

TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MAY 14, 2019

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

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

- I. **Call to Order** – Mayor Janci called to Order the Town Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on May 14, 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.
 - Nothing to report.
- IV. **Council Meeting**
 - Mayor Janci asked if everyone has reviewed the Regular Monthly Minutes from the April 9, 2019. R. Bilicki stated on page 3, under Zoning Administrator’s Report, the topic of spoil site was questioned. It was asked to clarify to place contaminated spoils in the Town’s spoil site. The Town has refused to accept contaminated materials. K. Bilicki approved to accept the minutes with the above corrections. R. Bilicki seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.
 - Mayor Janci asked if the minutes for Special April 9, 2019 Budget meeting. R. Bilicki questioned if proposed Budget was posted to the paper. Clerk Wessells was unavailable for the meeting due to a family emergency. The Town Council decided to advertise the Proposed Budget on May 17, 2019 or May 24, 2019. The public hearing will be Friday, May 31, 2019 at 6pm. A motion was made by K. Bilicki and seconded by R. Bilicki. 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 April 2019 “Profit-Loss vs. Actual” were reviewed. Mayor Janci stated the Town is 9 months through year. This is 75% through the fiscal year.
 - D. Gouak stated his difficulty with understanding budget and expenses for Repairs & Maintenance. He is questioning what is charged under Building & Grounds. He stated the tires where charged to the trash truck and should be placed under dump truck. It was suggested to contact Treasurer Tatum to get a break down of all expenses.
 - It was discussed to talk with Treasurer Tatum about reclassifying line items, such as: Refuse-Landfill Fees Only; Vehicles & Equipment-All Trucks, Parts, Repairs, Fuel.
 - R. Bilicki made a motion to accept the financials for Town of Wachapreague and K. Bilicki seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.

- **Port of Wachapreague-**

- Port Financials for April 2019 were discussed. Mayor Janci reviewed "Profit-Loss vs. Actual". The budget is currently at 75% (9 months) through year. Mayor Janci stated the Port financials look good.
- A motion was made by R. Williams and seconded by K. Bilicki to accept the financials for the Port of Wachapreague April 2019. A vote was taken and all approved.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Marina

- Mayor Janci stated nothing to report.

B. Town Maintenance/Garbage (Repairs)

- D. Gouak stated a gate at Powell Park was broken. He contacted Johnson's Welding and was told to bring it there and it will be \$150 to repair. Mayor Janci will take it there.
- D. Gouak stated there is a small leak in tire on trash truck. He will check for places to repair the leak.
- D. Gouak stated J.D. has requested the Town to refund the cost of his CDL License Fee in the amount of \$64. He stated it was \$8/year for 8 years. The Council agreed to pay for it.
- D. Gouak stated mower is doing well. R. Williams stated the Powell Park is not being trimmed and look bad. D. Gouak will check on this issue.

C. Powell Park

- R. Williams stated the cemetery is almost completely repaired. He will have the Coast Guard guys help place the last tombstone Saturday.
- R. Williams stated the next project is to plant grass.
- Mayor Janci and the Town Council thanked R. Williams for all the work he and Tomeka have done at the park.

D. Town Beautification

- K. Bilicki stated she is still searching for flags.
- K. Bilicki also stated concerning the trash and debris, section I-6 of the ordinance states all lands and lots to be kept clean... She summarized that all property owners/occupants are required to keep said properties clean, safe and aesthetic. The Planning Commission has requested K. Bilicki get with Clerk Wessells to issue a letter in regards to properties that have appliances, furniture or debris. The Town will offer assistance in removing materials. Mayor Janci explained the Planning Commission cannot take any action without approval from the Town Council. It was also suggested to include abandoned boats. It was agreed to send this back to the Planning Commission and revise the wording.
- A discussion ensued concerning a camper used as housing. The Planning Commission has asked to change the ordinance to reflect be allowed for 7 days per calendar year. This items will be discussed later in the meeting. Mayor Janci stated enforcement must be considered. Mayor Janci stated Clerk Wessells has been working on information to have a police officer. K. Bilicki stated the suggestion for a Town Pride Campaign by R. Williams could be combined with cleaning up properties. This would encourage the property owners to beautify their homes.
- A discussion ensued as to how to enforce ordinances. K. Bilicki stated "Source Well" is a program that offers grants. Accomack County is a part of this program. She was looking at radar signs and there is a possibility to get a grant. She has presented ideas for signs such as: "Slow Down In Our Town", "Caution..Speeding Penalty Zone", "Drive Like Your Child Lives Here" and "Caution..Spilled Nails". The cost is about \$40 for signs. Radars signs cost thousands of dollars.

