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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023
7:30 P.M.

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

VOLUNTEER WALL HONOREES

Paul M. Shimer
Wesley D. Shorts

- 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 AND DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

- F.) PUBLIC HEARING

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- G.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

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

Presentation and update by Liz Bologna, Director of the Vernon Community Arts Center dba Arts Center East on activities at the Center.

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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 October 5, 2023 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES EIGHT (8) TAX REFUNDS FOR PRIOR YEARS TOTALING \$5020.64 AND TWENTY-THREE (23) REFUNDS FOR CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$2544.25 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED OCTOBER 5, 2023.

I.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

J.) PENDING BUSINESS

K.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to apply for and receive the FFY 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$33,358.60.** (See memorandum from Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and the Town Council dated October 4, 2023 relative to same.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE FFY 2023 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) FUNDING OFFERED BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,358.60, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTION OF THE REQUIRED RESOLUTION ATTACHED.

2. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to apply for and receive the Gary Sinise Fire Department Grant for the purchase of fourteen AED's to be deployed on Town of Vernon fire apparatus.** (See memorandum to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator from Nichole Greco, Projects and Grants Coordinator, Daniel Wasilewski, Fire Marshal and Fire Administrator and Katie McGray, Chief Medical Officer dated October 3, 2023 relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE THE GARY SINISE FOUNDATION FIRST RESPONDER FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,850.38.

3. **Request from Town Council member Ann Letendre recommending the dissolution of the Hockanum River Linear Park Committee.** (See memorandum dated October 4, 2023 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne from Ann Letendre Town Council member relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY DISSOLVES THE HOCKANUM RIVER LINEAR PARK COMMITTEE AS PRESENTED IN THE AUGUST 24, 1970 RESOLUTION.

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

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

1. Monthly Report for September, 2023 from the Town Clerk's Office as submitted by Karen C. Daigle, Town Clerk.
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R.) ADJOURNMENT