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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL  
**REGULAR MEETING**

TOWN HALL – 14 PARK PLACE – 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR  
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**  
7:30 P.M.

- A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
  - B.) ROLL CALL
  - C.) CITIZEN CITATIONS AND AWARDS
  - D.) CITIZENS FORUM
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- E.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

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- F.) PUBLIC HEARING

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- G.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to update the Town Council on various topics.

Update by Director Michelle Hill, Youth Services on activities in her department.

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H.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1. Request the Town Council approve the tax refunds for prior and current year taxes as outlined in the memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue.** (See memorandum dated September 11, 2023 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue relative to same.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES FOUR (4) TAX REFUNDS FOR PRIOR YEARS TOTALING \$551.24 AND SIXTY (60) REFUNDS FOR CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$15,381.30 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2023.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve budget amendment requests #34, #35, #36, #37, #38, #39, #40 and #41 for FY 23 relative to year end reconciliation as submitted by Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer.** (See memorandum dated September 12, 2023 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro from Jeffrey A. O'Neill, Finance Officer and Treasurer relative to same.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #34, #35, #36, #37, #38, #40 AND #41 FOR FY23 AS PROVIDED ON THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS SUBMITTED BY FINANCE OFFICER AND TREASURER JEFFREY A. O'NEILL.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Sheila Newell, (U), 180 Taylor Street, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, said term to commence on September 20, 2023 and expires June 30, 2026.** ( A copy of Ms. Newell's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

PURSUANT TO VERNON'S CHARTER CHAP. XV, SEC. 3; EST. 03-02-1982, THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF SHEILA NEWELL, (U), 180 TAYLOR STREET, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SAID TERM TO BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 AND EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2026.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Belinda Fortin, (U) 3 Bridle Path Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, said term to commence September 20, 2023 and expires on June 30, 2026.** (A copy of Ms. Fortin's resume is included for Council review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

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- I.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS
- J.) PENDING BUSINESS
- K.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council approve the resolution authorizing the Town of Vernon to enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut for the Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey.** (See memorandum from Robert Grasis, Director, Vernon Water Pollution Control to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne dated September 11, 2023 relative to same.)

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE TOWN OF VERNON TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION, MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN SAID CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF THE VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY. THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND EXECUTE SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH SAID CONTRACTS AND TO EXECUTE ANY AMENDMENTS, RECISSIONS AND REVISIONS.

2. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne or his designee to execute the paperwork to make application for and receive Local Prevention Council Grant funds in the amount of \$5,342.00.** (See memorandum dated September 11, 2023 from Michelle Hill, Youth Services Director to Michael J. Purcaro relative to same.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE THE LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,342.00 ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON, YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

3. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne or his designee to execute the paperwork to make application for and receive the 2024 Highway Safety, Drug Recognition Instructor Support Grant through the Connecticut Department of Transportation.** (See memorandum dated September 6, 2023 from Police Chief John Kelley to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE THE 2024 HIGHWAY SAFETY, DRUG RECOGNITION INSTRUCTOR SUPPORT GRANT THROUGH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE AMOUNT \$31,848.36 ON BEHALF OF THE VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

L.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

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M.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE (S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

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N.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

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O.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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P.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON **AUGUST 15, 2023** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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Q.) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, ETC. NOT REQUIRING ACTION

1. Monthly Report – August, 2023 from the Town Clerk as submitted by Karen C. Daigle, Town Clerk.
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R.) ADJOURNMENT

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