

TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING July 18, 2018

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

TOWN CLERK: Missy Wallace-Wessells

OATH OF OFFICE

- The new Town Council of Wachapreague for the term of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020 was sworn into Office to serve the citizens of the town.
- The Oath of Office was administered by Donna Belote of the Accomack County Clerk's Office.
- Mayor Janci congratulated the newly elected council.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

- I. **Call to Order** – Mayor Janci called to Order the Town Council Meeting at 7:07 p.m. on July 10, 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.
 - Angela King (William & Mary Law School) and Dr. Michelle Covi (Old Dominion University) presented a multidisciplinary program called RAFT (Resilience Adaptation Feasibility Tool). This program is divided into 3 categories- a score card; findings; and interpretation. The RAFT Program is to assist coastal communities to anticipate threats, reduce the community's vulnerability, respond to and recover from hazardous events and chronic stresses to the areas. Wachapreague was evaluated and the results were presented during this presentation. The RAFT Program will be hosting a workshop on August 14th at the Eastern Shore Community College from 9-3. The speakers are asking for at least 10 people from each county to attend.
 - A presentation by Jay Ford, Executive Director Shore Keepers and Terra Pascaros, OCEANA concerning hazards and dangers to the ecosystem with Off Shore Drilling. It was explained that is approved, drilling could take place up to three miles from the coastline. They requested the Town to Wachapreague to pass a resolution opposing off shore drilling in Virginia. Currently ten resolutions have been passed opposing off shore drilling in Virginia. They will be talking to other areas and hope for more resolutions in the near future. Mayor Janci requested to put this topic on the agenda for discussion at the August meeting.
- IV. **Council Meeting**
 - Mayor Janci asked if everyone has reviewed the Regular Monthly Minutes from the June 12, 2018. There were no additions or corrections.
 - R. Bilicki made a motion to accept the minutes and S. Puchalski seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.
- V. **Review of Financial Report**
Mayor Janci reported:

Town Of Wachapreague:

- Mayor Janci reviewed the financials with the Town Council members. Mayor Janci stated this was the last month of the fiscal year financials (June 2018) but the final totals will not be available until September or October.
- R. Bilicki had a question concerning the Tourism Reserve account. It will be discussed with Mary Jo to clarify the information.
- There were other expenses discussed and clarified by Mayor Janci.

Port Of Wachapreague:

- Mayor Janci reviewed the financials with the Town Council members.
- Mayor Janci explained these totals are incomplete due to the outstanding transactions.
- S. Puchalski made a motion to accept the incomplete financials as they are and R. Williams seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Marina

- S. Puchalski reported quotes will be gotten for break water boards. This is the new VPA Grant for FY 2018-2019 project. The total project approved was up to \$20,000 with a 75% reimbursement.

B. Town Maintenance/Garbage (Repairs)

- S. Puchalski moved forward to include Powell Park.

C. Powell Park

- S. Puchalski explained she would recommend a change to the plans to relocate the town fuel tanks. The plans were to place the tanks Powell Park next to the concession stand.
- S. Puchalski began explaining the plans for Powell Park. A work party is scheduled for next Wednesday (7/18/18) with the USCG and citizens to clean up the grave yard. This may include grading, filling and seeding. She will purchase wood to fix the fencing to the back.
- S. Puchalski returned to the issue of the fuel tanks. She explained due to issues with video for security and expense of moving, another option may be available. She proposed to move the tanks to the Marina parking lot. She suggested to position the tanks beside the shed on the east side of the building. Fencing the area and installing an additional camera will keep it secure. S. Puchalski estimated a savings of \$1,500 - \$2,000 compared to relocation to Powell Park. Mayor Janci questioned the previous project's approval. S. Puchalski stated it was approve and these changes will save this amount.
- After a discussion, R. Williams made a motion to approve the relocation of the fuel tanks to Town Marina parking lot. R. Bilicki seconded the motion.

D. Town Hall Beautification

- Mayor Janci stated this area is open for a new chairman as well as others. These responsibilities will be decided later in the meeting.
- R. Bilicki spoke concerning the current project at Town Hall. He stated he needed approval of the colors to begin the painting. After a discussion, it was decided to paint the building "Sweet" (yellow beige); the door royal blue; the entrance aqua; and the trim white. The plan also include an information area on the building. Everyone agrees this will be nice when complete.
- S. Puchalski stated she has the materials to paint the inside of Town Hall. She will be scheduling a work party to get this done.

E. Streets and Drainage

- R. Williams stated he has been talking with Davis, Bowen and Friedel and has received a DVD of the drainage ditch. He stated he is waiting for a quote on the design.
- R. Williams stated he has contacted VDOT and ANEC concerning the overgrown trees around town needing trimming. They will be looking into trimming the trees.

F. Safety and Security

- R. Williams stated the concern of stop sign violations. He suggested painting white lines at intersections and cross walks. Suggested areas for cross walks were: USPS, Atlantic Ave and Main St., Lilliston Fish House, Town Marina, and VIMS.
- R. Bilicki stated VDOT is required to have a “stop bar” at every stop sign. R. Williams will call VDOT to have bars painted.

G. Derelict Properties

- R. Williams and R. Bilicki agreed to create a list of properties that are derelict and will review the ordinances concerning violations.
- R. Bilicki discussed possible solutions to improve the real estate value within the Town.
- Clerk Wessells stated letters to derelict property owners are sent several time per year.
- The Council discussed other issues concerning ordinance noncompliance. The Council agreed to revisit this topic at the next meeting.

H. Tourism

- R. Bilicki stated the Tourism Committee agreed to make the Crab Cake & Apple Pie contest a main event for the Town. R. Bilicki stated the plan to have paying vendors set up.
- R. Bilicki thanked the volunteers who helped during the 4th of July Event. It was suggested to plan 3-4 months in advance. R. Williams stated he started a plan for next year’s event. It was also suggested to move to Powell Park next year. R. Bilicki suggested to have event as an appreciation to the citizens of the Town instead of a fundraiser. Everyone agreed.
- R. Bilicki asked if maintenance crew can replace bulbs at Painter billboard.
- R. Bilicki would like to implement a work order program to have work completed by maintenance crew. A discussion continued and R. Bilicki will look into this matter.

H. Zoning Administrator’s Report

- Mayor Janci stated Randy Lewis Jr has inquired about moving his house. Nothing has been filed at this time.

I. Floodplain Administrator/CRS Coordinator/ A-NPDC

- Mayor Janci stated nothing currently to report. This seat is currently open.

J. Planning Commission

- Mayor Janci stated nothing currently to report. This seat is currently open. D. Goauk was asked to take over but will be submitting his resignation from this committee. Currently on the committee is: A. Joeckel, M. Sedjat. K. Bilicki agreed to be chairman. There is still 1 seat open. K. Bilicki will need to be voted into office at the August meeting.

K. Mosquito Control

- Mayor Janci stated nothing currently to report. This seat is currently open.

L. Seaside Park

- Mayor Janci stated everything has been previously discussed.

M. Legal

- Mayor Janci stated an ordinance needs to be voted on. Ordinance VI-10 will have the following name changes:

***AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION BY THE
TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE IN THE VACO/VML,
VIRGINIA INVESTMENT POOL TRUST FUND FOR THE
PURPOSE OF INVESTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
2.2-4501 OF THE VIRGINIA CODE***

¶ 6 **WHEREAS.** The Town of Wachapreague has the authority and responsibility under Virginia law to determine the manner in which public funds other than sinking funds under the Town Councils control will be invested;

PREVIOUSLY WRITTEN :(**WHEREAS.** John Joeckel, Councilman of)

§3 that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Wachapreague will designate a Councilman of the Town of Wachapreague to serve as trustee of the Town of Wachapreague with respect to the Trust Fund, and to determine what funds under the Town Council's control shall be invested in the Trust Fund.

PREVIOUSLY WRITTEN :(That the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Wachapreague will designate John Joeckel, Councilman)

§4 That the Town of Wachapreague hereby authorizes the duly designated Trustee to execute and deliver the Trust Joinder Agreement for Participating Political Subdivisions under VACO/VML Virginia Investment Pool ("Trust Joinder Agreement"), a copy of which is attached and incorporated by reference in this ordinance as Exhibit B.

PREVIOUSLY WRITTEN :(That the Town of Wachapreague hereby authorizes John Joeckel, Chairman to ...)

- A motion was made by S. Puchalski to make the specific changes to Ordinance VI-10 and seconded by K. Bilicki. A vote was taken and all approved.

VII. New Business

- Mayor Janci stated assignment of Town duties will take place during the August meeting. All agreed.

VIII. Announcements

- Mayor Janci stated nothing to report.

IX. Adjournment

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

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK

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