Veazie Town Council Meeting

 February 8th, 2016

**Members Present**: Chairman Tammy Perry, Councilor Robert Rice, Councilor Chris Bagley, Councilor Karen Walker, Councilor David King, Manager Mark Leonard, Secretary Julie Strout, Principal Matt Cyr, Phil Ruck from Stillwater Environmental Engineering, Planning Board Chair Don MacKay, Budget Committee Members Brian Perkins, Bill Masters, Judy Horten and Norma Noble and various members of the public.

**Members Absent**:

All present

**ITEM 1: Call to order**

Chairman Tammy Perry called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

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

All present

**ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Chairman Perry wanted Item #8 to be changed to Item #8B and add Item #8A as an Executive Session 405 (6)A- Personnel Matter-Assignment of Duties.

**ITEM 5: Approval of the January 25th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to approve the January 25th, 2016 regular Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6: Comments from the public**

None

**New Business:**

**ITEM 7: Update from Phil Ruck**

Mr. Ruck updated the Council on the possibility of DEP auditing the town sometime in the spring. He wanted the Council to be prepared to discuss budget increases in the MS4 line due to this audit and other changes to the original scope of work. The Council would like Mr. Ruck to provide Manager Leonard with an estimate for the proposed work that needs to be done.

**ITEM 8a: Executive Session – 1 M.R.S.A.405 (6))A) – Personnel Matter- Assignment of Duties**

Councilor Robert Rice made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to go into Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A)- Personnel Matter at 7:08pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Karen Walker made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to exit Executive Session at 7:33pm. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 8b: FY 16/17 Budget Discussion**

The Councilor’s and Budget Committee members discussed FY 16/17 budget. The Council is in hopes to have more numbers to work with by the next meeting in order to give the Budget Committee better direction.

**ITEM 9: Police Department Annual Report Presentation**

Chief Leonard reviewed the Annual Report of the Veazie Police Department with the Council. The statistics for 2015 were as follows:

Service calls increased to 3,142 in 2015, an increase of 38 calls from 2014.

Traffic violations: 384 violations in which 217 written warnings were given and 101 citations were issued.

Civil/Criminal offenses (including juveniles) 55 citations were issued.

Safety seat inspections: Officer Nichols performed 16 safety seat inspections and found 10 to be deficient.

Training hours: The total training hours for all officers was 563.

**Old Business:**

**ITEM 10: Sign Ordinance Update**

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Karen Walker to approve the proposed amendments to the Town’s Land Use Ordinance (Ch 15) aimed at regulating electronic or “changeable signs”. Voted 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 11: Manager’s Report**

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor’s.

**ITEM 12: Comments from the Public**

Principal Cyr and Manager Leonard have prepared a Veazie/Bangor YMCA Partnership Survey that they are seeking feedback from the community. It will be posted on the town’s website, email list serve, School and Town’s Facebook pages and will be available in the Town Office.

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

Councilor Walker wanted to thank Manager Leonard for the presentation to Pastor David Fox on Sunday for his years as Pastor for the Police Dept.

Councilor Bagley and Councilor Rice had issues with the plowing of their roads.

Manager Leonard had addressed this issue already.

The Feb 22nd Council Meeting will start at 6:30pm with an Executive Session pertaining to a personnel matter and then the Regular Meeting will follow.

**ITEM 14: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #15 and Town Payroll #16 School Payroll Warrant #15 & #16 and AP School Warrant #15 & #16.**

The warrants were circulated and signed.

**ITEM 15: Adjournment**

Councilor Robert Rice motioned to adjourn

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

Adjourned at 9:00pm

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Julie Strout, Deputy Clerk