

TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING April 9, 2019

COUNCIL PRESENT: Fred Janci, Mayor; Sandie Puchalski, Vice Mayor;
Robert Bilicki; Robert Williams; David Goauk; Katherine Bilicki

COUNCIL ABSENT:

TOWN CLERK: Missy Wallace-Wessells

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

- I. **Call to Order** – Mayor Janci called to Order the Town Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 9, 2019, in the Wachapreague Town Hall.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Janci lead the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Public Comments** – Mayor Janci opened the floor for Public Comments.
 - Aileen Joeckel asked why the Marina is being dredged so early. She also asked why it was dredged so low last time. VM Puchalski stated the sounding was not done at appropriate time of tide. A. Joeckel asked why the dredging was being done this year. VM Puchalski explained it was being done next year and spoil site renovations. VM Puchalski asked about the problem with the spoil line going through Whileaway Lane. A. Joeckel stated the last dredging went over the ditch instead of through the ditch. This caused damage to the Lewis property. R. Lewis stated the line must go through culvert and the culvert may need replacing.
 - A. Joeckel also questioned the Planning Commissions expirations being the same for each. She stated per the Town Charter, the expiration dates must be staggered. A discussion ensued and the dates were decided.
 - A. Joeckel discussed that there are lots of pregnant cats and no rabbits. VM Puchalski stated to call animal control.
- IV. **Council Meeting**
 - Mayor Janci asked if everyone has reviewed the Regular Monthly Minutes from the March 12, 2019.
 - R. Bilicki made a motion to accept the minutes and VM Puchalski seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.
- V. **Review of Financial Report**

Mayor Janci reported: Fiscal Year 2018-2019:

 - **Town Of Wachapreague-**
 - Town Financials for March 2019 “Profit-Loss vs. Actual” were reviewed. Mayor Janci stated the Town is 75% through the fiscal year.
 - Mayor Janci stated expenses are around 52%. Mayor Janci stated Treasurer Tatum stated finances are doing well.
 - Mayor Janci asked about outstanding balances owed. A discussion ensued. Clerk Wessells stated many have been collected and letter are being sent out to others.
 - A motion was made by R. Bilicki and seconded by VM Puchalski. A vote was taken and all approved.

- **Port of Wachapreague-**
 - Port Financials for March 2019 were discussed. Mayor Janci reviewed “Profit-Loss vs. Actual”. The budget is currently at 75% (9 months) through year.
 - VM Puchalski stated about 85% of the Leases are in and the all should be in by April 1st.
 - R. Bilicki asked about the leases that were under the lease amounts. VM Puchalski stated there were people that have made deposits on the leases. The total is due by June 1st. Other amounts are transient slip rentals.
 - VM Puchalski made a motion and seconded by R. Bilicki to accept the Port of Wachapreague Financials for March 2019. A vote was taken and all approved.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Marina

- VM Puchalski stated VPA work is completed. She has submitted the VPA Grant Request and the Waterway Grant Request for dredging. The decisions are expected around June.
- VM Puchalski stated her office has been renovated and looking good.
- The bathrooms are open and new toilet seats are installed.

B. Town Maintenance/Garbage (Repairs)

- D. Gouak stated everything is going well. He stated a discussion will be needed during closed session concerning the pay raises.
- D. Gouak stated the gates on the containment area needs welding. It was suggested to contact Chris Johnson- Johnson Welding for a quote.
- D. Gouak stated the trash truck hydrologic tank is currently being held by a 4x4 because the brackets are broke. He will have Johnson’s Welding check this out when they come by.

C. Powell Park

- VM Puchalski stated the Coast Guard had their work day. It was cut short due to having to go out on water.
- VM Puchalski stated sealer has been put on dugouts. The tennis court cracks are about half finished. Richie has donated 2 basketball hoops to be installed at the tennis courts. Kids are now using the area to play tennis, pickle ball and basketball. The Council appreciated the hard work.
- R. Williams stated the progress on the historic graveyard stones. Materials for cleaning the stones and repairing have were ordered. Stones have been reset and 2 others will be done. The Council thanked R. Williams for his hard work.

D. Town Beautification

- K. Bilicki stated she is searching for spring flags.
- K. Bilicki also stated the need to address trash and debris on front porches. She asked about an ordinance for that and offering a cleanup day. Clerk Wessells stated this has been done. A discussion ensued. This problem needs to be addressed with the Planning Commission.
- R. Williams suggested a Town Pride Campaign. This would encourage the property owners to beautify their homes.
- A discussion concerning the derelict properties and what can be done to correct this problem.
- R. Bilicki suggested reviewing ordinances and edit some.
- K. Bilicki will research and review ordinances.

E. Streets and Drainage

- R. Williams called and VDOT repaired pothole on Church Street.
- ANEC has replaced blown security lights around town.
- R. Williams is an administrator on the Wachapreague Facebook page. He has expressed his concerns for speeding on Main Street. A discussion on the issue took place. A suggestion for signs, radar post and patrolling of ACSO or State Police. Clerk Wessells will check into possibilities.

F. Safety and Security

- R. Williams has submitted a work order with VDOT for replacing a drain cover at intersection of High and South. After a year, VDOT has sent people to look at problem.

