Veazie Town Council Meeting

Aug 25th, 2014

**Members Present**: Chairman Tammy Perry, Councilor Chris Bagley, Councilor Robert Rice, Councilor Karen Walker, Councilor David King, Manager Mark Leonard, Secretary Julie Strout, Attorney Tom Russell, Assessor Ben Birch, Planning Board Chairman Chris Cronan and various members of the public.

**Members Absent**:

None

**ITEM 1: Call to order**

Chairperson Tammy Perry called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**ITEM 2: Secretary to do the roll call:**

All present

**ITEM 3: Pledge of the allegiance:**

**ITEM 4: Consideration** **of the Agenda**

None

**ITEM 5: Approval of the August 11th, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes**

Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to accept the August 11th, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6: Comments from the public**

Candidate Peter Lyford introduced himself to the Council.

**New Business:**

**ITEM 7: Orono Recreation Department Presentation**

Town Manager Sophie Wilson discussed the after school options with the Council.

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Chris Bagley to move forward with the program as agreed upon by the two communities thru our Town Manager. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Citizen Norma Noble asked if the town would be willing to help with paying for a bus for the senior planned trips. They are looking for approximately $2000.00. The Council agreed to add this to the September 8th meeting agenda for further discussion.

**ITEM 8: Bangor/Veazie Assessing Agreement**

Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to accept the Bangor Veazie Agreement for Assessing Services for another year and to allow Manager Leonard to sign the contract. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 9: Assessing Department Update**

Assessor Ben Birch updated the Council on the tax commitment process. The mil rate for 2014-2015 tax year is 17.75. Mr. Birch reviewed the Report of Assessment Review with the Council and was very pleased with the valuation rating of very good.

**ITEM 10: Policy Discussion for Committee Members**

Chairman Perry reviewed the Committee Member Policy with the Council, she will provide an updated Policy by the Sept 8th meeting.

**ITEM 11: Updated Land Use Ordinance**

Chris Cronan reviewed the Land Use Ordinance with the Council. Manager Leonard will obtain any questions regarding this Land Use Ordinance and will enclose the answers in the Council Packet for the September 8th meeting as well as change the revised date to August 25, 2014.

**ITEM 12: Updated Shoreland Zoning Ordinance**

Chris Cronan reviewed the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance with the Council. This was moved to the September 8th meeting for further discussion.

**ITEM 13: Rock Street/Oak Grove retaining wall repair**

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Robert Rice to accept the bid from Mitchell’s Landscaping to repair the retaining wall and to agree that the homeowner will cover any additional work. There was an amended motion made by Councilor David King to make sure Mitchell’s Landscaping is a certified company, seconded by Councilor Robert Rice. Voted 4-1-0. Motion carried. Councilor Chris Bagley opposed.

**Old Business:**

**ITEM 14: Charter Changes**

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to accept the proposed amendments to the Town Charter. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Robert Rice that a Public Hearing on the proposed amendments to the Town Charter be held at the Town Council Meeting on September 8, 2014 at 6:30pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King that the Town Clerk provide notice of the hearing in accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A - 2104. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 15: Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)E**

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Robert Rice to enter into Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A.405 (6)E. at 8:10pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to exit Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)E. at 8:20pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Robert Rice to authorize the Town Attorney to draft a letter as discussed. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 17: Comments from the public**

Citizen Phyllis Leeman from 44 Oak Grove St. shared her concern about the horrible road conditions on Oak Grove. Wanted to know who is liable for damages done to the cars and if the town could put red cones around the holes. Manager Leonard explained that the town is not liable and that he would let Barney Silver know to patch the pot holes in the morning. There was also a complaint on the speed of the buses on that road. It was asked if the Town Manager could call the bus company to complain about this issue and to possibly patrol the road more.

**ITEM 16:**  **Manager’s Report**

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor’s.

**ITEM 18: Requests for information and Town Council Comments**

Councilor Chris Bagley asked how long the contract was with the state for plowing Rt 2 and is School St. included. Manager Leonard stated the contract runs out in 2021 and as far as School St. the state owns it but the town maintains it.

**ITEM 19: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #4 and Town Payroll #4. School Payroll Warrant #4 and AP School Warrant #4.**

The warrants were circulated and signed.

**ITEM 20: Adjournment**

Councilor David King motioned to adjourn at 8:43

Councilor Chris Bagley seconded. No discussion. Voted 5-0-0

Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:43 pm

A True Copy Attest:

Julie Strout

Deputy Clerk