

# **TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING June 12, 2018**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Fred Janci, Mayor; Robert Williams; Robert Bilicki; Cathy Janci;  
Carlee Vincent; Sandie Puchalski

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Robert Hodgson, Vice Mayor

**TOWN CLERK:** Missy Wallace-Wessells

## **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

- I. **Call to Order** – Council Member S. Puchalski called to Order the Town Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on June 12, 2018, in the Wachapreague Town Hall.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Council Member S. Puchalski lead the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Public Comments** – Council Member S. Puchalski opened the floor for Public Comments.
  - A. Joeckel wanted to express the appreciation of the services Vice Mayor R. Hodgson has done for the town and community. VM Hodgson was not in attendance but will be notified of the comment.
  - V. Vincent expressed the appreciation of all the member's hard work and the job well done during their term. Mayor Janci also thanked the Council for the hard work done during the term of 2016-2018.
- IV. **Council Meeting**
  - Mayor Janci asked if everyone has reviewed the Public Hearing Minutes and Regular Monthly Minutes from the May 8, 2018. There were no additions or corrections. S. Puchalski made a motion to accept the minutes for the Public Hearing and Regular Monthly Meeting and C. Janci seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.
  - The Proposed Budget for FY 2018-2019 was presented for approval. The Town of Wachapreague Budget was discussed and a motion was made by C. Janci to approve. R. Williams seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was taken with 5 yes and 1 absent votes. The Port of Wachapreague Budget was discussed and a motion was made by S. Puchalski and seconded by C. Janci. A Roll Call Vote was taken with 5 yes and 1 absent.
  - A discussion ensued concerning the outstanding balance on 2 properties owned by the same person that has been unpaid since 2014. The attorney has been involved. It was suggested to investigate filing a judgement by the Town. A. Joeckel suggested applying a DMV Stop on the owner. Clerk Wessells will look into this.

## **V. Review of Financial Report**

Mayor Janci reported:

**Town Of Wachapreague:** Mayor Janci reviewed the financials with the Town Council members. It was stated the expenses were slightly over the budget by 2%. This was partly due to the expense of recording plat in Accomack County of the spoil site.

**Port Of Wachapreague:** Mayor Janci reviewed the financials with the Town Council members. Mayor Janci stated things are doing well and income is up by about 7%.

A motion was made by C. Janci to approve the financials for the Town of Wachapreague and S. Puchalski seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.

A motion was made by R. Williams to approve the financials for the Port of Wachapreague and R. Bilicki seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

**A. Marina** – S. Puchalski reported the Port received the VPA Grant for FY 2018-2019 in the amount of \$15,000. This Grant will repair/replace the break water boards on the docks.

- S. Puchalski reported the Handicap Lift has been received and currently waiting on the brackets.
- It was suggested to update the website to advertise the lift.
- It was also discussed the liability of the lift. Signs will be posted to use at own risk.

### **B. Town Maintenance/Garbage (Repairs)**

- S. Puchalski stated has gotten no response from Brown's Doors.

### **C. Powell Park**

- S. Puchalski reported concerning storm damage and VML claim. Simpson Tree Service has remove the trees and USCG will do clean-up of park. Fence is being repaired/replaced.
- R. Williams would like to ask J. Paul to blow out grave yard. R. Williams and Tomeka would like to take over and plant grass.
- It was reported that Thomas at Atlantic Granite restores historic grave markers. He will be contacted concerning damaged markers.
- R. Williams wants sign placed as landmark of historic grave site. He will check into this.

### **D. Town Hall Beautification**

- C. Janci had nothing to report.
- R. Bilicki stated suggested color pallets have been displayed on Town Hall per Kathy Bilicki. It was asked to have the Council review and decide on.
- R. Bilicki requested to schedule the moving of fuel tanks. S. Puchalski stated once the garage doors were installed and area fenced in for security will be best. It was agreed to do so.
- R. Bilicki stated an Artist Workshop will be in Town soon and an electric car charging station was requested for a visitor. The closest is in Onancock at the Bed & Breakfast. R. Bilicki would like to look into creating a charging station at the Town Hall. He will gather more information and bring back to Council.
- C. Janci stated Sandie and Richie Puchalski have donated the paint for the inside of town hall. The colors will be off white with teal curtains.
- C. Janci asked to approve purchase of a safe or contact a locksmith to look at the file cabinet lock. There needs to be a secure location for holding money until it is deposited. Missy will look for a locksmith to check out the file cabinet.

### **E. Streets and Drainage**

- S. Puchalski shared a message from MiMi Sedjat that the drainage issue has greatly improved and signs replaced on her street.
- R. Williams reviewed the updates of the potholes and signs repaired in town by VDOT.

