

March 30, 2023

APPROVED MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT
THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 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, Teri-Lynn Rogers, Jim Tedford, Michael Wendus
- **Absent**: Council Member Ariana Nieves-Matias.
- **Entered During Meeting**: Council Member Ann Letendre (7:01 PM).
- **Also Present**: Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Town Administrator Michael Purcaro, Recording Secretary Meriline Sarkar

C.) CITIZEN'S FORUM: Teri-Lynn Rogers, 26 White Street, spoke about RHS student artwork.

D.) PUBLIC HEARING (7:05 PM)

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2023-2024 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET.

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne calls the Public Hearing to order.

Clerk read the Legal Notice into the record.

Mayor Champagne and Town Council received no comments from the public.

7:08 PM Mayor Champagne adjourn the Public Hearing.

Return To The Special Budget Meeting Agenda

E.) PRESENTATION

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer presented any updates since March 27, 2023.

F.) BUDGET REVIEW

Capital Improvements: Tab 10, Page 400, Code 10780290, \$2,628,543

Mayor Champagne, along with Finance Officer and Treasurer, Jeff O'Neill, presented budget summary and answered questions. Shaun Gately, Dwight Ryniewicz, Eric Jensen and Marty Sitler spoke and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Engineering: Tab 6, Page 280, Code 10341214, \$268,148

David Smith, Town Engineer, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

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Public Works – Administration: Tab 6, Page 217, Code 10340200, \$792,992

Dwight Ryniewicz, Public Works Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Eric Jensen, Greg Lesco and Mark Rizzo, spoke and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

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

Public Works – General Maintenance: Tab 6, Page 223, Code 10340201, \$1,393,665

Dwight Ryniewicz, Public Works Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Public Works – Equipment Maintenance: Tab 6, Page 231, Code 10340202, \$868,899

Dwight Ryniewicz, Public Works Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Eric Jensen spoke and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Public Works – Maintenance of Gov't Buildings: Tab 6, Page 240, Code 10340203, \$1,160,198

Dwight Ryniewicz, Public Works Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

8:30 PM Council Member Wendus left the table; returned at 8:32 PM.

Public Works – Snow Removal: Tab 6, Page 249, Code 10340204, \$256,842

Mayor Champagne and Jeff O'Neill spoke and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Public Works – Refuse Collection & Disposal: Tab 6, Page 254, Code 10340205, \$1,330,088

Dwight Ryniewicz, Public Works Director, presented budget summary and answered questions, along with Eric Jensen and Greg Lesco. Discussion ensued.

Public Works – Recycling: Tab 6, Page 260, Code 10340206, \$369,139

Dwight Ryniewicz, Public Works Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Public Works – Condominium Refuse: Tab 6, Page 268, Code 10340207, \$6,566

Mayor Champagne spoke. No discussion.

Public Works – Tree Warden: Tab 6, Page 272, Code 10340208, \$17,150

Jeffrey Schambach, Tree Warden, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Public Works – Leaf Collection: Tab 6, Page 276, Code 10340209, \$147,113

Eric Jensen, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Center 375: Tab 11, Page 488, Code 42340704, \$256,482

Dwight Ryniewicz, Public Works Director, presented budget summary and answered questions, along with Mayor Champagne and Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer. Discussion ensued.

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

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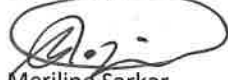
H.) (9:02 PM) RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO APRIL 3, 2023

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to recess to the next scheduled meeting on April 3, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: April 13, 2023

Approved: April 18, 2023

Submitted,



Meriline Sarkar
Recording Secretary