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| <p>AGENDA VERNON TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor VERNON, CONNECTICUT</p> <p>TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012 7:30 P.M.</p> | <p>RECEIVED VERNON TOWN CLERK 12 FEB 30 PM 3: 22</p> |
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- A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- B.) ROLL CALL
- C.) CITIZENS FORUM

D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Session #1

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 PENDING LITIGATION REGARDING BEIRN VS TOWN OF VERNON, FURTHER, THE TOWN COUNCIL INVITES JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, AND EDWARD F. O'DONNELL OF THE FIRM SIEGEL O'CONNOR, O'DONNELL AND BECK PC, TO ATTEND.

Session #2

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 PENDING LITIGATION RELATIVE TO DOCKET NO.100168992, STEVE BURNELL VS TOWN OF VERNON AND INVITES THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO ATTEND: JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR; AND ATTORNEY RICHARD BARTLETT OF MCGANN, BARTLETT AND BROWN, LLC.

E.) PUBLIC HEARING

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- F.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION
Mayor George F. Apel to make a presentation to the Town Council on various topics.

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- 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 February 24, 2012 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES EIGHT (8) OVERPAYMENTS OF THE CURRENT YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6572.46 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED FEBRUARY 24, 2012.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of Gail L. Bernaiche (D), 40 Eleanor Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as an alternate member of the Historic Properties Commission, said term to commence on April 4, 2012 and expires April 5, 2015.** (A copy of Ms. Bernaiche'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 GEORGE F. APEL'S, REAPPOINTMENT OF GAIL L. BERNAICHE (D), 40 ELEANOR DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO COMMENCE ON APRIL 4, 2012 AND EXPIRES ON APRIL 3, 2015.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve the appointment of Mayor George F. Apel, 14 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority, said term to commence on March 7, 2013 and expiring on November 11, 2013.**

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 242 THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE F. APEL, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO THE BOLTON LAKES REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY FOR A TERM COMMENCING MARCH 7, 2012 AND EXPIRING ON NOVEMBER 11, 2013.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of Carmine Pellegrino (U), 15 Lakeview Drive, Vernon, Connecticut, as a regular member of the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority, said term to commence on April 22, 2012 and expires on April 21, 2015.** (A copy of Mr. Pellegrino's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 242 THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S REAPPOINTMENT OF CARMINE PELLEGRINO, (U), 15 LAKEVIEW DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOLTON LAKES REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY FOR A TERM COMMENCING ON APRIL 22, 2012 AND EXPIRING ON APRIL 21, 2015.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's reappointment of Daniel C. Wright (U), 44 Lakeview Drive, Vernon, Connecticut, as a regular member of the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority, said term to commence on April 22, 2012 and expires on April 21, 2015.** (A copy of Mr. Wright's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 242 THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR GEORGE F. APEL'S REAPPOINTMENT OF DANIEL C. WRIGHT (U), 44 LAKEVIEW DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOLTON LAKES REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY FOR A TERM COMMENCING ON APRIL 22, 2012 AND EXPIRING ON APRIL 21, 2015.

- C 6. Request the Town Council approve Mayor George F. Apel's appointment 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 March 7, 2012 and expires on June 30, 2012.** (Mr. Hussey is replacing Kate Sims, also an ECHN representative. 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 APPOINTMENT 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 MARCH 7, 2012 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2013.

- C 7. Request the Town Council approve a bid waiver in the amount of \$64,000 for the emergency repair of the Talcottville Road Sewage Pumping Station.** (A memorandum dated February 17, 2012 to the Town Council from Dave Ignatowicz, Director, Water Pollution Control is included in the Council Packet)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER 12, SECTION 9, HEREBY WAIVES THE BID PROCEDURE FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF THE TALCOTTVILLE ROAD SEWAGE PUMPING STATION FORCE MAIN AND THE INSTALLATION OF PERMANENT BY-PASS PIPING AND AUTHORIZES THE DIRECTOR, WATER POLLUTION CONTROL TO EXECUTE THE REPAIR OF THE PUMP STATION BY THE FIRMS: KOVACS CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, DANBURY, CT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,500, AND VMS CONSTRUCTION, VERNON, CT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$53,500. THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST INCURRED FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF \$64,000.00 WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE SEWER CONNECTION ACCOUNT.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

I.) PENDING BUSINESS

J.) NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Request the Town Council readopt The Town of Vernon PILOT Elderly and Disabled Property Tax Relief Program § 12-129N to September 30, 2013.** (A memorandum dated February 28, 2012 from Mayor George Apel to the Vernon Town Council is included in Council Packet. Assessor Dave Wheeler will be present to answer any questions regarding this program.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES TO READOPT ITS ELDERLY AND DISABLED PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO CONN. GEN. STAT. §12-129N, ENTITLED "OPTIONAL TAX RELIEF PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN HOMEOWNERS AGE 65 OR OVER OR WHO ARE PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED AS ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2007 FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF TIME ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013.

2. **Request the Town Council readopt Resolution Town of Vernon PILOT Elderly Tax Relief Program PA 06-176 to September 30, 2013.** (A memorandum dated February 28, 2012 from Mayor George Apel to the Vernon Town Council is included in Council Packet. Assessor Dave Wheeler will be present to answer any questions regarding this program.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES TO RENEW ITS RESOLUTION TOWN OF VERNON ELDERLY FREEZE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM PURSUANT TO PUBLIC ACT 06-176 AS ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2007 AND RENEWED ON OCTOBER 6, 2009 FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF TIME ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013.

3. **Discussion relative to the Town Council Ad Hoc Committee Report on Mayor's Compensation.** (A copy of ***Report of the Ad Hoc Committee - Mayor's Compensation***, as submitted by Council Member Michael Winkler is included in the Council Packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 1 OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ACCEPTS THE RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON MAYOR'S COMPENSATION, AND HEREBY PROPOSES THE MAYORAL COMPENSATION BE SET AT \$30,000 EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 11, 2013.

K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

M.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

N.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

O.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2012 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

1. Monthly Report – January, 2012 for the Vernon Police Department as submitted by Stephen M. Clark, Captain.