

# **TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING March 12, 2019**

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

**COUNCIL ABSENT:**

**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 March 12, 2019, 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.
  - VM Puchalski asked for a Moment of Silence for Councilman Ken Swick who recently passed away.
  - Chris Wardius spoke concerning the Tourism Grant offered by Tourism Commission 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary “Virginia Is For Lovers”. A \$1500 grant is available to create a tourism spot at Seaside Park. He offered to be part of the project. R. Bilicki stated a project has been started and would work with program. R. Bilicki stated the current project is a heart shape approximately 8’x8’ with rebar and grape vines.
- IV. **Council Meeting**
  - Mayor Janci asked if everyone has reviewed the Regular Monthly Minutes from the January 8, 2019.
  - VM Puchalski made a motion to accept the minutes and R. Williams 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 February 2019 “Profit-Loss vs. Actual” were reviewed. Mayor Janci stated the Town is 66% through the fiscal year.
    - Mayor Janci stated the income is at 71% and expenses are below 61%. Mayor Janci discussed the entries with the Council.
    - VM Puchalski stated Treasurer Mary Jo requested separating the investments between the Town and Port. Clerk Wessells stated Treasurer Mary Jo forwarded information from a local bank money market which could produce more interest income then currently receiving. Mayor Janci stated clarification needs to be made as to if a municipality qualifies for this promotion. Clerk Wessells will get back with Town Council concerning this information.
    - R. Bilicki asked for an aging summary for outstanding debts. Clerk Wessells presented last month’s financials, which had the summary.
    - A motion was made by R. Bilicki and seconded by VM Puchalski. A vote was taken and all approved.

- **Port of Wachapreague-**
  - Port Financials for February 2019 were discussed. Mayor Janci reviewed “Profit-Loss vs. Actual”. The budget is currently at 66% (8 months) through year.
  - VM Puchalski stated about 85% of the Leases are in and the all should be in by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - A motion was made by R. Bilicki and seconded by R. Williams to accept the Port of Wachapreague Financials for February 2019. A vote was taken and all approved.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

### ***A. Marina***

- VM Puchalski stated VPA work is completed. She has submitted the VPA Grant Request and the Waterway Grant Request for dredging. The decisions are expected around June.
- VM Puchalski stated 85% of the leases have been received.
- The next event is the Flounder Tournament which is April 26<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup>. She will start her regular hours on Monday.
- Mayor Janci stated he has spoken with Mike Steelman who will be doing some work with VIMS & Nature Conservancy to build oyster castles. Mike has asked for a location to place 3-4 tractor trailer loads of shells. A discussion ensued concerning possible locations to house the shells temporarily. A suggestion to contact Timmy Killmon or Ed Posavec.
- Mayor Janci stated the spoil site needs escalation before dredging. He suggested contacting Fred Camden.
- A discussion concerning the owners of “Parker Railway”. The owner has approached the Town concerning exchanging the dry spoils for dredged spoils; even swap without paying fees.

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

- D. Gouak stated new tires were installed on the brush truck. Garbage truck belts broke and was also replaced. He was concerned about cost of repairs. He has fixed the pickup exhaust leak and clutch is wearing out and may need replacing soon.
- D. Gouak stated the gates on the containment area needs welding. It was suggested to contact Chris Johnson- Johnson Welding.

### ***C. Powell Park***

- VM Puchalski stated the dugouts are rebuilt. The graveyard fence is repaired.
- VM Puchalski stated the tennis court cracks are being repaired by Richie Puchalski. Some of the materials have been donated by the Puchalski’s. Richie has donated 2 basketball hoops to be installed at the tennis courts.
- VM Puchalski stated a work party is being scheduled to paint the playground equipment and cleanup.
- VM Puchalski stated the Coast Guard would like to do a tournament in May and a benefit for the Matt May family later.

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

- K. Bilicki present the metal flag poles to the Council. After a discussion, the Council voted to purchase 6 pole. No vote was needed for this purchase. The Council decided to evaluate the placement in the brackets.

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

- R. Williams called and VDOT repaired pothole on Center Avenue.<sup>2</sup>
- ANEC has replaced blown security lights around town.
- R. Williams discussed ditch drainage problems. He suggested hiring day labors to clear out the ditches, which was approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile total.
- R. Williams stated flooding issues on Church Street culvert.
- R. Bilicki suggested to look at heavy equipment at a surplus auction.
- Clerk Wessells stated Supervisor Donald Hart is willing to help try find money to pay workers to clear ditches.
- R. Bilicki asked if flushing main drain could clear some blockages. Mayor Janci suggested repairing wooden culverts and manholes before this is done to avoid collapses.

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

- R. Williams suggested to send letter concerning the boat parked on Atlantic Avenue. The Council agreed.

#### **G. Derelict Properties**

- R. Bilicki stated nothing new to report.

