

TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2018

COUNCIL PRESENT: Fred Janci, Mayor; Sandie Puchalski, Vice Mayor;
Robert Bilicki; Katherine Bilicki; David Goauk; Kenneth Swick
COUNCIL ABSENT: Robert Williams
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 December 11, 2018, 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.
 - Pungoteague District Supervisor Donald Hart spoke concerning things going on in this district:
 - He wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to start.
 - He spoke about how important Wachapreague is to him personally. He was happy with the work on the Barrier Islands and making broadband available to every town on the Shore. Mayor Janci questioned broadband available. Supervisor Hart stated it will be available to every street in every Town maybe as early as 2019.
 - He wanted the Town to know he is available for any projects. He continued pointing out projects he worked on and hoped the Town is happy with them. This includes the convenience center in Grainsville, which accepts everything including brush.
 - He apologized on behalf of the County of Accomack for the chicken houses and smells coming into Town. He stated he was against placing near residential areas, being grouped 15 together and especially coming into a tourist area.
 - Supervisor Hart has been working on cell phone service. He stated he attended meetings throughout Virginia in support of cell service on the Eastern Shore.
 - He also stated he plans to be Chairman of the Board of Supervisors next year and wanted to be contacted for anything to assist the Town.
 - D. Gouak asked about the south ditch status. Supervisor Hart stated permission was not received by the south side property owner. Until or if they receive permission to access that property, work cannot be done. Supervisor Hart is still working on this task. VM Puchalski will contact the owner to discuss the possibility.
 - K. Bilicki asked about electric for the Wachapreague sign on Main Street. Supervisor Hart suggested calling ANEC.
 - Mayor Janci wanted to thank John Joeckel for all work he has done with dredge spoils. He has been instrumental with grants awarded in protecting the marsh and Seaside Eastern Shore of Virginia.
- IV. Council Meeting**
 - Mayor Janci asked if everyone has reviewed the Regular Monthly Minutes from the November 13, 2018. D. Gouak asked to amend section E; replace farmer with county.
 - VM Puchalski made a motion to accept the minutes with changes and R. Bilicki 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 November 2018 were discussed. Mayor Janci stated the Town is 42% through the budget.
 - Mayor Janci stated everything seems to be on track.
 - A motion was made to accept the November 2018 financials for the Town of Wachapreague by D. Gouak and seconded by VM Puchalski. A vote was taken with all approval.
- **Port of Wachapreague-**
 - Port Financials for November 2018 were discussed.
 - Mayor Janci reviewed "Profit-Loss vs. Actual". The budget is currently at 42% through year.
 - VM Puchalski stated the Port income usually begins around February/March and carries through July. This is the yearly slip rental income.
 - VM Puchalski stated ramp decal sales begin around March and the bulk of the decals are sold in April.
 - A motion was made by R. Bilicki and seconded by K. Swick to accept the Port of Wachapreague Financials for November 2018. A vote was taken and all approved.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Marina

- VM Puchalski stated the hardware was received for the VPA Grant for replacement/repair of the break water boards. RP Marine Service plans to begin work around the 19th of December. The tide will be most favorable around this time.
- VM Puchalski stated everything has been fine and nothing else to report.

B. Town Maintenance/Garbage (Repairs)

- D. Gouak presented 3 estimates for tire replacement for the dump truck. The estimates are for 4 new tires for the back wheels. After review, K. Bilicki made a motion to purchase 4 tires from Shore Tire in the amount of \$1,364. R. Bilicki seconded the motion to approve. A roll call vote was taken with 5 yes, 1 absent and 1 abstain.
- D. Gouak stated the fuel pump on the diesel fuel was not working properly. VM Puchalski presented a replacement pump estimate for \$299. K. Bilicki made a motion to purchase the pump and R. Bilicki seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.
- D. Gouak stated due to the problem with locating Christmas decorations, he will purchase tubes to keep everything together when taken down.
- The Council agreed to discard the old gazebo tree.
- The Council discussed large household cleanup would be every 3rd month starting January. It was decided to be collected on a Tuesday near the 15th of the month. A discussion ensued concerning what was accepted and amount. It was decided to call ahead to schedule. D. Gouak suggested investing in fork attachment for the Town's tractor. The Council agreed to think about this idea and discuss it next month.

C. Powell Park

- VM Puchalski stated nothing to report due to the weather situation.
- VM Puchalski stated the Coasties Christmas Party was Friday night starting 6-6:30 pm at WVFC. She stated if anyone would like to stop by or bring something would be appreciated. They have helped with lots of projects within the Town. VM Puchalski will accept drop offs.

