

TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

September 8th, 2022

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Fred Janci Mayor
Sandie Puchalski, Vice Mayor
Robert Williams,
Robert Bilicki,
Stephen Joseph
Glenn Schagelin
Margo Digan

TOWN CLERK: Charlie Gibble

I. Town Council Meeting

Meeting began at 7:00 PM
Prayer was led by Glenn Schagelin
Pledge of Allegiance followed

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Mayor Fred Janci called the meeting to order.

I. Public comments

Linda Jones asked what are the conditions needed to get grants for the sewer.
DEQ hasn't given us any written restrictions.

Mayor Fred Janci stated that there will be another meeting on September 27th.
We are sitting and waiting.

Vice Mayor Sandi Puchalski stated that once we have clarity on this project we will have a public meeting.

Lucky Levens facetimed Town Clerk Charlie Gibble in order to do a presentation to the council and the town.
He said he is retired military and he loves history.

The Town Clerk passed out handouts regarding Lucky's projects.

Lucky spoke about a ship that was named after Wachapreague- USS Wachapreague. He wrote about her accomplishments in World War II. He stated that she received 4 battle stars. Lucky said she had to of been in 4 different major offensives. He said he would like to have a display in town or by the coast guard station to commemorate the ship, her accomplishments, and the men that served upon her. Lucky stated he would also like the display to tell about our history, the good, the bad and how we became a town. He stated the reason he thought by the Coast Guard Station is the ship was turned over to the Coast Guard after World War II where she served another 30 plus years.

Lucky's second idea was having display banners of the veterans from our town displayed on the telephone poles that line our streets. He said we are about two months from Veterans Day. Lucky said he has been working on order numbers and pricing. He has a good idea of what it will take. He thought we could accomplish this by Veterans Day.

Councilman Stephen Joseph stated the next step would be to bring in the number. We could look for donations and see what is available in the budget.

Councilman Glen Schaglin ask if we needed to check with the planning commission.

Councilman Bob Bilicki said no.

Lucky said there is information in his wright up regarding getting money for the banners.

He would like to do the banners first and look into the display afterwards.

There needs to be 10 orders to start the project.

Lucky said the banners would be parallel to the street.

Mayor Fred Janci said we will need permission from the electric company.

II. Review of Financial Report

Town Financial

- Councilman Bob Bilicki asked it a notice of transient tax increase had been sent.
- Town Clerk Charlie replied yes. They were sent in June right after they were increased.
- Councilman Bob Bilicki motioned to approve the town financials for September 2022
- Councilman Bob Williams 2nd
- All Agreed

Marina Financials

- Councilman Bob Williams made a motion to except the Marina financials for September 2022.
- Councilman Glen Schagelin 2nd .
- All Agreed.

III Review of August 2022 Minutes

- Vice Mayor Sandi Puchalski Motioned to accept September 2022 minutes.
- Councilman Glen Schagelin 2nd.
- All Agreed.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Zoning

Arthur Mendez applied for the position for the zoning administrator.

Discussion regarding Arthur's qualification, it was stated he owned his own construction company, owns a home in town where lives here more often than not.

Mayor Fred Janci said the starting date will be October 1st, 2022.

Vice Mayor Sandie Puchalski made the motion to have Arthur Mendez to become the towns zoning officer.

Councilman Glen Schagelin 2nd the motion.

B. Powel Park

Vice Mayor Sandie Puchalski reported they received the buffer.

The buffer should be up between now and the end of the month.

Vice Mayor Sandie Puchalski spoke about replacing the net on one side of the tennis court. (East side)

Vice Sandie Puchalski said they would need about \$480.00 to fix.

Councilman Bob Williams said why don't we approve \$500.00.

Vice Mayor Sandie Puchalski also said with some of the shenanigans going on, solar lights would be a good idea in some areas around the woods are and where it's dark. (Between the pavilion and the playground)

Council liked the idea.

Vice Mayor Sandie said she will look into it.

C. Seaside Park

Councilman Bob Williams checked out the table at Seaside Park and determined it is not fixable.

It was decided he table would not be fixed another table would be purchased to replace it.

Town Clerk will bring pricing of new tables next meeting.

D. HRSD

Mayor Fred Janci stated that Councilman Stephan Joseph has been contacting the homeowners on a list to inquire if they would be interested in hooking up to the sewer line.

Of the thirty only two said no, Vodvarkas and Sandy Beerdends.

Councilman Bob Bilicki had added names to the list to bring it up to Fifty one.

Mayor Fred Janci said some of these names were not located where the current line will be located.