#### **F. Safety and Security**

- R. Williams stated people are speeding in town. Ideas were discussed to slow down traffic (radars, speed bumps, lines on road and grooves in road).
- Mayor Janci asked R. Williams to look into possibilities to improve this problem.
- It was reported that the Sysco truck was speeding out of town this afternoon. Mayor Janci asked Missy to report this tomorrow.

#### **G. Tourism**

- R. Bilicki stated a tourism meeting was held last Friday. He was very happy with the turnout of the Shore Girls Flounder Tournament being held on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The same weekend Current Reflections will have an artist workshop. The Wachapreague Inn is filled.
- R. Bilicki discussed the “Crabcake Cookoff” event scheduled for Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be the 5<sup>th</sup> year. He would like to put his energy into this event and not to pursue the Harvest Festival this year. Everyone agreed.
- A. Elliott suggested having a farmers market similar to Onancock Town Square. Mayor Janci stated everyone is welcome to set up at our town wide yard sales. Vendors want to go to an area with a traffic of buyers and Wachapreague doesn’t have this on a regular basis.
- R. Bilicki stated the Kellar sign has been cleared of debris. He stated it still has some repairs to be done.

#### **H. Zoning Administrator’s Report**

- Mayor Janci stated he has a couple of permits to approve.

#### **I. Floodplain Administrator/CRS Coordinator/ A-NPDC**

- VM Hodgson was absent and nothing to report

#### **J. Planning Commission**

- VM Hodgson was absent and nothing to report.

#### **K. Mosquito Control**

- C. Vincent stated mosquito control was performed on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sean did the work. Erhlick has not been contacting the town back when a call is placed. Mayor Janci stated to contact the District Manager to get answers.

#### **L. Seaside Park**

- Mayor Janci stated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event is coming up.
- Mayor Janci asked Missy about the list of people coming. Missy will contact social media and newspapers to advertise the event.
- C. Janci stated the sky divers are scheduled to land.
- Mayor Janci asked for volunteers for the event. It was suggested to have a meeting to sign up people for tasks. It was agreed to have the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Other items to discuss – Nikki-bathrooms; Cathy-health dept.; Cathy-food.
- R. Bilicki suggested a grill be placed in Seaside Park for the visitors to use. After a discussion, this will be investigated due to the provisions when purchasing this property from Nature Conservancy.

- Mayor Janci stated J. Paul was supposed to cut grass, trim and round up the beds. He has not been weeding the beds. C. Janci stated Michael Scott is spraying full time and may be worth call for mosquito control.

**M. Legal**

- R. Bilicki stated the derelict houses need to be addressed and cleaned up. Missy will be sending letters to these people requesting work to be completed with a short time frame. If not completed, the town will have it done at the expense of the homeowner.
- R. Bilicki stated people have been staying in the old gas station. The property is zoned commercial and only has a toilet and sink. The people are bathing at John Carr's house.

**VII. New Business**

- Mayor Janci stated the new town council will be sworn in at the next TC Meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**VIII. Announcements**

- Mayor Janci stated nothing to report.
- R. Bilicki requested "derelict homes" be place on the agendas to follow.

**IX. Adjournment**

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

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MAYOR

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TOWN CLERK

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MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET FOR  
THE TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE.

Pursuant to motion made by **Councilman, C. Janci**, and seconded by **Councilman, R. WILLIAMS**, for a Motion to approve the proposed FY 2018-2019 Budget for the Town of Wachapreague and the Council having voted upon the motion, as recorded below, and approved at the Town Council Meeting of June 12, 2018.

Name of Official	For	Against	Abstaining	Absent
Robert Hodgson				X
Sandie Puchalski	X			
Cathy Janci	X			
Carlee Vincent	X			
Robert Williams	X			
Robert Bilicki	X			
Mayor Fred Janci (voting only in case of tie)			X	
Vote Totals	5	0	1	1

Duly recorded this \_\_\_\_\_ day of JUNE 2018.

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Town Clerk

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET FOR  
THE PORT OF WACHAPREAGUE

Pursuant to motion made by **Councilman, SANDIE PUCHALSKI**, and seconded by **Councilman, C. JANCI**, for a Motion to approve MOVING FORWARD WITH THE BEAUTIFICATION OF THE WACHAPREAGUE TOWN HALL DONATION and the Council having voted upon the motion, as recorded below, and approved at the Town Council Meeting of MARCH 13, 2018.

Name of Official	For	Against	Abstaining	Absent
Robert Hodgson				X
Sandie Puchalski	X			
Cathy Janci	X			
Carlee Vincent	X			
Robert Williams	X			
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