



VEAZIE SEWER DISTRICT

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MINUTES

May 27, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

1. Call to Order

Rob called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Those present were Chairman Rob Tomilson, Clerk Matthew Miller, Treasurer Anthony Michaud, Superintendent Chuck Applebee, Office Manager, Barbara Kershner, Guest, Craig Costello, CPA, CGMA from Brantner, Thibodeau & Associates and members of the public.

2. Consideration of Agenda – *Accepted as is vote 3-0*

Rob requested Craig's topics be moved up on the agenda

3. Approval of *May 27, 2025* Meeting Minutes

Matt motioned to approve meeting minutes as presented, Tony seconded, all those in favor – motion passes approved 3-0.

4. Comments from the Public – *No comments from the public*

5. AP Warrant - *Review and sign the AP Warrant for May 27, 2025.*

Suggested Motion: Matt motioned to transfer \$10,000 from the Operating account to the Capital Reserve account at Katahdin Trust Company representing April's revenue in support of capital expenses. Tony seconded, all those in favor – motion passes approved 3-0.

6. Office Manager's Report – *see report*

- Overall summary – *see report*
- Delinquent Accounts – *see report*
- Liens / Demand and 30-day Notices – *see report*

7. Treasurer's Report – *changes were suggested to the Treasurer report format*

- Profit and Loss Statement - *see report*
- 25/26 Budget discussions continue - *see report*

Matt motioned to accept the proposed budget for fiscal 25/26 in the amount of total expenses \$676,796.32. Tony seconded, all those in favor – motion passes approved 3-0.

8. Operations Report- *see report*

Trustee suggestion made to implement daily vehicle inspection

9. New Business

10. Old Business

- Sewer Rates Discussion – Craig Costello, CPA, CGMA - Brantner, Thibodeau & Associates
In depth sewer rate discussion around current budget deficit, sewer plant expenses, anticipated desludge needs and consideration of impact on the community. It was decided to hold a Town Public Hearing presenting a 30% increase to the usage portion of the quarterly billing only and adding a \$5 desludge reserve charge per quarter with increases each year by \$5, up to four (4) years. A Public Hearing notice will be posted in a local newspaper. This is an overall increase in the bill of 10 percent. Matt motioned to increase the residential fees by 30% and will start a desludge reserve by \$5 per quarter, with increases each year by \$5, up to four (4) years. Tony seconded, all those in favor – motion passes approved 3-0.



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11. Informational

- Sewer Rules and Regulation Document Update –
 - *Question- if implemented, MDOT has an utility easement, if we change, are the people liable, will the deeds have to change? – ANS No, because the utility easement is given to the District, homeowners will become responsible to replace the utilities within the roadway and utility easement. This process is more consistent with other Towns.*
 - *Question - if there will be inspections prior to being turned over to homeowners – ANS No*
 - *A public meeting will be announced in the local newspaper and will be held on June 17th*
- ***Matt motioned to accept the Sewer Rules and Regulations as amended by Mr. Pottle. Tony seconded, all those in favor – motion passes approved 3-0.***
- PO Process – *Policy signed; Implementation is a Work in progress*
- Jonah's Operator Card – *noted*
- ***ADDED - Other info – 1ST Mutton Lane Court Hearing held on 15th. Settlement hearing is anticipated in July.***

Plaque presentation to Matt Miller for his 4 years of service to the Board for the Veazie Sewer District!

12. Adjourn Meeting

Matt motioned to adjourn, Rob seconded– approved 3-0. Motion passes, meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm