

TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 11, 2019

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

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

- I. Call to Order** – VM Puchalski called to Order the Town Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on June 11, 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.
 - Aileen Joeckel asked about the application concerning the parking spaces for the old Parker Railway located on Atlantic Avenue. A discussion ensued and realized the new proposed plans for the property has not been received by the Town. John Joeckel has sent a letter opposing the plans and has requested the Town take an opposing stand for filling marsh to build additional parking spaces. The Town Council stated nothing has been received and the revised plans have not been approved. The Council asked Clerk Wessells to contact the developer and request updated information.
 - Aileen Joeckel asked what the status of the parking space behind the Town Hall. It was discussed about reassigning Town property for personal use. A. Joeckel stated all property transactions need to be brought before the Planning Commission. Vice Mayor Puchalski stated nothing has been approved for the use of that property. Councilman R. Bilicki made a statement that Robert and Judy Bilicki made a contribution of painting the Town Hall without reimbursement in the amount of \$5,200.
 - Margo Digan wanted to thank everyone for all they have done for the Town. She wants to question how decisions are made as to modifications of property. She is referring to the work being done at the Tennis Courts. She stated basketball hoops were installed and are beautiful but they have been bringing outsiders to use. She lives next to the courts and the language and behavior being used is unacceptable. A discussion ensued concerning how things are decided. A. Joeckel stated these modifications need to be brought to the Planning Commission for approval. VM Puchalski stated this will be the process from here forward. She stated these hoops were placed with the best interest of the children in the neighborhood. M. Digan suggested removing 1 hoop. VM Puchalski suggested locking the court and having keys available for resident use. A. Joeckel stated a public hearing needs to be conducted prior to modifications. K. Bilicki stated a public hearing with advance notices placed in the post office, website and Facebook. Everyone agreed.
- IV. Council Meeting**
 - V.M. Puchalski asked if everyone has reviewed the Budget Work Session Minutes from the April 29, 2019. K. Bilicki made a motion to accept and R. Bilicki seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.

- V.M. Puchalski asked if everyone has reviewed the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes from the May 14, 2019. R. Williams made a motion to approve and R. Bilicki seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.
- V.M. Puchalski asked if everyone has reviewed the Public Hearing Minutes from the May 31, 2019. A motion was made by K. Bilicki to approve the minutes and P. Peyton second the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.

V. Review of Financial Report

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

- **Town Of Wachapreague-**
VM Puchalski asked if there are any questions or concerns with the financials for the Town of Wachapreague ending May 31, 2019. A motion was made by K. Bilicki to approve the Town financials and R. Williams 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 May 31, 2019. A motion was made by R. Bilicki and seconded by K. Bilicki to approve the Port financials. A vote was taken and all approved.

Town Of Wachapreague- VM Puchalski asked if anyone has any questions or changes to discuss concerning the Proposed Budget Town Of Wachapreague FY 2019-2020. A motion was made by K. Bilicki to approve the Proposed Budget for FY 2019-2020 to begin July 1, 2019. R. Williams seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was taken with 5 yes and 2 absent.

Port Of Wachapreague- VM Puchalski asked if anyone has any questions or changes to discuss concerning the Proposed Budget Port Of Wachapreague FY 2019-2020. A motion was made by K. Bilicki to approve the Proposed Budget for FY 2019-2020 to begin July 1, 2019. P. Peyton seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was taken with 5 yes and 2 absent.

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.

V.M. Puchalski stated a donation has annually been made to the Wachapreague Volunteer Fire Company by the Town for \$1,000. Treasurer Tatum has stated it has been budgeted but needs to be approved. K. Bilicki made a motion to approve the donation of \$1,000 to the WVFC and R. Bilicki seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was taken with 5 yes and 2 absent.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Marina

- Vice Mayor Puchalski stated the security camera was installed facing the Marina fenced area.
- VM Puchalski has requested to install a security light at the Marina. This will not be a large expense.
- VM Puchalski also stated she was approached by Blake Johnson concerning the “pump station” agreement. It is required to have a working pump station at the marina. The Port of Wachapreague currently has one but not a high quality. It was previously agreed to refer everyone to Blake’s station and if it needs repairs, the Town will split the cost. If that situation presents, the cost will be \$2,000 - \$2,500.

