Veazie Town Council Meeting

 February 9th, 2015

**Members Present**: Chairman Tammy Perry, Councilor Robert Rice, Councilor Chris Bagley, Councilor Karen Walker, Councilor David King, Manager Mark Leonard, Secretary Julie Strout, Supt. Rick Lyons, Principal Scott Nichols, Town Assessor Ben Birch, Budget Committee Members Jeff Wheelden, Brian Perkins, Judy Horten, Norma Noble and various members of the public.

**Members Absent**:

None

**ITEM 1: Call to order**

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

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

All present.

**ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Chairman Perry wanted to move Item 11 to Item 7A.

**ITEM 5: Approval of the January 26th, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes**

Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to accept the January 26th, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6: Comments from the public**

None

**New Business:**

**ITEM 7A: Appointment of Economic Development Committee Member**

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Chris Bagley to appoint Sarah Zmistowski to the Economic Development Committee. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 7B: Update from Assessor Ben Birch**

Assessor Ben Birch reviewed his memo concerning the proposed State Budget and its possible effects on the towns assessing.

**ITEM 8: FY 15/16 Budget discussion with Budget Committee**

**General Gov** - The Council will discuss merit raises at the next meeting in Executive Session. They would like to budget another $150,000 for road maintenance. Keep budget relatively stable.

**Police Dept** – No increases, keep relatively stable.

**Fire Dept** - The Council would like to add approximately $10,000 to $15,000 to the Fire Dept. budget. Council suggested that the Fire Dept meet with the Budget Committee to come up with a definite number.

**Recreation** – Budget $14,553.00

**Comm. Investment­ –** Council would liketo add a line called services study to explore all options for sewer and water in the amount of $10,000 as a place holder. They would like to invite Senator Dill and Rep. Peter Lyford to a future meeting. Councilor Bagley brought up possibly putting money aside for an environmental audit. Manager Leonard will check with Phil Ruck on how much an audit might be.

**Capital funds** – no changes

**Reserve accounts-** would like an updated report by next meeting

**Fixed/variable cost –** Council would like to get more quotes for a leaf vacuum machine instead of using leaf bags.

Look into cleaning up the basement- put as a highlighted item

In the building maintenance line possibly adding money for roof repairs on the municipal building.

**Mandatory –** no changes. Chairman Perry would like Peter Baldacci to come to a meeting between now and the Town Meeting.

**Education –** Councilor Rice wanted to have Manager Leonard check with the town auditor to see if the town can move $556.860.00 of the schools undesignated funds to the towns general fund. Council requested more information from the school and will discuss the school budget at the Feb. 23rd meeting, in hopes of giving the School and Budget Committee direction.

**ITEM 9: Community Center Lease**

Councilor Karen Walker made a motion to renew the Community Center lease for a one year term with a new rate of $600.00 a month. No one seconded. Motion failed.

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to renew the Community Center lease for a one year term with the current rate of $500.00 a month. Voted 4-1-0. Motion carried. Councilor Chris Bagley opposed.

Council would like Manager Leonard to look into how much it would be to moth ball the building and what other commercial properties are rented out for. To invite Don MacKay and Glen Kennedy to a future meeting.

**ITEM 10: Discussion of March Meeting dates**

Council agreed to move the March 9th meeting to March 16th and move the March 23rd meeting to March 30th.

**Old Business:**

**ITEM 12: Review Draft Manager Evaluation**

Council agreed on the evaluation form with the meeting date changed to March 16th, 2015.

**ITEM 13: Manager’s Report**

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor’s.

**ITEM 14: Comments from the Public**

None

**ITEM 15: Requests for information and Town Council Comments**

There were a few comments made by the public.

**ITEM 16: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #15 and Town Payroll #16 School Payroll Warrant #16 and AP School Warrant #16.**

The warrants were circulated and signed.

**ITEM 17: Adjournment**

Councilor Robert Rice motioned to adjourn

Councilor David King seconded. No discussion. Voted 5-0-0

Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:53pm

A True Copy Attest:

Julie Strout

Deputy Clerk