Veazie Town Council Meeting

February 27th, 2017

**Members Present**: Chairman Tammy Perry, Councilor Chris Bagley, Councilor David King, Councilor Paul Messer, Manager Mark Leonard, Secretary Julie Strout, Assessor Ben Birch, Budget Committee members Judy Horton, Brian Perkins and Bill Masters, Town Accountant Craig Costello, Principal Matt Cyr, Gateway Seniors Member Karen Walker and various members of the public.

**ITEM 1: Call to order**

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

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

Council Michael Reid was absent and excused.

**ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Chairman Perry would like to add ITEM 14b as Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 6D- Labor Negotiations and add School Warrant and School Payroll #18 to ITEM 15.

**ITEM 5: Approval of the January 23rd, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to approve the January 23rd, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6: Comments from the public**

Citizen Karen Walker wanted to thank the plow crew for all of their hard work and for helping the elders out during the latest storm.

**New Business:**

**ITEM 7: Audit Presentation**

Accountant Craig Costello reviewed the Town Audit with the Council and answered their questions.

**ITEM 8: Assessor’s Update**

Assessor Ben Birch reviewed his report with the Council and answered questions.

**ITEM 9: FY 17/18 Budget Directive**

Council provided direction to the Budget Committee for the FY 17/18 Budget process.

The directive was to prepare responsible budgets and let the mil rate fall where it may unless it comes in to high then the Council will have to make the appropriate cuts where needed. Keep all departments, including the school, functioning as is. Department heads to work their hardest to make the budget work and be respectful of personnel (raises).

**ITEM 10: Fire Department Update**

Asst. Chief Peter Metcalf reviewed the latest statistics of the Fire Department with the Council.

**ITEM 11: Gateway Seniors without Walls Request**

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor David King to approve a $500.00 donation to the Gateway Seniors without walls. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

**ITEM 12: Manager’s Report**

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor’s.

**ITEM 13: Comments from the Public**

Citizen Andy Brown shared comments with the Council.

**ITEM 14: Requests for information and Town Council Comments**

None.

**ITEM 14b: Executive Session per M.R.S.A. 1 405 (6) (D) – Labor Negotiations**

Councilor Chris Bagley made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer to enter into Executive Session per M.R.S.A. 1 405 (6) (D) – Labor Negotiations at 8:02pm**.** Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor David King made a motion, seconded by Chairman Tammy Perry to exit Executive Session per M.R.S.A. 1 405 (6) (D) – Labor Negotiations at 8:26pm**.** Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 15: Review & sign of AP Town Warrant #14 &#15, and Town Payroll #16 & #17, School Payroll Warrant #16 & #17, AP School Warrant, #15a, #16 & #17.**

The warrants were circulated and signed. Including School Warrants #18.

**ITEM 16: Adjournment**

Councilor David King motioned to adjourn

Councilor Chris Bagley seconded. No discussion. Voted 4-0-0.Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:26pm

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Julie Strout, Deputy Clerk