B. Town Maintenance/Garbage (Repairs)

- D. Gouak was absent but let a note. He would like to thank Fred and Richie for helping with the gate at Powell Park. Also the garbage truck passed inspection.

C. Powell Park

- VM Puchalski stated the Coast Guard Ball Tournament was a success and raised \$70 for the park upkeep.
- R. Williams stated the cemetery stones have been repaired and weeds killed. He will be putting Turf Builder down in the fall. He wanted to thank the Coast Guard for their lifting help.
- P. Peyton asked if the cemetery is under perpetual care. He stated a person has interest in donating money to maintain it. VM Puchalski stated the Town is responsible for the care.
- VM Puchalski stated the large ditch, running the south side of Town is blocked and overgrown. She stated Richie is looking at renting a backhoe in the fall to clean it out.
- It was discussed that a “Better Grade” of mulch needs to be purchased for Powell Park playground. R. Williams volunteered to put down “Eliminator” granular to get rid of ticks and weeds prior to putting mulch down.

D. Town Beautification

- VM Puchalski spoke with someone about designing a Town Flag. Her idea is to have a mermaid holding a flounder. Everyone agreed this is a good idea. K. Bilicki stated this would be great to put on shirts and yard flags to sell.
- Clerk Wessells stated a family is interested in donating a dedication bench at the Marina. She will follow up with.

E. Streets and Drainage

- R. Williams stated 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.
- R. Williams also commented on a contact 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

- Clerk Wessells stated she has been working on ideas to assist with slowing down vehicles.

G. Derelict Properties

- R. Bilicki stated the issues with “Barnes” property. A discussion ensued and Clerk Wessells will continue working on this issue.
- R. Bilicki stated another property at 6 Brooklyn Avenue has been bought by Steve Joseph. He will begin restoration very soon.
- The Council discussed the Fisherman’ Lodge and Marina and the condition of the property. This issue will be brought back up next month.

H. Tourism

- R. Bilicki asked if we have received the application and fee for the Antique Car Show. It has not been received yet per Clerk Wessells. A form needs to be sent and signed.
- R. Bilicki reported on his contact with Jim Baugh, President of Mermaid Bay Productions and owner of Jim Baugh Outdoor TV. R. Bilicki stated the production team will be editing and should have a draft by July 4th.

- Clerk Wessells questioned the Chamber of Commerce “Tailgating” Event will be September 13, 2019. R. Bilicki stated Robie Marsh will be contacted to finalize the information.
- R. Williams stated the 4th of July is approaching and decisions need to be made. He requested meeting Saturday, June 22nd at 10am.

H. Zoning Administrator’s Report

- Mayor Janci stated nothing new to report.

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

- R. Williams stated nothing new to report.

J. Planning Commission

- K. Bilicki stated there are several ordinances that need to be adopted or changed:
 - **Zoning Ordinance 3.2.4** ...staying in an RV in a private property for more 7 days per calendar year. Due to the wording, this needed to go back to the Planning Commission for wording corrections.
 - Ordinance 11-60 from 26-10: Correction needs to be 11 to II (meaning #2 roman). A motion was made by K. Bilicki and seconded by R. Bilicki. A vote was taken and all approved. (Typo Correction)
 - #11 under “Zoning Guideline” Section E 11-3... Typo should read “Public...15-2”. A motion was made by R. Bilicki and seconded by P. Peyton to accept the change. A vote was taken and all approved.
 - III-2.2.A effective 5/6/03; Section F; #2 “...accessory (change of to or) or storage structure. A motion was made by K. Bilicki and seconded by VM Puchalski. A vote was taken and all approved.
 - All agree to remove John Joeckel in Section 6-10 page 2 and replace with Town Treasurer. Section 3, remove John Joeckel and replace with Town Treasurer. Section 4 remove John Joeckel and replace with Town Treasurer. A motion was made by K. Bilicki and seconded by R. Williams. A vote was taken and all approved.
- K. Bilicki stated the Planning Commission has agreed to take on one task at a time beginning with “Town Appearance”. The commission will divide up garbage, vegetation and dangerous. She explained each category: garbage-large and small trash to clean up properties; Vegetation-overgrowth and maintenance; Dangerous-fuel tanks or other. Each commission person will develop their own list. Once a list is developed, a town meeting will be held. K. Bilicki stated this is a positive move to improve the appearance and town pride.