#### **H. Tourism**

- R. Bilicki reported the Virginia Tourism and Blake are interested in doing an event (Harborfest) at Seaside Park the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of September. Due to the Hospital Ball, they are looking for another date. R. Bilicki stated he feels it will be good for the Town and will not cost the Town any money. C. Wardius stated the idea is to purchase a ticket and food and entertainment will be included. Permission is being sought from Ed Posavec to use the marina for a bandstand location. R. Bilicki stated this event would possible benefit the Wachapreague Inn and Island House Restaurant.
- R. Bilicki stated the Town's Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 11 pm at Powell Park.
- The Bane bench dedication will be Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> also.

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

- Mayor Janci stated nothing to report.

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

- R. Williams stated the next RAFT meeting is March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at VIMS. He stated a meeting was recently held at the Island House concerning the Nature Conservancy plans for the preservation of the coastline.
- R. Williams stated he has concerns for flooding of properties adjacent to the property on south end of Atlantic Avenue. He suggested requesting the owners to place a drainage ditch on the property. K. Bilicki stated the Town of Wachapreague can apply for rezoning of the area to prevent construction on Atlantic Avenue. A discussion ensued concerning flooding along Atlantic Avenue. The Planning Commission will discuss this issue.
- R. Williams stated his efforts to collect letters in favor of the cell tower construction. K. Bilicki suggested placing blank letters at the post office and having people fill in the letters. R. Williams will check to see if this is possible.

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

- K. Bilicki stated an informal meeting was held yesterday. The following members were suggested: Wachapreague Planning Commission: Kathy Bilicki, Arlene Joeckel, Steve Joseph, MiMi Sedjat, Brenda Russell, Charles Elliott, Alena Elliott and Tomeka Watkinson. These members were approved by the Council and will be elected at the next monthly meeting.
- K. Bilicki stated the plan was to review unfinished business and present it to the Council at the next meeting.

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

- VM Puchalski stated nothing to report.

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

- Mayor Janci stated the Bane family will be dedicating a bench on April 20, 2019. He stated we have enough benches and we could use other things. VM Puchalski suggested dedication stones in the garden. Other things suggested were picnic tables, garden stones or grills.
- Mayor Janci stated mulch is needed. He stated the cost is \$25 per/CY and 20 CY were needed for a total of approximately \$700. VM Puchalski made a motion to approve and K. Bilicki seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was taken and all approved.
- Clerk Wessells stated she will contact Accomack County for free mulch.
- R. Williams received a quote for \$1200 to install electric at the gazebo. R. Bilicki stated the events that take place at Seaside Park are Tourism related. R. Bilicki made a motion to approve the amount and pay it out of Tourism Reserve. K. Bilicki seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was taken and all approved.

#### **M. Legal**

- Mayor Janci stated nothing new to report.

### **VII. New Business**

- Mayor Janci asked for any suggestions for the empty seat on Town Council. VM Puchalski stated Charles Elliott showed interest but needed a couple of days to decide.
- R. Bilicki stated his brother-in-law Stephen Joseph may be interested but wanted the Council's opinion with having another family member on council. He also asking other people around town.
- A Special Meeting/Work Session was suggested to be held Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Clerk Wessells requested to submit any additional expenses prior to the meeting. A decision concerning pay increases need to be made. Mayor Janci stated job descriptions needs to be reviewed. VM Puchalski stated this needs to be reviewed during close session after the Work Session.

### **VIII. Announcements**

- Nothing new to report.

### **IX. Adjournment**

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

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MAYOR  
3/12/19

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TOWN CLERK

A MOTION TO APPROVE 20 CY OF MULCH FOR SEASIDE PARK  
IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$700** INCLUDING SHIPPING.

Pursuant to motion made by **Councilman, VM Puchalski**, and seconded by **Councilman, K. Bilicki**, for a Motion to approve SPENDING \$700 TO PURCHASE MULCH FOR SEASIDE PARK, and the Council having voted upon the motion, as recorded below, and approved at the Town Council Meeting of March 12, 2019.

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

Duly recorded this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March 12, 2019.

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Town Clerk

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF  
ELECTRICITY TO THE GAZEBO AT SEASIDE PARK  
IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$1,200.**

Pursuant to motion made by **Councilman, R. Bilicki**, and seconded by **Councilman, K. Bilicki**, for a Motion to approve SPENDING \$1,200 FOR INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICITY AT GAZEBO IN SEASIDE PARK, and the Council having voted upon the motion, as recorded below, and approved at the Town Council Meeting of March 12, 2019.

| Name of Official                                    | For | Against | Abstaining | Absent |
|---|-----|---------|------------|--------|
| VM S. Puchalski                                     | X   |         |            |        |
| Robert Williams                                     | X   |         |            |        |
| Robert Bilicki                                      | X   |         |            |        |
|   |     |         |            |        |
| Dave Gouak  | X   |         |            |        |
| Kathy Bilicki                                       | X   |         |            |        |
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