

March 24, 2022

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**  
TOWN HALL – 14 PARK PLACE – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
VERNON, CONNECTICUT  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022 7:00PM**

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, Brian Motola, John O'Connell, Teri-Lynn Rogers, Jim Tedford and Michael Wendus

Absent: Council Members Maryann Levesque and Ariana Nieves-Matias

Entered During Meeting:

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

**E.) PRESENTATION**

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Jeff O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer presented updates since the March 21, 2022 meeting.

**C.) PUBLIC HEARING (7:05 PM)**

*PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 2022-2023 TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET.*

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the Public Hearing to order to receive comments and questions

Clerk read the legal notice into the record

No comments from the public were made.

7:07 PM Mayor Daniel A. Champagne adjourned the Public Hearing

Returned to the Special Budget Meeting

**D.) CITIZEN'S FORUM**

Citizen's Forum closed with no public comment.

**E.) BUDGET REVIEW**

**Board of Education – Tab 12, Page 530, Code 10990330, \$55,775,479**

Dr. Joseph Macary, School Superintendent, presented budget summary and answered questions. Robert Testa, Assistant Superintendent, and William Meyer, Business and Finance Manager, spoke and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

8:02 PM Council Member Clay left the table; returned at 8:03 PM

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**Police – Page 5, Page 163, Code 10230180, \$6,399,566**

John Kelley, Police Chief, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

8:44 PM Council Member Wendus left the table; returned at 8:47 PM

**School Crossing Guards – Tab 5, Page 179, Code 10230181, \$66,053**

John Kelley, Police Chief, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Traffic Authority – Tab 5, Page 183, Code 10230182, \$156,425**

John Kelley, Police Chief, presented budget summary. No discussion.

**Animal Control – Tab 5, Page 209, Code 10233188, \$142,895**

Luke Gallant, Police Captain, presented budget summary and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

**Dog License – Tab 11, Page 445, Code 22233410, \$28,478**

Luke Gallant, Police Captain, presented budget summary. No discussion.

8:57 PM Recess; 9:10 PM Reconvened

**Fire – Tab 5, Page 187, Code 10231183, \$631,909**

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

**Ambulance – Tab 11, Page 451, Code 22231417, \$1,819,560**

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

**Public Safety - Hydrants – Tab 5, Page 219, Code 10231190, \$906,791**

Mayor Champagne spoke on this budget.

**Building – Tab 5, Page 203, Code 10232187, \$369,635**

Dan Wasilewski, Fire Marshal, presented summary and answered questions. Mayor spoke. Discussion ensued.

**Fire Marshal – Tab 5, Page 197, Code 10232185, \$197,860**

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

**Emergency Management – Tab 5, Page 213, Code 10232189, \$56,925**

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

9:50 PM Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush, made a motion to extend curfew until the end of business. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Purcaro spoke some on Group Insurance, Tab 9, Page 394, Municipal Insurance, Tab 9, Page 402 and Unemployment Insurance, Tab 9, Page 398.

**F.) MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION**

None

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**G.) (10:19 PM) RECESS REMAINING ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 28, 2022**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Rogers, made a motion to recess to the next scheduled meeting on March 28, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: May 3, 2022

Approved: May 17, 2022

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karen C. Daigle". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Karen C. Daigle  
Recording Secretary