

March 27, 2023

APPROVED MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023, 7:00 PM

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

A.) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited

B.) **ROLL CALL**

- **Present:** Council Members Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Julie Clay, Linda Gessay, Ann Letendre, Maryann Levesque, Brian Motola, John O'Connell, Jim Tedford, Michael Wendus.
- **Absent:** Council Member Ariana Nieves-Matias and Teri-Lynn Rogers,
- **Entered During Meeting:**
- **Also Present:** Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Town Administrator Michael Purcaro, Recording Secretary Meriline Sarkar

C.) **CITIZEN'S FORUM:** None

D.) **PRESENTATION**

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer presented updates since March 23, 2023.

E.) **BUDGET REVIEW**

Assessment: Tab 4, Page 105, Code 10114144, \$316,508

David Wheeler, Assessor, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Revaluation: Tab 4, Page 120, Code 10114147, \$18,000

David Wheeler, Assessor, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Board of Assessment Appeals: Tab 4, Page 131, Code 10116155, \$2,500

David Wheeler, Assessor, presented budget summary. No discussion.

Collector of Revenue: Tab 4, Page 114, Code 10114146, \$201,279

Terry Hjarne, Collector, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Refunds – Tax Adjustments: Tab 4, Page 110, Code 10114145, \$37,684

Terry Hjarne, Collector, presented budget summary. No discussion. Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer, spoke.

Cemetery: Tab 11, Page 428, Code 23342420, \$314,843

Kevin Bowman, Superintendent, presented budget summary and answered questions. Mayor Champagne and Jeff O'Neill spoke. Discussion ensued.

Vernon Cemetery Commission: Tab 11, Page 424, Code 10826302, \$100,469

Kevin Bowman, Cemetery Superintendent, presented budget summary and answered questions. Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer, spoke. Discussion ensued.

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Water Pollution Control Authority: Tab 11, Page 461, Code 10116157, \$8,436

Robert Grasis, Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Housing Authority – Sewer Subsidy: Tab 11, Page 465, Code 10673282, \$51,000

Robert Grasis, Director, presented budget summary. No discussion.

Waste Treatment Plant Operations: Tab 11, Page 469, Code 41345700, \$6,168,612

Robert Grasis, Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

7:59 PM Council Member Tedford left the table; returned at 8:01 PM.

Invasive Aquatic Plant Management: Tab 8, Page 349, Code 10570268, \$20,000

Marty Sitler, Parks and Recreation Director, presented budget summary. No discussion.

Recreation Public Celebration: Tab 8, Page 335, Code 10560253, \$57,000

Mayor Champagne and Marty Sitler, Parks and Recreation Director, spoke and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Recreation Parks Maintenance: Tab 8, Page 339, Code 10560254, \$911,912

Marty Sitler, Parks and Recreation Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

8:14 PM Council Member Clay left the table; returned at 8:15 PM.

Recreation Administration: Tab 8, Page 331, Code 10560250, \$404,785

Marty Sitler, Parks and Recreation Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Recreation Programs: Tab 11, Page 456, Code 26560444, \$697,264

Marty Sitler, Parks and Recreation Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Aquatic Program: Tab 8, Page 353, Code 10560252, \$209,870

Marty Sitler, Parks and Recreation Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

F.) **MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION:** None

G.) **(9:01 PM) RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 30, 2023**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Tedford made a motion to recess to the next scheduled meeting on March 30, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: April 13, 2023

Approved: April 18, 2023

Submitted,


Merline Sarkar
Recording Secretary