorized to sign any and all documents for same. Discussion ensued. Youth Services Director, Michelle Hill spoke. Motion carried unanimously.

K) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

L) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED:

None.

M) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

None.

N) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

O) ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 2, 2018 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the Minutes of October 2, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

Q) ADJOURNMENT (8:28pm):

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

Received: October 23, 2018
Approved: November 20, 2018

Respectfully submitted,



Cassandra Minor
Recording Secretary.