Veazie Town Council Meeting

November 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 Assessor Ben Birch, Asst. Fire Chief Pete Metcalf, Veazie School Principal Matt Cyr and various members of the public.

**Members Absent**:

All present

**ITEM 1: Call to order**

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

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

All present

**ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance**

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

None

**ITEM 5: Approval of the October 19th Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor Chris Bagley to approve the October 19th, 2015 regular Council Meeting Minutes as amended. Voted 4-0-1. Motion carried. Councilor David King abstained.

**ITEM 6: Comments from the public**

None

**New Business:**

**ITEM 7: Principal Matt Cyr**

From the direction of the Council, the Supt of Schools, School Chair and School Vice Chair have been exploring options to reduce per pupil expenditures at the Veazie Community School. One option would be the possibility of tuitioning out the middle school students to either Orono or Bangor. The other option would be re-staffing the building. He wanted to let the Council know there will be a Public Forum on Tues., Dec. 1st at 7:00pm at the School to discuss these options further.

**ITEM 8: Assessor Ben Birch**

Assessor Birch reviewed his reports with the Council and went over the poverty abatement procedures.

**ITEM 9: Update from Fire Dept.**

Asst. Chief Metcalf provided an update on the Fire Departments statistics and staff.

**ITEM 10: MRC Board of Directors Election**

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to allow Manager Leonard to vote for the MRC Board of Directors on behalf of the Town Council of Veazie. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 11: Draft Budget Schedule**

Council reviewed the Budget Schedule, made some changes. Manager Leonard will provide a new draft budget schedule by the next meeting.

**ITEM 12: Financials Review (Municipal & School)**

Council reviewed the financials for both the Municipal and School. Manager Leonard was proud to announce that we have collected more than 96% of our 2015/2016 Real Estate taxes.

**Old Business:**

**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**

Manager Leonard will contact Attorney Russell in regards to the Poverty Abatement procedures. There was a question on why we haven’t heard anything from Orono Rec. yet. Manager Leonard will put an update in his next manager’s report and will invite Rec. Director Mitch Stone to the January Council Meeting. Councilor Bagley brought up Mutton Lane, Manager Leonard stated that he is still waiting for all parties to agree in order to sign an agreement.

**ITEM 16: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #8, and Town Payroll #9, School Payroll Warrant #9 & #10 and AP School Warrant #9, #9A & #10.**

The warrants were circulated and signed.

**ITEM 17: Adjournment**

Councilor David King motioned to adjourn

Councilor Karen Walker seconded. No discussion. Voted 5-0-0.Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:46pm

A True Copy Attest

Julie Strout, Deputy Clerk