The less expensive signs run on electric. She will contact ANEC to see if a meter can be placed on pole for radar. She stated the idea of having a Crown Vic car with a dummy sitting out to help deter speeding. She also suggested placing the radar along the area of the speed change coming into town.

- Mayor Janci explained that Clerk Wessells has been working to find out information about the cost of hiring off duty officers. The Town can hire off duty officers and Accomack County will provide the vehicles. All tickets written will be paid to the County. Another option she has been working on is getting a permit from the State of Virginia Police to operate a police department and collect fines. Mayor Janci stated tickets need to be written to enforce citizens to be responsible.
- K. Bilicki stated at the next meeting she will have more information concerning these items and hope Clerk Wessells will have more information to share. This topic will be brought back to the next agenda.

E. Streets and Drainage

- R. Williams stated the notes from the meeting with VDOT are in the packet. He stated that is all he has to report this month. R. Williams stated he will be meeting with Chris Isdell, VDOT to discuss the streets.

F. Safety and Security

- R. Williams stated he has 1 street light out. Mayor Janci stated how much better LED light are compared to the old lights.

G. Derelict Properties

- K. Bilicki stated Clerk Wessells has been working with the VDH on this matter.
- R. Bilicki stated the Mariner property on Brooklyn Avenue has been sold to Steve Joseph and it will be renovated.
- Mayor Janci stated the Town can demo the properties after everything is done legally and place a lien on the property. Once the property is sold, the Town can recoup their expenses.
- R. Williams stated the property across from the Barnes property has lost a sale due to the derelict property.
- D. Gouak questioned the mobile home removed from West Street. A discussion ensued as to the restriction of mobile home within the Town of Wachapreague, except for ones already established.

H. Tourism

- R. Bilicki reported on his contact with Jim Baugh, President of Mermaid Bay Productions and owner of Jim Baugh Outdoor TV. R. Bilicki explained the attempt to have Mr. Baugh to come and do a fishing report about Wachapreague, for the past year. Due to the lack of catches, R. Bilicki came up with the idea of having Mr. Baugh come in for \$900 for a day of filming and a day of editing not to exceed 3 days. The idea is to have the features already produced around Town. The features that will be sourced in-house are: "Flounder Fishing from *Monroe* with Jack & Doris Norman", "Cedar Island with Meriwether Payne", astrophotography and aerial from the Milky Way. The things he would be keying on is water activities and stars. Eco tours have grown in popularity. R. Bilicki suggested using up to \$2700 from Tourism Reserves to put together a film to be used for promoting tourism. Jim Baugh will also air on his programs. This could also be attached to the Facebook page. R. Bilicki made a motion to approve D. Gouak seconded the motion. A Roll Call Vote was taken and approved with 4 yes and 1 abstain (Mayor).
- It was suggested to bring the planning for the 4th of July on June's Agenda. A discussion ensued concerning how to promote events better to citizens.

H. Zoning Administrator's Report

- Mayor Janci stated nothing new to report.

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

- R. Williams stated the last RAFT meeting minutes are in the packets. He stated there was nothing else to report.

J. Planning Commission

- K. Bilicki stated this topic has already been discussed.

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. Mayor Janci stated the freight cost was being covered by the Town. A motion by K. Bilicki and seconded by R. Bilicki to pay the freight for the table. A vote was taken and all approved. The Bane family has stated plans to donate money to purchase a charcoal grill also.
- K. Bilicki asked about the electric installation. It was discussed that it was approved and waiting to get a quote from Kerry Paul. The Town Council decided to move forward with Wood's Electric for the quote of \$2400.

M. Legal

- Mayor Janci stated nothing new to report.

VII. New Business

- Nothing new to report.

VIII. Announcements

- Nothing new to report.

IX. Adjournment

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

MAYOR
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TOWN CLERK