Veazie Town Council Meeting

 May 11th, 2015

**Members Present**: Chairman Tammy Perry, Councilor Robert Rice, Councilor Karen Walker, Councilor David King, Manager Mark Leonard, Secretary Julie Strout, Deputy Treasurer Julie Reed, Veazie School Supt. Rick Lyons, Asst. School Supt. Emil Genest, School Committee Member Valli Vel, Budget Committee Chair Jeff Wheelden, Brian Perkins, Bill Masters, Judy Horten & Norma Noble, Town Assessor Ben Birch, Town Attorney Thomas Russell and various members of the public.

**Members Absent**:

All present

**ITEM 1: Call to order**

Chairman Tammy Perry called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

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

All Present

**ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Remove Item 6 to go right to the Public Hearing. Take comments at Item 9

**ITEM 5: Approval of the April 27th Council Meeting Minutes**

Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor Robert Rice to accept the April 27th, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 4-0-1. Motion carried. Councilor Bagley abstained.

**ITEM 6: Comments from the public**

None

**New Business:**

**ITEM 7: Public Hearing on FY 15/16 Budget**

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to enter into the Public Hearing on FY 15/16 Budget at 6:33pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Numerous comments were made by the public.

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Chris Bagley to close the Public Hearing at 7:35pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 7a: FY15/16 Budget discussion**

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to approve the Executive Dept. at $309,875.00. Voted 3-2-0. Motion carried. Councilor Bagley and Councilor Walker opposed.

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to approve the Police Dept. at $329,971.00. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to approve the Fire Dept. at $212,029.00. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to approve the Recreation Dept. at $15,000.00. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to approve the Community Investment at $30,600.00. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Councilor Robert Rice to approve the Capital Funds at $165,000.00. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to approve the Reserve Accounts at $64,000.00. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Chris Bagley to approve the Fixed Cost/Variable Cost at $440,760.00 (which removes the leaf vacuuming at a $12,000 reduction)

Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion to approve the school budget at 2,915,324.00. No one seconded. Motion failed.

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to approve the School budget at $2,714,264.00. Voted 3-2-0. Motion carried. Councilor Bagley and Councilor Walker opposed.

**Old Business:**

**ITEM 8: Manager’s Report**

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor’s.

**ITEM 9: Comments from the Public**

Citizens shared their concerns about the school budget.

**ITEM 10: Requests for information and Town Council Comments**

To keep the public informed, the Council would like the detailed town and school budgets posted on the town website during the budget season.

**ITEM 11: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #21 and Town Payroll #22, School Payroll Warrant #23 and AP School Warrant #23.**

The warrants were circulated and signed.

**ITEM 12: Adjournment**

Councilor Robert Rice motioned to adjourn

Councilor Dave King seconded. No discussion. Voted 5-0-0Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:06pm

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Julie Strout

Deputy Clerk