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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

TOWN HALL – 14 PARK PLACE – 3RD FLOOR
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023
7:30 P.M.

- A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- B.) ROLL CALL
- C.) CITIZEN CITATIONS AND AWARDS

VOLUNTEER WALL HONOREES

Bill Francis
Jeff Cohen
Mary Ann Hopowiec
Peter Olson

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- D.) CITIZENS FORUM

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- E.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 1-200 (6) (D), HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND INVITES MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, DANIEL WASILEWSKI, FIRE MARSHAL AND FIRE ADMINISTRATOR, STEPHEN EPPLER, FIRE CHIEF AND ROBERT BABCOCK, ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF TO ATTEND.

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 1-200 (2), HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND INVITES MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 1-200 (2), HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND INVITES MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

F.) PUBLIC HEARING

G.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

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

Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week – Fire Marshal and Fire Administrator Daniel Wasilewski to be present to receive the proclamation.

Update by Fire Marshal and Fire Administrator Daniel Wasilewski relative to the activities in the Fire Marshal’s Office.

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 25, 2023 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES ONE (1) TAX REFUND FOR PRIOR YEARS TOTALING \$19.82 AND TWENTY-THREE (23) REFUNDS FOR CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$5,768.46 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 2023.

- C 2. **Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne’s appointment of Geoffrey Seidor (U), 27 Gardner Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Inland Wetlands Regulatory Commission, said term to commence on October 4, 2023 and expires December 31, 2025.** (A copy of Mr. Seidor’s resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 8, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE’S APPOINTMENT OF GEOFFREY SEIDOR (U), 27 GARDNER ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE INLAND WETLANDS REGULATORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON OCTOBER 4, 2023 AND EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2025.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of John Morissette (U), 10 Susan Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Energy Improvement District Board, said term to commence on October 4, 2023 and expires on June 30, 2028.** (A copy of Mr. Morissette's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE # 292 AND TOWN CODE SECTION 3(A), THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF JOHN MORISSETTE (U), 10 SUSAN ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON OCTOBER 4, 2023 AND EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2028.

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

1. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne or his designee to apply for and receive two grants for the Vernon Police Department.** (See memorandum dated September 28, 2023 from Chief of Police John Kelley to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE APPLICATION FOR AND THE RECEIPT OF TWO GRANTS FOR THE VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE ***2024 DISTRACTED DRIVING HIGH VISIBILITY ENFORCEMENT GRANT*** AND THE ***2023-2024 CLICK IT OR TICKET CAMPAIGN GRANT***, THE COUNCIL FURTHER AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR SAME.

- L.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

M.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE (S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

N.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

O.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

P.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

R.) ADJOURNMENT