K. Mosquito Control

- VM Puchalski stated nothing to report.

L. Seaside Park

- Mayor Janci announced Darryl Matthews has donated a picnic table to Seaside Park. It will be delivered to F. Janci’s shop.
- R. Williams stated the power has been installed in the gazebo. R. Williams made a motion to approve \$2475 for this installation. R. Bilicki seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with 5 yes and 2 absent.

M. Legal

- Clerk Wessells still working on law enforcement information for Town. She also stated signs are still being looked into.
- Clerk Wessells stated Ann Swick has sent a letter requesting an “Overlook Platform” be installed on Atlantic Avenue near the bird watching area. K. Bilicki will do the letter.
- R. Williams suggested a training session about the ordinances. The new council members need help with understanding them. Everyone agreed this will be a good idea.

VII. New Business

- VM Puchalski stated due to members being absent, a special meeting-Closed Session needs to be held to discuss wages. The council decided on June 24, 2019 at 5:00pm.
- R. Bilicki explained a new job opportunity will make it difficult to attend the regular meeting beginning August. After speaking with Mayor Jani, it was suggest to ask the Town Council if there will be any objection to changing the monthly meetings to the 2nd Thursday of each month. Everyone agreed with making this change. It will be posted to advise the public of the change.

VIII. Announcements

- Nothing new to report.

IX. Adjournment

- Motion was made by VM Puchalski and seconded by R. Williams to adjourn. All approved.

MAYOR
06/11/19

TOWN CLERK

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF
WACHAPREAGUE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.

Pursuant to motion made by **Councilman, KATHERINE BILICKI**, and seconded by **Councilman, ROBERT WILLIAMS**, for a Motion to approve THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF WACHAPEAGUE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020, and the Council having voted upon the motion, as recorded below, and approved at the Town Council Meeting of JUNE 11, 2019.

Name of Official	For	Against	Abstaining	Absent
VM S. Puchalski	X			
Robert Williams	X			
Robert Bilicki	X			
Peter Peyton	X			
Dave Gouak				X
Kathy Bilicki	X			
Mayor Fred Janci (voting only in case of tie)				X
Vote Totals	5	0	0	2

Duly recorded this 11th day of June 2019.

Town Clerk

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR PORT OF
WACHAPREAGUE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.

Pursuant to motion made by **Councilman, KATHERINE BILICKI**, and seconded by **Councilman, PETER PEYTON**, for a Motion to approve THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE PORT OF WACHAPEAGUE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020, and the Council having voted upon the motion, as recorded below, and approved at the Town Council Meeting of JUNE 11, 2019.

Name of Official	For	Against	Abstaining	Absent
VM S. Puchalski	X			
Robert Williams	X			
Robert Bilicki	X			
Peter Peyton	X			
Dave Gouak				X
Kathy Bilicki	X			
Mayor Fred Janci (voting only in case of tie)				X
Vote Totals	5	0	0	2

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Town Clerk

MOTION TO APPROVE A DONATION OF \$1,000 TO THE
WACHAPREAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY. THIS DONATION IS AN ANNUAL
DONATION GIVEN YEARLY FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE TO THE TOWN
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Pursuant to motion made by **Councilman, KATHERINE BILICKI**, and seconded by **Councilman, ROBERT BILICKI**, for a Motion to approve A DONATION OF \$1,000 TO THE WACHAPREAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, and the Council having voted upon the motion, as recorded below, and approved at the Town Council Meeting of JUNE 11, 2019.

Name of Official	For	Against	Abstaining	Absent
VM S. Puchalski	X			
Robert Williams	X			
Robert Bilicki	X			
Peter Peyton	X			
Dave Gouak				X
Kathy Bilicki	X			
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Vote Totals	5	0	0	2

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Town Clerk

MOTION TO APPROVE THE \$2475 FOR INSTALLATION OF
ELECTRICITY IN GAZEBO AT SEASIDE PARK.

Pursuant to motion made by **Councilman, ROBERT WILLIAMS**, and seconded by **Councilman, ROBERT BILICKI**, for a Motion to approve MOTION TO APPROVE THE \$2475 FOR INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICITY IN GAZEBO AT SEASIDE PARK, and the Council having voted upon the motion, as recorded below, and approved at the Town Council Meeting of JUNE 11, 2019.

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