Veazie Town Council Meeting

April 27th, 2015

**Members Present**: Chairman Tammy Perry, Councilor Robert Rice, Councilor Karen Walker, Councilor David King, Manager Mark Leonard, Secretary Julie Strout, Orono Parks & Recreation Director Mitch Stone, Orono Town Manager Sophie Wilson, Veazie School Supt. Rick Lyons, Budget Committee Chair Gavin Batchelder, Joe Lane, and various members of the public.

**Members Absent**:

Councilor Chris Bagley

**ITEM 1: Call to order**

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

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

Councilor Chris Bagley was absent and excused.

**ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Chairman Perry would like to keep Item 6 but add 9a Public Comment for the School and request that school comments be held once we have our discussion with Supt. Lyons and School Chair Batchelder, add Item 5A as Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter and add to Item 5 the approval of the April 6th Special Workshop Minutes.

**ITEM 5: Approval of the April 6th Special Council Workshop and April 13th, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes**

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to accept the April 6th, 2015 Special Workshop Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Dave King to accept the April 13th, 2015 Special Workshop Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 5A: Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6)(A) Personnel Matter**

Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor Robert Rice to enter in to Executive Session 1 MRSA 405(6)(A) at 6:33pm. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Robert Rice to exit Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 (6)(A) at 7:02pm. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6: Comments from the public**

There was one comment made by a Veazie citizen.

**New Business:**

**ITEM 7: Orono Parks & Recreation follow up**

Mitch Stone updated the Council on the recreation programs. Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to contribute $10,000 to the Orono Parks and Recreation program with an update expected in six months. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 8: Crowe Property follow up**

Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor Dave King to extend the agreement for another 60 days, if not done at that point there will be a penalty applied each day after the deadline. Manager Leonard will check to make sure the buildings are secure by May 1st. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 9: Discussion with Supt. Lyons & School Chair Batchelder on FY 15/16 School Budget**

Supt. Lyons and School Chair Batchelder reviewed the figures again with the Council. There were multiple citizens that shared their concerns with the Council in regards to the school and the budget in general.

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Dave King to direct the budget committee to allocate $2,714,263.60 for the school local allocation for FY16, further to have the Town Manager work with the Supt. to come up with an agreement listing specific actions, initiatives that will be undertaken as soon as possible so that we can move forward to a more balanced budget for next year. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 10: Storm drain maintenance update**

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion that we go out for quotes on the entire project and the Town Manager evaluate those quotes and elect a contract as soon as possible for two years. Motion failed.

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to move forward with the April 27th quote for $30,200 for emergency repairs essentially for the Davis Wedgewood outfall and move forward also under the same contract with the MS4 repairs as outlined in the April 23rd memo with costs not to exceed those estimated. The entire project to be completed over a two year span with TIF money. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**ITEM 11: Manager’s Report**

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor’s.

Councilor David King has resigned from the Gateway Senior Advisory Board.

Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Chairman Tammy Perry to except David King’s resignation from the Gateway Senior Advisory Board. Voted 3-0-1. Motion carried. Councilor David King abstained.

Councilor Walker shared that Sandra Patterson was willing to take the position on the Gateway Senior Board.

**ITEM 12: Comments from the Public**

Citizens shared their concerns.

**ITEM 13: Requests for information and Town Council Comments**

The Council would like Manager Leonard to work on a draft copy of a public works policy with Barney Silver. They would also like to invite the Sewer District Trustees to a future meeting.

**ITEM 14: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #20 and Town Payroll #21, School Payroll Warrant #21 & #22 and AP School Warrant #21 & #22.**

The warrants were circulated and signed.

**ITEM 15: Adjournment**

Councilor Karen Walker motioned to adjourn

Councilor Dave King seconded. No discussion. Voted 4-0-0

Motion carried.

Adjourned at 9:04pm

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Julie Strout

Deputy Clerk