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**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**VIRTUAL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021 7:00PM**

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CONFERENCE CALL: 1-929-205-6099

MEETING ID: 896 5905 5568 PASSWORD: 0322

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the virtual meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited

**B.) ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Members Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Julie Clay, Thomas DiDio, Linda Gessay, Ann Letendre, Maryann Levesque, Brian Motola, Jim Tedford, Steve Wakefield, Michael Wendus

Absent:

Entered During Meeting: Pauline Schaefer (7:07PM)

Also Present: Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro, Finance Officer and Treasurer Jeffrey O'Neill, Recording Secretary Kathleen Minor

**C.) CITIZENS FORUM**

7:02PM Citizens forum closed with no comment.

**D.) PRESENTATION**

Finance Officer and Treasurer Jeffrey O'Neill made brief comment to Town Council regarding three informational supporting documents sent today with no changes to numbers as presented.

**E.) BUDGET REVIEW**

**Probate – Tab 4, Page 122, Code 10111112, \$13,498**

Honorable Elisa H Bartlett, Judge of the Court of Probate, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Town Council – Page 4, Page 118, Code 10110110, \$6,850**

Karen Daigle, Town Clerk, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Town Clerk – Tab 4, Page 184, Code 10115150, \$283,813**

Karen Daigle, Town Clerk, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Registration – Tab 4, Page 138, Code 10113130, \$80,281**

John Anderson, Registrar of Voters (R) presented budget summary. No discussion.

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**Elections General – Tab 4, Page 142, Code 10113131, \$38,550**

John Anderson, Registrar of Voters (R) presented budget summary. No discussion.

**Elections Primary – Tab 4, Page 146, Code 10113132, \$1**

Christopher Prue, Registrar of Voters (D) presented budget summary. No discussion.

**Elections Referendum – Tab 4, Page 150, Code 10113133, \$1**

Christopher Prue, Registrar of Voters (D) presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Police – Tab 5, Page 218, Code 10230180, \$6,545,379**

James Kenny, Chief of Police, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**School Crossing Guards – Tab 5, Page 232, Code 10230181, \$66,053**

James Kenny, Chief of Police, presented budget summary. No discussion.

**Traffic Authority – Tab 5, Page 236, Code 10230182, \$165,350**

James Kenny, Chief of Police, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Animal Control – Tab 5, Page 260, Code 10233188, \$140,662**

James Kenny, Chief of Police, presented budget summary. No discussion.

**Dog License - Tab 11, Page 491, Code 22233410, \$29,417**

James Kenny, Chief of Police, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Fire Marshal – Tab 5, Page 250, Code 10232185, \$186,303**

Daniel Wasilewski, Fire Marshal, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Building Inspection – Tab 5, Page 254, Code 10232187, \$382,933**

Steven Prattson, Building Official, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Public Safety – Fire Hydrants – Tab 5, Page 270, Code 10231190, \$840,021**

Stephen Eppler, Fire Chief, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Fire Fighting Administration – Tab 5, Page 240, Code 10231183, \$635,736**

Stephen Eppler, Fire Chief, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Ambulance Division – Tab 11, Page 497, Code 22231417, \$1,608,951**

Stephen Eppler, Fire Chief, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Emergency Management – Tab 5, Page 264, Code 10232189, \$57,139**

Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator and Emergency Management Coordinator presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Executive Administration – Tab 4, Page 126, Code 10112120, \$875,500**

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Diane Wheelock, Executive Assistant, Cassandra Santoro, Administrative Assistant and Dawn Maselek, Assistant Town Administrator presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Law – Tab 4, Page 134, Code 10112121, \$152,000**

Diane Wheelock, Executive Assistant presented budget summary. No discussion.

**F.) MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**

None

**G.) RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 25, 2020 2021 (9:43PM)**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Levesque made a motion to recess to the next scheduled meeting on March 25, 2021 at 7:00PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Received: April 27, 2021

Approved: May 4, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen Minor  
Recording Secretary

By Karen C. Daigle  
Clerk of the Council