Veazie Town Council Meeting

February 12th, 2018

**Members Present**: Chairman Chris Bagley, Councilor Paul Messer, Councilor Michael Reid, Councilor Jeff Manter, Town Manager Mark Leonard, Council Secretary Julie Strout, Assessor Ben Birch, Jim Dunning and various members of the public.

**ITEM 1: Call to order**

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

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

Councilor Aaron Turcotte was absent and excused.

**ITEM 3: Pledge of Allegiance**

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

None

**ITEM 5: Approval of the January 22nd, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.**

Councilor Paul Messer made a motion, seconded by Councilor Jeff Manter to approve the January 22nd, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as written. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6: Comments from the public**

None

**New Business:**

**ITEM 7: FY 18/19 Budget Discussion**

Members of the Council discussed and provided guidance to the Budget Committee reference the FY 2018/2019 budget. Some topics were to continue to position ourselves for growth, fund our capital accounts, look at salary increases where appropriate, potentially having a mil rate increase, county tax and insurances will be increasing, if public works is something we wanted to bring back to the town in 5 to 10 years, we need to start planning now. The school received the ED279 State funding document which showed a significant decrease. Look for revenue increases. The overall consensus is not to cut services.

**ITEM 8: Solid Waste & Recycling Services Contract**

Councilor Michael Reid made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Messer to authorize Manager Leonard to sign the contract between the Town of Veazie and Pine Tree Waste Inc. as presented. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 9: Assessor Update**

Assessor Ben Birch reviewed his reports with the Council.

**ITEM 10: Executive Session – 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405 (6) (A) – Personnel Matter**

Councilor Jeff Manter made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Manter to enter into

Executive Session – 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405 (6) (A) – Personnel Matter at 7:11pm. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Councilor Michael Reid made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul Manter to exit

Executive Session at 7:18pm. Voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**ITEM 11: Manager’s Report**

Manager Leonard reviewed his report with the Councilor’s.

**ITEM 12: Comments from the Public**

Resident Barney Silver shared his opinion on possibly bringing back public works.

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

Chairman Bagley stated he sent out a certified letter to Mr. Lunt. He mentioned the 2018 Goals and Objectives and that they need to review the Ambulance contract.

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

The warrants were circulated and signed.

**ITEM 15: Adjournment**

Councilor Paul Messer motioned to adjourn.

Councilor Michael Reid seconded. No discussion. Voted 4-0-0.Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:34pm

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Julie Strout

Deputy Clerk