

**TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 11, 2021**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Fred Janci, Mayor; Sandie Puchalski, Vice Mayor; Robert Williams;  
Robert Bilicki; Glenn Schagelin; Margo Digan; Stephen Joseph  
**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None  
**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 Thursday, March 11, 2021, in the Wachapreague Vol. Fire House in Wachapreague, VA.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Janci lead the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Prayer-** Opening Prayer by Councilman Glenn Schagelin
- IV. **Public Comments** – Mayor Janci welcomed everyone and opened the floor for Public Comments.
  - Councilman R. Bilicki spoken in regards to the “Pump and Haul” Permit requirements. An explanation of the HRSD (Hampton Roads Sewage District), VIMS and the Commerical District could work together to improve the Town of Wachapreague. By allowing a commercial “Pump and Haul” Permit to hold VIMS and other commercial businesses until HRSD can be constructed. He stated the proposed Pump and Haul Ordinance has been approved by councils on all sides to include: VDH, HRSD, Mr. Rowan (Wachapreague Council). VIMS will donate at least \$200,000 towards the development of the HRSD construction and will assistance with finding additional funds to help offset the costs to build this sewage line. He also went into details of the areas that will have access to the sewage line. The conversation continued to cover all areas of concern.
- V. **Council Meeting**

Mayor Janci asked if the minutes for February 11, 2021 were reviewed.  
A motion to accept minutes was made by Councilman G. Schagelin and seconded by Councilman VM Puchalski.  
A vote was taken and all approved.
- VI. **Review of Financial Report**

Mayor Janci asked if everyone had a chance to review the Town Financials for February 2021.

  - Mayor Janci reviewed Profit and Loss vs. Actual. He stated we are 66% through the fiscal year.
  - Clerk Wessells reported Treasurer Mary Jo stated we have a surplus of income of \$25,000 than expected. Decal sales will begin, which will be a large part of our yearly income.
  - Councilman R. Bilicki will contact USDA to find out the status of the refund for the feasibility study.
  - Mayor Janci noted the legal fees are up due to ordinance reviews.

- Councilman M. Digan questioned the other equipment under maintenance. It was noted as tires purchased.

A motion was made by Councilman G. Schagelin and seconded by VM Puchalski to accept the Town of Wachapreague Financials for March 2021. A vote was taken and all approved.

The Port of Wachapreague Financials for March 2021 were discussed.

- Mayor Janci stated we are 66% through the fiscal year. He also noted the marina is doing very well.

A motion was made by VM Puchalski and seconded by Councilman R. Williams to approve the financials. A vote was taken and all approved.

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

### ***A. Historic District***

Councilman R. Williams brought information from Jim Bell concerning the process. The paperwork presented was to say we would like more information on it. It will be up to the individual. Jim Bell is also willing to help find funding to help develop a Historic District in our town.

### ***B. HRSD***

It was discussed this would be the time to decide on the Pump and Haul Ordinance.

Councilman S. Joseph made a motion to approve the Pump and Haul Ordinance and

Councilman R. Williams seconded to approval. A roll call vote was taken with 5 yes and 1 abstain.

### ***C. Marina***

- VM Puchalski stated dock work is done. She stated patch will be ordered to fix the ramp. Wood has been ordered to fix floor of shed.
- VM Puchalski got the approval of the “No Wake” zone. She stated the signs will be up by the end of April.

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

- Councilman Councilman G. Schagelin stated sold the pickup for \$300.
- A motion to sell the pickup was made by Councilman G. Schagelin and second by Councilman R. Bilicki. A roll call vote was taken with 6 yes.
- Councilman M. Digan asked to have brush cleaned up behind sign at entrance of town. Councilman G. Schagelin will have guys take care of.
- VM Puchalski thanked the maintenance guys for the help at Powell Park.
- Councilman G. Schagelin requested to purchase a new weed eater for the guys. Councilman B. Bilicki asked if there was an issue with the one the town owned. It will be checked out.

### ***E. Powell Park***

- VM Puchalski reported a backhoe was rented to clean out the ditch. It was blocked and is now flowing. stated nothing new to report. She stated the maintenance crew help remove brush.
- VM Puchalski reported the doggie play area is being constructed. She is looking for benches and picnic table. Donates would be appreciated.
- It was discussed Willie Crockett’s memorial was April 21<sup>th</sup>.

### ***F. Seaside Park***

- Councilman M. Digan requested help with trimming around Bocci Court. She is unable to do it herself. Mayor Janci stated maintenance crew can do this. It is in their job description. Councilman G. Schagelin will have a talk with them.
- Mayor Janci will have his people do some trimming of the bushes.

**G. Town Beautification**

Nothing new to report.

**H. Tourism**

Councilman R. Bilicki asked about having an Easter Egg Hunt for the Town. It was not possible to host last year to the Covid. A discussion ensued. The Town Council decided to cancel for this year with hopes things will become safer next year.

**I. Derelict Properties**

Councilman R. Bilicki reported progress has been made on the Carr property. He also asked the status of the Barnes auction. It was reported nothing new has been reported.

**J. Safety and Security**

- Councilman R. Williams reported on problems with speeding.
  - Councilman M. Digan offered to pay 1 shift per week out of her pocket to pay for an off-duty officer from Accomack County Sherriff Office. reported 4 street lights have been replaced.
  - A discussion ensued about other offences.
  - The Council decided to bring ideas and suggested times to next month's meeting.

**K. Zoning Administrator's Report**

- Mayor Janci stated nothing new to report.

**L. Streets and Drainage**

- Councilman R. Williams discussed updates with street lights and VDOT issues.

**M. Floodplain Administrator/CRS Coordinator/ A-NPDC/RAFT**

- Councilman R. Williams reported attending a meeting for the ES Hazardous Mitigation with Shannon Alexander and Planning Commission.
- CRS has been submitted and will be organized for next evaluation.

**N. Planning Commission**

Councilman M. Digan updated the Planning Commission plans.

**P. CARE Grant**

- Clerk Wessells informed the council all the updates.

**VIII. New Business**

Chris Wardius reported on the Feasibility Study people coming to town and will be talking to citizens.

**IX. Announcements**

Nothing new to report.

**IX. Adjournment**

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

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MAYOR  
03/11/2021

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TOWN CLERK