

**TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 29, 2019**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Fred Janci, Mayor; Sandie Puchalski, Vice Mayor;
Robert Bilicki; Robert Williams; David Goauk; Katherine Bilicki
ABSENT: None
TOWN CLERK: Missy Wallace-Wessells

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – FY 2019/2020 BUDGET

I. *Call to Order*

Mayor Fred Janci called the Special Town Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 29 2019 in the Wachapreague Town Hall for the purpose of preparing a proposed budget for FY 2019/2020 Budget.

II. *Discussion of Proposed FY 2019/2020 Town of Wachapreague Budget*

Mayor Fred Janci began the Special Town Council Meeting. Mayor Janci stated Mary Jo Tatum, Treasurer and Missy Wessells, Clerk prepared a spreadsheet to include the items discussed at the April 9, 2019 meeting.

A. Mayor Janci asked for any additional ideas or projects that will need funding for the upcoming fiscal year for the Town Budget.

- VM Puchalski stated the following things need to be added to the budget for Powell Park for a total of \$2,000:
 - Mulch for the playground
 - Gravel for Concession Stand
 - Finish repairs Tennis Court
- R. Bilicki requested funds for a charcoal grill at Seaside Park. Mayor Janci stated a family would like to donate funds for this item. Clerk Wessells stated the Bane Family has donated a bench and would like to do a grill. Also donated is a picnic table by the Matthews Family.
- K. Bilicki asked about the Reserves and how they play into the budget. Mayor Janci and Treasurer Tatum explained the reserves are designated for a project.
- R. Bilicki questioned repairs need for the gazebo. It was discussed and this would be taken from regular maintenance funds. Also for Seaside Park is the suggestion of installation of electricity to the gazebo. Mayor Janci stated Tourism money can help with any project associated with the benefit of a visitor's stay. It was agreed Tourism Reserve will assist with the electricity installation.
- Other topics discussed are the condition of the Town's vehicles and possible replacement dates.
- Advertising Expenses were discussed as a small expense cut for the next fiscal year.
- The Council looked at Miscellaneous Expenses for possible cuts. Treasurer Tatum stated this line items is responsible for the election expenses as well as other items. It was suggested to leave this figure.

- Other amounts were discussed that were not used last year. Small cuts were discussed to balance the budget.
- Wages were discussed by the Council. Everyone agreed the Town's employees deserved a pay increase.
- R. Williams stated RAFT has just began and the reserve can be started with \$1,000 instead of the \$2,000.
- K. Bilicki asked about the Town Hall Renovation and the amount designated for it. VM Puchalski stated this amount was a total but money was still available for this fiscal year. VM Puchalski suggested purchasing furniture this fiscal year and completing the project during the FY 2019-2020. R. Bilicki suggested he contact his flooring subcontractors to request a donation of carpet for the Town Hall. In return, the Town will give a letter of appreciation for the service and donated amount.
- With everything discussed, the FY 2019-2020 Town of Wachapreague Budget was balanced.
 - The current budget for FY 2019-2020 is \$238,465.
 - A discussion ensued concerning the possibility of increasing Real Estate Taxes by a small amount. Currently the Council has decided to put this on hold for this FY.
 - Also discussed was increasing the Meals Tax. That was also decided to put on hold at this time.

B. Mayor Janci began with discussion of the Port Of Wachapreague Budget.

C. VM Puchalski began discussing, with the Council, the Port's income. She stated previous years, a discussion to increase the slip rental fees. She feels this is a good time. VM Puchalski stated an increase of \$100 per slip will begin with next year's Lease Renewals in April 2020. To make this happen, the Council must agree with this during this FY. The proposed changes are:

Small Slips – Currently \$800	after April 2020 - \$900
Large Slips – Currently \$1,250	after April 2020 - \$1,350

The Town Council all agreed with this increase.

D. VM Puchalski explained all the other expenses and how they are paid including the VPA Grant. This is paid up front and the 75% is refunded after completion. Other expenses were discussed.

III. *Call to Vote*

The Proposed Budget for FY 2019/2020 Town of Wachapreague and The Proposed Budget for FY 2019/2020 Port of Wachapreague were presented and approved by all council members.

IV. *Adjournment*

Mayor Janci closed the meeting with a unanimous agreement.

MAYOR

CLERK