

TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING May 8, 2018

COUNCIL PRESENT: Fred Janci, Mayor; Robert Hodgson, Vice Mayor; Robert Williams;
Robert Bilicki; Cathy Janci; Carlee Vincent

COUNCIL ABSENT: Sandie Puchalski

TOWN CLERK: Missy Wallace-Wessells

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

- I. **Call to Order** –Mayor Fred Janci called to Order the Town Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on May 8, 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.
 - Mayor Janci congratulated the election of the new council.
- IV. **Council Meeting**
 - Mayor Janci asked if everyone has reviewed the Special Budget Work Session Minutes and Regular Monthly Minutes from April 10, 2018. There were no additions or corrections. C. Vincent made a motion to approve the minutes and R. Williams seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.
 - Kerry Allison with the Eastern Shore Tourism Commission gave a presentation of the Tourism Economy and the increase on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. R. Bilicki spoke about the Wachapreague Tourism Commission and a new project being designed of a “heart” shape. It will be to represent “love” of our town and planned to be placed at the bird watching lot on the south end of Atlantic Avenue. This will be presented to the Town of Wachapreague as a gift for everyone to enjoy and take pictures with similar to the “Love” sign in Cape Charles. R. Bilicki explained the idea come from people taking pictures at the gazebo for special occasions such as proms.
- V. **Review of Financial Report**

VM Hodgson reported:

Town Of Wachapreague: VM Hodgson reviewed the financials with the Town Council members. He reviewed the Town has a net profit at the present of \$8,700.

 - VM Hodgson stated the spoil site has been registered and the attorney’s determination was the same as previously stated.
 - VM Hodgson reviewed taxes past due.
 - VM Hodgson asked for any questions. He moved forward to review Port of Wachapreague financials.

Port Of Wachapreague: VM Hodgson reviewed the financials with the Town Council members. VM Hodgson stated things are doing well. R. Williams made a motion to accept the financials for the Town and Marina and R. Bilicki seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Marina – (S. Puchalski was absent but sent a note to Mayor Janci)

- Mayor Janci reported dock work is complete; electrical work is complete; and money was left over from the VPA Grant. S. Puchalski is looking into purchasing a Handicap Lift with some of the money remaining from the grant. She will have a decision soon.
- The Founder Tournament was successful and the marina collected \$770 in ramp fees, \$700 in season passes and \$775 in transient slip fees for a total of \$2,245.
- Mayor Janci discussed a letter from Ed Poscovac, owner of the old Wachapreague Marina, concerning the difficulty with the Virginia Health Department. All vessels must be removed from the property. Mayor Janci is questioning the difference with other marina operations with similar situations. Mayor Janci has contacted Pungoteague District Supervisor Donald Hart concerning this matter and Mr. Hart will be checking into this. The Wachapreague Planning Commission has reviewed allowing a pump and haul but will not make a final decision until Mr. Poscovac submits a formal request. R. Bilicki requested to contact the attorney and have a letter sent to Mr. Privet, Virginia Health Department, asking for explanation of requirements. VM Hodgson suggested S. Puchalski be the contact since she was involved since the purchase. All agreed. A discussion continued concerning the hardship of this marina being closed. The Council discussed ways to assist to remedy this situation.

B. Town Maintenance/Garbage (Repairs)

- Per report from S. Puchalski, Mayor Janci stated Brown's Doors will installing the roll up doors at the concession stand. Once this is done the lawn mower will be purchased and housed there.

C. Powell Park

- Per S. Puchalski's notes, Mayor Janci reported a check was received from VML Insurance to repair the historic grave yard at Powell Park and to remove downed trees from storm damage. Simpson Tree Service will remove the trees and volunteers will help repair the tomb stones.

D. Town Hall Beautification

- C. Janci had nothing to report.
- R. Bilicki stated the shed and fencing has been removed. His concern is the fuel tanks sitting on the ground. A discussion ensued concerning location of tanks. R. Bilicki stated the painters are coming to paint the Town Hall. An agreement was made to contact S. Puchalski concerning this matter.
- R. Bilicki has a donation of concrete pavers that can be used for walking path or under picnic tables.
- C. Janci stated a deck was found for the Town Clerk in order to turn her around to face the door.