Councilman Glenn Schagelin said he had a name of a contractor, Taylor

Dukes, from Exmore, he said he is very qualified to do sewer. His cost would probably be about 2/3 less than Garney.

Mayor Fred Janci said they (Rob Bloxom and the ANCP) seem set on Garney doing the project. DEQ has an application for the balance for the money.

HRSD needs an answer by the end of the year as to what we are doing.

Mayor Fred Janci is trying to get the DEQ to drop the demand of the grinder pumps.

The grinder Pumps are figured in Garney's price. They are figuring seventeen pumps in their price.

They are a design build contractor.

There is another meeting on the 27th.

E. Derelict Properties

Councilman Bob Bilicki stated the house at 6 High St. the grass is above 12 inches.

Councilman Glen Schagelin said he will have the maintenance guys mow.

Mayor Fred Janci inquired about Patricia Bragg's property.

Councilman Stephan Joseph said the man working there was very aggravated and said even though she owed them \$2100.00 they were walking away from the project.

F. Marina

Vice Mayor Sandi Puchalski stated that Mike Lewis is planning on taking care of the pressure tanks in October. She also reported that Town Clerk Charlie found the file regarding the dredge permit.

G. Tourism

Councilman Bob Bilicki said there is a glitch on the sign. One of the arrows is pointing in the wrong direction. It will be fixed.

Councilman Bob Bilicki said that Chris Wardius owes us a lease agreement.

We had agreed to rent for \$250.00 a month plus electric.

Councilman Bob Bilicki stated that he was working on T Shirts for the CBES tour. He said we are keeping it simple. Councilman Bilicki stated that we need to have a minimum order of 24.

He was looking at ordering long sleeved, short sleeve and self-wicking shirts.

The cost would run from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per shirt. The thought process was to not have a date or event listed on the shirt. His question to the council was do we order 25 or 50 shirts.

If they were generic Town Clerk recommended we could them at other events.

Councilman Stephane Joseph mentioned selling the extras at the General Store.

Town Clerk Charlie interjected they collect 30% of the sales amount. Tourist would like T-shirts.

Councilman Steven Joseph said Liz deals in events and selling shirts. He would ask her for her opinion.

Everyone liked the idea of a generic T shirt. Councilman Bob Bilicki stated he would get a feel as to how many they could leave at the store.

Councilman Bob Williams stated at the carnival they have sizes from small to 4X.

Councilman Bob Bilicki spoke about the Wachapreague Reunion that was on Facebook. He stated that it had been launched without approval by the Councilman Bob Bilicki or the fire company yet. He said that Sean and Him will ask the fire company for approval. All the proceeds will be going to the fire company.

Councilman Stephan Joseph spoke that he and Town Clerk Charlie thought about combining the crab cake cook and the reunion.

Councilman Bob Bilicki said he would see if that was a possibility. Councilman Bob Bilicki and Sean Fate will speak with Tommy Richardson.

Councilman Bob Bilicki said they need someone to be a committee chairman for the bird watching platform.

They had a meeting but no one has stepped up to do that.

H. Beautification

Councilman Margo had nothing new.

I. Safety and Security

Vice Mayor Sandi Puchalski said the sheriff's department will be sending marked and unmarked cars to drive through town.

Vice Mayor Sandie Puchalski said that she will also start a community watch and a community chat, which she will manage. The coast guard will also help. There was a robbery reported by Gregory Stratton on Custis and Finney. He put no trespassing signs on the home.

Vice Mayor Sandie Puchalski stated that there was another home where someone was banging on the doors late at night. Everyone was in agreement of having a community chat to keep an eye on the town.

Vice Mayor Sandie Puchalski said she spoke to the mother of the kids that were riding in the streets on their dirt bikes.

J Streets and Drainage

Councilman Bob Williams stated the documentation has been sent to Rob Duma. Waiting for whatever he finds and what our next steps will be to repair the main drain line. He also spoke about the possibility of a 3.5 million dollar flood mitigation grant.

Mayor Fred Janci said the Vodvarka is blaming the town for all the silt build up in their marina.

Councilman Bob Williams stated that Vodvarkas have FEMA violations and Board of Health violations.

K. Planning Commission

Councilman Margo Digan Last meeting they didn't have enough for a quorum.

L. Maintenance

Councilman Glen Schagelin said he had nothing to report.

Everything is going well with the guys.

M. Adjournment

Councilman Bob Bilicki motioned to Adjourn

Councilman Margo Digan 2nd the motion

All agreed.

MAYOR
010/13/2022

TOWN CLERK
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