

June 18, 2013

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**VERNON, CONNECTICUT**

**June 18, 2013 - 7:30pm**

Mayor George Apel called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

**A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**B) ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Council Members Bill Campbell, Thomas DiDio, Virginia Gingras, Julie Clay, Marie Herbst, John Kopec, Brian Motola, Steven Peterson, Daniel Sullivan, Adam Weissberger, and Michael Winkler

**Absent:** Council Member Thomasina Russell

**Entered During Meeting:**

**Also Present:** Mayor George Apel, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Danielle Forand

**C) CITIZEN'S FORUM**

**There were no speakers at Citizen's Forum**

Citizen's forum closed at 7:33 PM

**D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**E.) PUBLIC HEARING**

PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING A "**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A TRANSFER OUT OF \$300,000.00 FROM THE MEDICAL SAVINGS FUND, AND AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF \$300,000.00 TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET.**" (A copy of the Resolution and the legal ad are included in the Council's agenda packet.)

Mayor George Apel called the Public Hearing to order to receive comments relative to "A Resolution to approve a transfer out of \$300,000.00 from the medical savings fund, and an additional appropriation of \$300,000.00 to the board of Education Budget." Mayor Apel requested the Clerk read the legal notice into the record and certified the notice was published in the Journal Inquirer.

Public Comments were requested from those in attendance. No public comment was received. The Public Hearing closed at 7:35PM

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Herbst adjourned the Town Council Meeting until the conclusion of the Special Town Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS: 7:35PM

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

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**(This meeting requires separate minutes)**

**F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION**

Mayor George F. Apel to make a presentation to the Town Council on various topics.

Mr. John DiIorio, CEO of 1<sup>st</sup> Alliance Lending, LLC and his executive team were present to discuss a plan to revitalize 300,000 square feet for a potential development project for the Municipal Center of Vernon in the area of Central Park. John DiIorio presented a background of the company, and a plan to expand develop and relocate the company's central office in Vernon. He provided a power point presentation about the goals for the project, the expected building structure and mission of this development. Discussion took place.

Chief James Kenny and YSB Director Alan Slobodien were present to discuss a Prescription Drug Drop Off Program that will be located at the Police Station to anonymously dispose of unused prescription drugs through a program called E.R.A.S.E.

**RECESS 8:53PM**  
**RECONVECE 9:11PM**

**G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to approve consent agenda items as presented #'s 1,3 and 4. Consent Agenda item # 2 was pulled for further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 1. Request for Tax Refunds for Current Year.** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated June 10, 2013 is included in the Council packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES NINE (9) OVERPAYMENTS FOR CURRENT YEAR TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,295.44 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED JUNE 10, 2013.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of Ralph E. Zahner, (U), 142 Vernon Avenue #66, Vernon, Connecticut 06066, as a regular member of the Permanent**

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**Municipal Building Committee, said reappointment to commence on July 1, 2013 and expires on June 30, 2016.** (A copy of Mr. Zahner's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER VIII, SECTION 7, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S REAPPOINTMENT OF RALPH E. ZAHNER, (U), 142 VERNON AVENUE, #66, VERNON, CONNECTICUT. SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON JULY 1, 2013 AND EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2016.

- C 4. Request the Vernon Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of Ronald Hussey (Managing Engineer - representing ECHN) 31 Union Street, Rockville, Connecticut as a regular member of the Energy Improvement District Board, said term to commence on July 1, 2013 and expires on June 30, 2018.** ( Mr. Hussey's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE # 292 AND TOWN CODE SECTION 3(A), THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S REAPPOINTMENT OF RONALD HUSSEY, MANAGING ENGINEERING – REPRESENTING ECHN, 31 UNION STREET, ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD, SAID TERM TO BEGIN JULY 1, 2013 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2018

H.) **DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve budget amendments #55-58 for fiscal year 2012-2013, as provided by Finance Officer James Luddecke.** (A copy of budget amendment forms are attached for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #55-58 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013, AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER, JAMES LUDDECKE.

Council Member Kopec, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to approve consent agenda item number 2. Motion carried with 9 in favor and 2 abstaining.

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I.) **PENDING BUSINESS**

1. **Update and discussion relative to the monthly report from Finance Director James M. Luddecke for Revenue and Expenditures – 2012-2013, as of May 31 , 2013.**

**NO PROPOSED MOTION**

J.) **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Request the Town Council authorize the disposal by sale of Vernon Police Department items labeled “Police Radio Equipment Lot #2 to Tempest Telecom Solutions of Santa Barbara, California for the sum of \$2500.00.** (See supporting documents included in your packet from Lt. William Meier III.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SELL THE ITEMS CONTAINED IN POLICE RADIO EQUIPMENT LOT #2 (MICROWAVE) TO TEMPEST TELECOM SOLUTIONS OF SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA FOR THE SUME OF \$2500.00. PROCEEDS OF THE SALE WILL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE “POLICE RADIO EQUIPMENT FUND” FOR THE PURCHASE OF FUTURE RADIO EQUIPMENT/UPGRADES.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to approve the sale of Vernon Police Department items labeled “Police Radio Equipment Lot #2 to Tempest Telcom Solutions for the sum of \$2500.00 Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Request the Town Council authorize the Board of Education’s request to withdraw \$50,000.00 from the Education Reserve for Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditure Account for the installation of a natural gas line, chimney liner and associated construction costs at the Central Office building.** (See letter to George F. Apel, Mayor from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary P. Conway re: same.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE COMMITMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE EDUCATION RESERVE FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 FOR COSTS PERTAINING TO THE INSTALLATION OF A NATURAL GAS LINE, CHIMNEY LINER AND ASSOCIATED CONSTRUCTION COSTS AT THE SCHOOL CENTRAL OFFICE BUILDING.

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**K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

None

**L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**

None

**M.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**N.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None.

**O.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MAY 21, 2013 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the May 21, 2013 regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried with 10 in favor and 1 abstention.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 4, 2013 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the June 4, 2013 regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MARCH 16, 2013 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 16, 2013 Town Council special budget meeting. Motion carried with 10 in favor and 1 abstention.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MARCH 23, 2013 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 23, 2013 Town Council special budget meeting. Motion carried with 10 in favor and 1 abstention.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

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SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MARCH 27, 2013 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 27, 2013 Town Council special budget meeting. Motion carried with 10 in favor and 1 abstention.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MARCH 28, 2013 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 28, 2013 Town Council special budget meeting. Motion carried with 10 in favor and 1 abstention.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING APRIL 1, 2013 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the April 1, 2013 Town Council special budget meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING APRIL 3, 2013 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the April 3, 2013 Town Council special budget meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MAY 13, 2013 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the May 13, 2013 Town Council special budget meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MAY 28, 2013 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the May 28, 2013 Town Council special budget meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

P.) **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. EMS Monthly Report – May, 2013 as submitted by Jean Gauthier, EMS Coordinator.

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- 2.** BOE YTD – as submitted by Michael Purcaro, Business and Finance Officer for the Vernon Board of Education.
- 3.** Town Clerk Monthly Report – May, 2013 as submitted by Bernice K. Dixon, Town Clerk.
- 4.** Vernon Police Department Monthly Report – May, 2013 as submitted by Captain Stephen M. Clark.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Weissberger made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: June 27, 2013

Approved: July 16, 2013

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Forand  
Recording Secretary

Karen C. Daigle, CCTC  
Assistant Town Clerk