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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024
7:30 P.M.

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

E.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 1-200 (6) (B) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING REAL ESTATE TAX APPEAL: ***Phelps Village LLC v Town of Vernon et al. Docket Number HHB-CV-23-6079863-S***, AND INVITES DAWN MASELEK, INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TOWN ATTORNEY LOU SPADACCINI AND TOWN OF VERNON ASSESSOR CHRISTINE CLARKE TO ATTEND.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 1-200 (6) (B) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A PENDING CLAIM AND INVITES DAWN MASELEK, INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #3

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 1-200 (6) (B) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A PENDING CLAIM RELATIVE TO ***JOY YOUNGS VS TOWN OF VERNON BOARD OF EDUCATION CLAIM #A13847*** AND INVITES VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE WILLIAM MEIER, AND DAWN MASELEK, INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

EXECUTIVE #4

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 1-200 (6) (C) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A SECURITY MATTER AND INVITES DAWN MASELEK, INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ATTEND.

F.) PUBLIC HEARING

G.) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

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

Presentation of a Proclamation to the Daughters of the American Revolution celebrating Constitution Week September 17 - 23, 2024 in Vernon.

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 August 29, 2024 to Dawn Maselek, Assistant Town Administrator from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES SEVEN (7) TAX REFUNDS FOR PRIOR YEARS TOTALING \$2292.66 AND SEVENTY-THREE (73) REFUNDS FOR CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$15,154.63 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO DAWN MASELEK, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED AUGUST 29, 2024.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's reappointment of John Leary, (R), 26 Hany Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as Vernon's Citation Hearing Officer, said term to commence on September 21, 2024 and expires September 20, 2026.** (A copy of Mr. Leary's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE #215, TOWN CODE 2-5, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 218 TO ENFORCE ORDINANCES 214 AND 216 THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN LEARY, (R), 26 HANY LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS THE TOWN OF VERNON CITATION HEARING OFFICER, SAID NEW TERM TO COMMENCE ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 AND EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 20, 2026.

- C 3. Request the Town Council approve the budget amendment requests FY 2023-2024 #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, and #16 as presented.** (See budget amendment forms attached for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS, #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15 AND #16 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 AS PROVIDED ON THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS ATTACHED PROVIDED BY FINANCE OFFICER AND TREASURER JOHN W. KLEINHANS.

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 Local Prevention Council Grant funds in the amount of \$5,342.00.** (See memorandum from Michelle Hill, Director of Youth Services Bureau dated August 29, 2024 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Interim Town Administrator Dawn Maselek relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,342.00, FURTHER THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE, OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR SAME.

2. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to apply for and receive PLA Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive Funding.** (See memorandum dated August 27, 2024 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and the Vernon Town Council from Jennifer Johnston-Marius, Director of the Rockville Public Library relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE FUNDING TO PROVIDE DIGITAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS. THE TOWN COUNCIL FURTHER AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR SAME.

3. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne or his designee to execute any and all documents needed to accept and administer funds associated with the Urban Forestry Grant.** (See memorandum dated July 11, 2024 from Shaun Gately, Director of Development Services to Michael J. Purcaro, former Town Administrator.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMAPGNE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO ACCEPT AND ADMINISTER FUNDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE AWARDED URBAN FORESTRY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$131,315.50. THIS GRANT WAS AWARDED BY THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO PLANT TREES WITHIN THE DESIGNATED AWARD AREA.

4. **Update and discussion relative to funding for Daniel's Mill. (Shaun Gately to be present to discuss.**

NO PROPOSED MOTION

5. **Request the Town Council approve the asset disposal for the Vernon Public School.** (See memorandum from John W. Kleinhans, Finance Officer and Treasurer dated September 10, 2024 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne and Dawn Maselek, Interim Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE DISPOSAL OF ASSETS FOR THE VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOL AS DISCLOSED ON THE REQUEST FOR DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS FORM.

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 OF **AUGUST 20, 2024** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

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

R.) ADJOURNMENT