

TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING JULY 9, 2019

COUNCIL PRESENT: Sandie Puchalski, Vice Mayor; Robert Bilicki; Robert Williams;
Peter Peyton; David Goauk
COUNCIL ABSENT: Fred Janci, Mayor; Katherine Bilicki
TOWN CLERK: Missy Wallace-Wessells

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

- I. **Call to Order** – VM Puchalski called to Order the Town Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on July 9, 2019, in the Wachapreague Town Hall.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** – VM Puchalski lead the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Public Comments** – VM Puchalski opened the floor for Public Comments.
Nothing to report.
- IV. **Council Meeting**
 - V.M. Puchalski asked if everyone has reviewed the minutes from June 11, 2019. R. Bilicki made a motion to accept the minutes and P. Peyton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.
- V. **Review of Financial Report**

V.M. Puchalski reviewed the financials with the Town Council.

 - **Incomplete Financials for FY 2018-2019** –
VM Puchalski asked if there were any questions concerning the incomplete financials. She stated the Completed Financials will not be available until around October 2019. All agreed to continue them until they have been completed.
 - **Town Of Wachapreague-**
VM Puchalski asked if there are any questions or concerns with the financials for the Town of Wachapreague ending June 30, 2019. A motion was made by D. Gouak to approve the Town financials and R. Bilicki seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.
 - **Port of Wachapreague-**
VM Puchalski asked if there are any questions or concerns with the financials for the Port of Wachapreague ending June 30, 2019. A motion was made by D. Gouak and seconded by R. Williams to approve the Port financials. A vote was taken and all approved.

V.M. Puchalski noted on the agenda was “Money Market Investment”. It was decided to carry this over to next month’s agenda due to all the Council was not present. All agreed.
- VI. **Unfinished Business**
 - A. **Marina**
 - Vice Mayor Puchalski stated everything was going good and the new VPA Projects will begin soon.
 - VM Puchalski also stated there was good income in the past couple weeks.

B. Town Maintenance/Garbage (Repairs)

- D. Gouak state the brush truck's radiator had a hole in it. They will be getting a new one and installing it. He stated all the vehicles are in poor condition. He listed all the issues with the vehicles including the clutch on the trash truck.
- VM Puchalski stated to look into grants to purchase equipment or vehicles.
- D. Gouak stated new job description have been revised and will be discussed with the maintenance crew.

C. Powell Park

- VM Puchalski had nothing new to report.
- R. Williams stated Powell Park still needed mulch around playground . It was suggested to talk with Justin Paul about getting mulch. P. Peyton suggested 3" thick would be ideal.
- P. Peyton stated a donation was received from Ms. Kellam in the amount of \$500 and was requested to be used strictly for perpetual care of the historic cemetery. A new line item will be added to the financials by M. Tatum for these items.
- P. Peyton has given a donation for Town Beautification in the amount of \$250. The council thanked him for this.

D. Town Beautification

- K. Bilicki was not present.
- VM Puchalski stated nothing new to report concerning the town flag idea.

E. Streets and Drainage

- R. Williams stated Richie was interested in clearing out the south ditch.
- R. Williams stated he is setting up a meeting with Chris Isdell with VDOT concerning the culverts and street conditions. R. Williams will be requesting VDOT's assistance in these repairs.
- P. Peyton has son in law with a spider. It was suggested to contact him for help.
- 2 pot holes on South Street and Atlantic Avenue have been repaired. Also some street lights have been replaced.
- R. Williams stated he will be setting up a meeting with VDOT Chris Isdell concerning the ditches. He continued to discuss the engineering firm and possible grants needed to repair issues found.
- Clerk Wessells stated Supervisor Donald Hart was contacted and has requested a letter from the Town requesting funds to assist with repairs to the drainage ditches. It was discussed hiring people to clean out ditches in the town. It was discussed to contact ACSO for assistance in cleaning out ditches. It was decided this was not an option. It was agreed to start working towards plans to get this done.
- It was suggested to get a map of the streets. Clerk Wessells stated she will contact ES911 Center for a copy.
- R. Williams also commented on a proposal with a sweeper company in Laurel, DE. He will be getting quotes for cleaning out culverts. This will be brought back up at next month.

F. Safety and Security

- The council thanked Clerk Wessells for getting the radar sign set up on Main Street. It slowed down a lot of speeders coming into town. It was discussed other locations the sign would benefit within the Town.
- Clerk Wessells will be looking into purchasing a solar powered sign to use in the Town.

G. Derelict Properties

- VM Puchalski asked the status of the “Barnes” property. Clerk Wessells stated a certified letter was sent to the sister in Delaware. She responded stating she has no interest in the property. She sent a notarized letter to the Town. A discussion ensued and Clerk Wessells will continue working on this issue.
- The Council discussed the Fisherman’ Lodge and Marina and the condition of the property. It was decided to start sending letters. This issue will be brought back up next month.
- The Button house on the corner of Church and Powelton Avenue was discussed.
- The Council discussed other properties that may need to be addressed. This topic will be continued.
- VM Puchalski reported complaints concerning the smell of the septic from the Island House and Wachapreague Inn. This will be looked into.

H. Tourism

- R. Bilicki reported the Painting Event completed its 6th year and had 18 artist participating. Artist from Atlanta and Canada participated. He also reported the motel was sold out, the event made \$3300 and the Island House did \$1200 in food. He calculated 2% of that was roughly 156.00 in taxes made for the Town of Wachapreague.
- R. Bilicki reported on the progress of the promotional film with Jim Baugh, President of Mermaid Bay Productions and owner of Jim Baugh Outdoor TV. He believes this will be an asset to the Town and promote tourism.
- R. Bilicki reported on the possibility of a vehicle charging station being located in Wachapreague. He has been discussing this possibility with contractors and a survey will be conducted August 2nd. He will be reporting on this next month.
- R. Bilicki stated an antique car show will be held on July 20th.
- R. Bilicki stated the Chamber of Commerce Tailgating Event will be September 13th. He and Clerk Wessells have requested to sell the tickets for the event. It is expected to be 500 tickets and a sold out event. An explanation of the event was discussed and will be brought back at the next monthly meeting.

I. Zoning Administrator’s Report

- Mayor Janci stated nothing new to report.

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

- R. Williams stated the next RAFT meeting will be August 6th at VIMS at 7pm. On August 14th from 10-2 all towns will have a RAFT presentation for the public. Each town will do a 10 minute presentation.
- Clerk Wessells explained to the Council that a Hazard Mitigation member needs to be designated. P. Peyton volunteer to fill that seat. The Council thanked him for accepting that task.

K. Planning Commission

- K. Bilicki was not present. Nothing new to report.

L. Mosquito Control

- VM Puchalski stated nothing to report.

M. Seaside Park

- VM Puchalski stated the 4th of July was not very well attended. She stated the fireworks were a reason. R. Williams stated the lack of free food was the reason. Clerk Wessells stated she could not get enough help to prepare the food. She had lots of events but nobody wanted to cook.
- VM Puchalski suggested the fireworks was the lack of people at the annual carnival. She stated the fire company will support the fireworks as long as it is done properly. She will be looking more into this for next year.

N. Legal

Nothing new to report.

VII. New Business

Nothing new to report.

VIII. Announcements

- R. Bilicki stated he has a new grandson.

IX. Motion To Go Into Closed Session

X. Motion To Reconvene

XI. Adjournment

- Motion was made by R. Williams and seconded by P. Peyton to adjourn. All approved.

MAYOR
07/09/19

TOWN CLERK