E. Streets and Drainage

- R. Williams reported on the meeting with Davis, Bowen and Friedel. In order to get a Federal Grant to pay 75% of the project, the town must be prepared to finance 25%. This could be done by charging a drainage fee to the property owners. A discussion ensued and will be continued.
- R. Williams reported on speeding on Main Street. A discussion of possible solutions to help this situation. Mayor Janci suggested contacting Sheriff Godwin to set up radar outside town limit.

F. Safety and Security

- Nothing to report.

G. Tourism

- R. Bilicki stated the “heart” sign was discussed.
- R. Bilicki stated the Kellar tourism sign will be repaired and cleared by the next meeting.
- R. Bilicki stated the Tourism Commission discussed flying the town flags continuously from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The flags would be maintained with the use of some reserve money. R. Bilicki suggested raising the brackets to avoid the tall boats coming down Main Street. Mayor Janci suggested contacting ANEC to ask about requirements for such installation. VM Hodgson stated to put all the ideas and expenses together and present it at the next meeting.
- VM Hodgson told R. Bilicki that Jamie and Jay Aigner were at the tennis court measuring the court to play “Pickelball”. VM Hodgson stated they play and this seems to be growing in popularity. Visitors to the town may enjoy this. R. Bilicki will check into this.

H. Zoning Administrator’s Report

- Mayor Janci stated he recently signed a permit for a roof.
- Mayor Janci stated property owners have done lots of work to the home without contacting the town or receiving a permit from the county. This is a violation. Accomack County Zoning is checking into this matter.

I. Floodplain Administrator/CRS Coordinator/ A-NPDC

- VM Hodgson stated nothing to report. He is keeping up with the progress of the drainage issue.

J. Planning Commission

- VM Hodgson presented a handout with total of decals and tags issued. The Town Clerk Missy has a list of all vehicles, utility trailers, motorcycles and golf carts that are tagged in the town. VM Hodgson stated a list is generated by Accomack County with all vehicles registered in the town. Mayor Janci stated the golf carts are on an honor system because they are not taxed in Accomack County.
- VM Hodgson presented notes of dilapidated and overgrown properties presented by R. Williams and R. Bilicki. VM Hodgson has recommended a copy of the ordinances be presented to all council members. He continued explaining the council member in charge of an area should be informed and follow up with the situation.
- VM Hodgson stated the park rules need to be posted at the entrances, kiosks and parks. Mayor Janci asked to add no skateboards allowed in tennis court or gazebo. R. Bilicki requested to add time is sunrise to dusk unless otherwise approved. VM Hodgson made a motion to accept the changes and C. Vincent seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.
- A motion was then made to post the rules at the Powell and Seaside Park at the kiosk, ball field, entrances, and pavilion and tennis court by VM Hodgson and seconded by C. Vincent. A vote was taken with all approving.

K. Mosquito Control

- C. Vincent stated mosquito control was approved last meeting and will begin next week.

L. Seaside Park

- Mayor Janci stated Spring Cleanup is set for May 12, 2018 from 9am-3pm and May 19, 2018 is the rain date. Mayor and Mrs. Janci will purchase lunch for everyone.
- R. Williams and Tomeka will not be available but will do work later.

M. Legal

- Mayor Janci stated nothing new to report.
- VM Hodgson reported the total fees are being calculated to move forward with court proceedings on delinquent taxes. It was discussed to investigate proceeding with collection of the returned check and fees.
- R. Bilicki stated Northampton County advertises derelict property in the paper. It was discussed if the Town of Wachapreague can post these properties in the paper to demand cleaned up. This will be checked into with attorney. VM Hodgson stated a follow up program must be developed and enforced. A list was asked to be generated and presented to VM Hodgson of these properties.

VII. New Business

- Mayor Janci stated nothing to report.

Announcements

- Mayor Janci stated nothing to report.
- VM Hodgson announced Sunday is Mother's Day.

Adjournment

Motion was made by VM Hodgson and seconded by C. Janci to adjourn. All approved.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK

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