

April 3, 2023

APPROVED MINUTES  
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING  
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
VERNON, CONNECTICUT  
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023, 7:00 PM

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Deputy Mayor Brian Motola 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, Ariana Nieves-Matias, John O'Connell, Teri-Lynn Rogers, Jim Tedford, Michael Wendus.
- **Absent:**
- **Entered During Meeting:**
- **Also Present:** Town Administrator Michael Purcaro, Recording Secretary Meriline Sarkar

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

D.) **PRESENTATION**

Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer presented updates since March 30, 2023.

E.) **BUDGET REVIEW**

**Data Processing Center: Tab 11, Page 496, Code 51617710, \$2,461,897**

Bob Sigán, IT Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Data Processing: Tab 4, Page 140, Code 10117160, \$1,467,245**

Bob Sigán, IT Director, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Finance – Administration: Tab 4, Page 92, Code 10114140, \$537,913**

Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer spoke and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Finance – Independent Audit: Tab 4, Page 97, Code 10114141, \$84,916**

Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Finance – Treasury: Tab 4, Page 101, Code 10114142, \$4,040**

Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Social Security and Medicare: Tab 9, Page 376, Code 10670270, \$1,249,866**

Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer, presented budget summary. No discussion.

**Pension: Tab 9, Page 380, Code 10670271, \$4,491,142**

Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

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**Group Insurance: Tab 9, Page 384, Code 10670272, \$2,827,362**

Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer, presented budget summary. No discussion.

**Unemployment Insurance: Tab 9, Page 388, Code 106702073, \$21,400**

Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer, presented budget summary. No discussion.

**Municipal Insurance: Tab 3, Page 392, Code 10671278, \$604,894**

Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Contingency: Tab 9, Page 396, Code 10672280, \$290,000**

Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer, presented budget summary. No discussion.

**Debt Service – Principal Payments: Tab 10, Page 419, Code 10883292, \$6,320,321**

Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Debt Service – Interest Payments: Tab 10, Page 419, Code 10883294, \$1,412,600**

Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer, presented budget summary. No discussion.

**Revenue:**

Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer, presented budget summary changes. Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator spoke. No discussion.

**MOTION #1**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ACCEPTS THE SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR THE GENERAL FUND FOR GAS, DIESEL, AND ELECTRICITY ACCOUNTS AS PRESENTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$130,317.50.

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member O'Connell, moved to accept the Summary of Changes for the general Fund as presented in the amount of \$130,317.50. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

**F.) MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING DISCUSSION OR ACTION**

1. Opportunity for Town Council Members to add or delete from the Mayor's proposed budget.

**Emergency Management--Tab 5, Page 212, Code 10232189**, Council Member Clay, seconded by Council Member O'Connell, made a motion to increase Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator's Emergency Management salary by \$10,000. Discussion ensued. Council Member Letendre made a friendly amendment to increase the salary by \$5,000. The maker of the motion, along with the seconder, accepted the friendly amendment. The motion to increase Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator's Emergency Management salary by \$15,000 carried unanimously.

**MOTION #2**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES TO INCREASE THE TOWN OF VERNON GROUP INSURANCE EMPLOYER PREMIUM ACCOUNT. ORG CODE: 10670272 OBJECT CODE: 52187 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,318.

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member O'Connell, moved to increase the Town of Vernon Group Insurance premium account. The motion carried unanimously.

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8:06 PM Recess. Session reconvened at 8:17 PM.

**G.) FINALIZE BUDGET**

**APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

THE TOWN COUNCIL DOES HEREBY APPROVE THE TOWN OF VERNON GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 33,748,749; THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBT SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 10,361,464; AND THE EDUCATION BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,867,876, FOR A TOTAL GENERAL FUND TOTAL OF \$ 101,978,089.

Council Member Bush, seconded by Levesque, made a motion to approve The Town of Vernon's General Government Appropriations in the amount of \$ 33,748,749; The Capital Improvements and debt service appropriations in the amount of \$ 10,361,464; And The Education Budget in the amount of \$57,867,876, for a total General Fund total of \$ 101,978,089. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL DOES HEREBY APPROVE THE TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,978,089 TO COINCIDE WITH THE TOTAL RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS OF \$101,978,089, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCE OFFICER TO ADJUST LINE ITEMS IN THE ESTIMATED REVENUE AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY.

Council Member Bush, seconded by Wendus, made a motion to approve the total estimated revenue in the amount of \$101,978,089 to coincide with the total recommended appropriations of \$101,978,089, and to authorize the finance officer to adjust line items in the estimated revenue as may be deemed necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 FOR PRESENTATION AT THE PUBLIC HEARING/ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL DOES HEREBY APPROVE AND PRESENT THE BUDGET FOR *FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024* IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,978,089 TO THE ELECTORS AND QUALIFIED TAXPAYERS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING/ANNUAL TOWN MEETING SCHEDULED FOR *TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023 AT 7:00 PM* TO BE HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM OF ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AT 70 LOVELAND HILL ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT. THE TOWN CLERK IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO PUBLISH A SUMMARY OF SAID PROPOSED BUDGET AND ENTERPRISE ACTIVITY ESTIMATES SHOWING ANTICIPATED REVENUES BY MAJOR SOURCES AND PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS BY FUNCTION AND/OR DEPARTMENTS AND THE AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION, AT LEAST FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Council Member Bush, seconded by Wendus, made a motion to approve and present The Budget for *Fiscal Year 2023-2024* In the amount of \$101,978,089 To the Electors and Qualified Taxpayers at the Public Hearing/Annual Town Meeting scheduled for *Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:00 PM* to be held in the Auditorium of Rockville High School at 70 Loveland Hill Road, Vernon, Connecticut. Motion carried unanimously.

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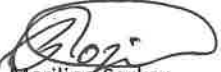
**H.) ADJOURN: 8:23 PM**

Council Member Bush, seconded by Council Member Levesque, made motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: April 13, 2023

Approved: April 18, 2023

Submitted,



Meriline Sarkar  
Recording Secretary