G. Derelict Properties

- R. Bilicki stated Barnes house has been discussed. He stated Rob Bloxom has been contacted for a demo grant assistance. Clerk Wessells was asked to make contact with Accomack County to clarify procedures. MiMi Sedjat requested the flag on the door be removed prior to demolishing. All agreed.
- A discussion ensued of other properties needing attention. The Old Parker Railway was identified as a hazard. It was also discussed that the owners have requested the spoils from dredging to be accepted in town's spoil site. It was decided to have spoil evaluated for chemicals (lead paint) prior to making a decision.

H. Tourism

- R. Bilicki reported a meeting with Virginia Tourism Commission, Rob Bloxom, Blake and Missy was conducted concerning a Seafood Fest. The Commission decided to move the event from Cape Charles to Wachapreague and designing the event as a "tailgating" festival. It will be a meet and greet and open to public. This will be the second weekend in September. A total of 500 tickets plus tailgating spots sold. It will be located between South Street and Main Street along Atlantic Avenue. The date will be checked 13th or 14th. Clerk Wessells will request tickets for the event to sell. It will be parking for the public same as Oyster Roast. Admission for event will be through gazebo. R. Bilicki stated the benefit of gazebo power for the event.
- R. Bilicki reported the Antique Car Club has requested to have a car show in Wachapreague mid-July. They have requested to use Seaside Park and park show cars in the park.
- The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 20th. R. Bilicki has stuff 300 eggs for the event. He has requested help for remaining. MiMi Sedjat volunteered her citizens to help. The offer was welcomed. Mayor Janci will have wife make cupcakes.
- Also April 20th, a Bane dedication bench ceremony will be held in Seaside Park.
- R. Williams suggested planning for the 4th of July. Asked to be placed on May's Agenda.

H. Zoning Administrator's Report

- Mayor Janci stated nothing new to report.
- R. Bilicki discussed Parker Railway project and the design. Also discussed was the spoils and spoils site related to possible contaminated soil. Town wants no contaminated materials at the spoil site.

I. Floodplain Administrator/CRS Coordinator/ A-NPDC/RAFT

- R. Williams stated the last RAFT meeting minutes were sent to everyone. He stated a guest speaker from Matthews County attended explaining their drainage issues. Also discussed was the Bird Act of 1933. The topic discussed Department of Transportation's responsibility of ditch drainage and maintenance.

- Mayor Janci stated per his property survey, VDOT is responsible for the ditches. It was discussed how to proceed with ditch clean up. It was discussed to have attorney draft a “Hold Harmless” form for property owners to sign.
- R. Williams stated he and Tomeka sat down at post office and got 35 signatures in favor of cell phone tower. They will try again next week. Mayor Janci explained how the cell tower process worked.

J. Planning Commission

- K. Bilicki stated she got with Clerk Wessells to schedule a meeting. The majority of the Planning Commission was present. A. Joeckel stated the previous Commission has already presented their suggestions and approved by the attorney. Clerk Wessells explained the suggestions were not accepted. A discussion was held and decided for Saturday at 9 am.
- The following members were voted to the Wachapreague Planning Commission: Kathy Bilicki-ex: 4-22, Arlene Joeckel-ex: 5-21, Steve Joseph-ex: 4-22, MiMi Sedjat-ex: 5-23, Brenda Russell-ex: 4-23, Charles Elliott-ex: 4-24, Alena Elliott-ex: 4-24 and Tomeka Watkinson-ex: 4-21. A motion was approved by K. Bilicki and seconded by R. Williams. A vote was taken and all approved.

K. Mosquito Control

- VM Puchalski stated nothing to report.

L. Seaside Park

- Mayor Janci stated workers have been pulling weeds in Seaside Park.
- Clerk Wessells had town workers get mulch from Painter Convenience center.
- Mayor Janci asked for a date for Spring Clean Up. May 11th from 9-3 was decided. Mayor Janci stated lunch will be provided by him.
- A discussion on the electric installation at the gazebo. The current quote was \$2,500. It was requested to contact Kerry Paul for a quote. A motion was made to approve up to \$2,500 by R. Williams and seconded by VM Puchalski. A roll call vote was taken and all approved.

M. Legal

- Mayor Janci stated nothing new to report.

VII. New Business

- Mayor Janci asked for any interest in the vacant seat. VM Puchalski nominated Peter Peyton as council member. VM Puchalski made a motion and K. Bilicki seconded. A vote was taken and all approved. Clerk Wessells will prepare a letter for the courts.

VIII. Announcements

- Nothing new to report.

IX. Adjournment

- Motion was made by K. Bilicki and seconded by VM Puchalski to adjourn. All approved.

MAYOR
04/09/19

TOWN CLERK

A MOTION TO APPROVE \$2,500 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICITY TO
THE GAZEBO AT SEASIDE PARK.

Pursuant to motion made by **Councilman, R. WILLIAMS**, and seconded by **Councilman, VM PUCHALSKI**, for a Motion to approve SPENDING UP TO \$2,500 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICITY TO THE GAZEBO AT SEASIDE PARK, and the Council having voted upon the motion, as recorded below, and approved at the Town Council Meeting of March 12, 2019.

Name of Official	For	Against	Abstaining	Absent
VM S. Puchalski	X			
Robert Williams	X			
Robert Bilicki	X			
Dave Gouak	X			
Kathy Bilicki	X			
Mayor Fred Janci (voting only in case of tie)			X	
Vote Totals	5	0	1	

Duly recorded this _____ day of April, 2019.

Town Clerk