- VM Puchalski discussed the small projects still unfinished. Mayor Janci thanked everyone who has been working on these project.
- VM Puchalski discussed a dear friend of her family recently passed at 36. She and Richie would like to do a softball tournament to benefit the newborn son. She stated the registration fees would be donated to the baby and concession stand profits can go to the town. The Council agreed to donate all proceeds to the family. Everyone agreed.

D. Town Beautification

- K. Bilicki discussed projects still pending. The projects are still being worked on and will be completed soon. Clerk Wessells explained some things have been approved with the Bilicki project and others were approved as beautification projects such as letter drop box in door.
- K. Bilicki will install a light fixture outside office and lights on shrubs.
- K. Bilicki stated holiday flags were donated by her. She discussed the condition of the wooden flags used for the American flags. She presented the idea of metal poles for holiday flags and keep wooden poles for American Flag. She suggested ordering 30-35 total wooden and metal. R. Bilicki suggested to order 1 pole for examination. It was agreed to order 1 pole and bring topic up next month. Clerk Wessells will order the pole.

E. Streets and Drainage

- K. Swick reported several issues concerning the south ditch. There is a concern the ditch could be tidal and the county doesn't work on tidal areas. He will continue working on this matter.
- The property owner on the south side of ditch belongs to Margaret Young. VM Puchalski will talk with Mrs. Young concerning the ditch.

F. Safety and Security

- R. Williams was absent. A. Swick stated a street lights is out. This will be reported to R. Williams.

G. Derelict Properties

- R. Bilicki stated nothing new to report.

H. Tourism

- R. Bilicki thanked the Council for attending the Tree Lighting Saturday night. R. Bilicki thanked Clerk Wessells, Pete Hodgson, R. Williams, Blake Johnson and others for helping make the event a success. Everyone agreed it was a pleasant event. K. Bilicki stated many events were scheduled that night, which caused a low attendance. K. Bilicki stated event can be scheduled to avoid conflict with other holiday events. R. Bilicki stated creating an agenda will assist with event next year. The Council thanked R. Bilicki for all he does.

H. Zoning Administrator's Report

- Mayor Janci stated a drainage issue will be addressed concerning new construction on Atlantic Avenue. R. Bilicki asked if Accomack County required a survey to address drainage. Mayor Janci stated he believes they do. Mayor Janci will discuss the issue with the contractor.

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

- R. Williams was absent. Nothing new to discuss.

J. Planning Commission

- K. Bilicki stated a meeting will be scheduled in January.

K. Mosquito Control

- VM Puchalski stated nothing to report.

L. Seaside Park

- R. Bilicki stated R. Williams spoke to him on Saturday concerning electric installation to the gazebo. R. Williams estimated \$2,000 for the project. VM Puchalski stated US Electric will give estimate. R. Bilicki discussed repairs needed metal brackets on roof and power washing on gazebo.

M. Legal

- Mayor Janci stated nothing new to report.

VII. New Business

- K. Bilicki stated holiday flags were already discussed and donated by her.
- K. Bilicki asked if she can contact ANEC to request possibility of getting electric to Town of Wachapreague sign on Main Street. Mayor Janci approved request. K. Bilicki stated she would like a spot light on sign. VM Puchalski stated K. Bilicki could use her solar spot light to try.
- Mayor Janci asked Council's pleasure on Nature Conservancy Barrier Island trip. The Council agreed on April 28, 2019.
- R. Bilicki discussed the passing of former Councilman Jeff Pitts. R. Bilicki stated Jeff Pitts was very community ordained. R. Bilicki stated Mrs. Pitts will have a memorial at a later date. Mayor Janci stated Jeff Pitts took pictures of the birds of Wachapreague. R. Bilicki stated making a link on Facebook displaying the pictures. R. Bilicki stated Bob Fate contributed to the community also. A suggestion was made to establish a dedication in honor of Jeff Pitts and Bob Fate. More ideas will be discussed later.
- Mayor Janci asked the Council about Christmas dinner this year. Everyone agreed to the Island House on Sunday the 16th at 6 pm. Clerk Wessells will make reservations.

VIII. Announcements

- Mayor Janci stated wife Cathy made goodies for everyone.

IX. Adjournment

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

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK

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12/11/18

A MOTION TO PURCHASE 4 NEW TIRE FOR THE
BRUSH TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$1,364.**

Pursuant to motion made by **Councilman, KATHY BILICKI**, and seconded by **Councilman, ROBERT BILICKI**, for a Motion to approve SPENDING \$1,364 TO PURCHASE 4 NEW TIRES FOR THE BRUSH TRUCK and the Council having voted upon the motion, as recorded below, and approved at the Town Council Meeting of December 11, 2018.

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

Duly recorded this _____ day of December 9-+2018.

Town Clerk