

TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

April 08, 2021

COUNCIL PRESENT: Sandie Puchalski, Vice Mayor; Robert Williams;
Robert Bilicki; Glenn Schagelin; Stephen Joseph, Margo Digan
COUNCIL ABSENT: Fred Janci, Mayor
TOWN CLERK: Charlie Gibble

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

- I. **Call to Order** – Sandie Puchalski, Vice Mayor called to order the Town Council Meeting at 7:10. PM. on Thursday, April 8, 2021, in the Wachapreague Vol. Fire House in Wachapreague, VA.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Vice Mayor Sandie Puchalski led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Opening Prayer**- Councilman Glen Schagelin led the meeting in prayer.
- IV. **Public Comments** –
- V. **Council Meeting**
Vice Mayor Sandie Puchalski asked if the minutes for March 11, 2021 were reviewed.
 - A motion to accept minutes by Bob Williams.
Motion to 2nd by Glen Schagelin
A vote was taken and all approved.
- VI. **Review of Financial Report**
 - Vice Mayor Sandie Puchalski reported that we would review the Town of Wachapreague’s financials at the next meeting since they were not available.

Vice Mayor Puchalski asked if everyone had a chance to review the Port Financials for March 2021.

 - VM Sandie Puchalski stated that Scott Banning and Kevin Darling were off the list.
 - VM Puchalski stated the Marina is doing very well. She has an extensive waiting list. June 1st is the end date for slip rental payment.
 - Councilman Bob Bilicki made a motion to accept March 2021 Port Financials and Councilman Margo Digan seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.
- VII. **Unfinished Business**
 - A. **Historic District**
 - Councilman Stephan Joseph announced *they are reopening the Historic District application by looking at the homes and taking pictures to see if they are still the same and qualify.*

B. HRSD

- *Councilman Bob Bilicki stated since it has been approved according to March's Town Hall Minutes the town will apply for a permit under Mayor Fred Janci for the pumping hall. Once it is approved other applicants will be able to apply. Councilman Bob Bilicki said our 2nd Thursday Meeting in May we might be ready to set a date and time for a public meeting with a two week notice. This meeting will be held at VIMS Seaside Hall*

C. Marina

- VM Puchalski reported Scott Banning & Kevin Darling are off the list and there is a waiting list of people for Dock slips.
- VM Puchalski announced one "NO Wake" sign has been replaced along Whileaway Dock.
- VM Sandie Puchalski said they will have a work crew to help clean up marina, fix rotting boards in shed, and paint curbs yellow where needed.
- Councilman Bob Bilicki said there are some curbs painted yellow by VIMs that should not be. Councilman Glen Schagelin recommended having them painted grey. Councilman B. Bilicki said he would have VIMS take care of outside of VIMS only.

D. Town Maintenance/Garbage (Repairs)

- Councilman Glen Schagelin stated that they have purchased a new commercial grade weed wacker with a 2-year warranty.

E. Powell Park

- Vice Mayor Puchalski commented that the new Dog Park has been completed. Councilman Bob Williams thanked Sandy and Richie Puchalski for all the time and effort they put into getting the park completed.

F. Seaside Park

- Councilman M. Digan said mulch is being delivered. Councilman Margo Digan asked Councilman Glen Schagelin if the maintenance crew would prune back around the Bocce Court.

G. Town Beautification

- Councilman M. Digan asked Councilman Glen Schagelin if the concrete table near Town Hall could be painted. Councilman G. Schagelin said it would need to be sand blasted first and then stained. Councilman Bob Williams suggested power washing. Councilman Glen Schagelin stated the paint is stuck too hard in places to power wash. Councilman Glen Schagelin recommend OBS Hardware to rent a sand blaster and to use sand called Black Beauty. Vice Mayor Puchalski said she would look into that.

H. Tourism

- Councilman B. Bilicki stated that he was involved in 2 ½ days of meetings with a hotel consultant 2 weeks ago.
- They anticipate a report back in 4 weeks. This was work done for a grant that the town Paid \$2500 .00.

- Vice Mayor Puchalski ask TC Charlie Gobble about a Chamber of Commerce event to be held at Seaside Park. Town Clerk Charlie responded it was on the calendar near the beginning of September.
- Councilman Glen Schagelin recommended we look into adding Frisbee Golf to one of our Parks. He will look into it.
- Town Clerk Charlie asked about adding a Little Library, or bring a book take a book scenario to the yard at Town Hall. Councilman Bob Williams said his club is looking into putting kiosks around the shore for children. His club thought they could get books donated from children involved in the Dolly Parton book program. Council liked the idea.
- Flounder Tournament ran from April 23th to May 2nd.

I. *Derelict Properties*

- Councilman Bob Bilicki reported that John Carr is removing piece by piece one of the properties on the list.
- Vice Mayor Sandie Puchalski announced former residence of Ray Dean Lipsomb-6 Church St house has sold. David Moon purchased home. VM Sandie Puchalski David Moon and Wayne will present their plans to Mayor Fred Janci.
- Councilman Margo Digan commented that it appeared they were trying to clean up the campground. Vice Mayor Puchalski commented that May and Keith are working on it. They are planning on just renting the space for a boat trailer.
- Councilman B. Bilicki stated he learned from the Dept. Of Health that the drain field has been compromised at the campground. There is a trailer currently sitting on the drain field. Councilman Bob Bilicki suggested we need to be clear with Joe that you cannot crush the drain field and the drain field is located in a flood plain. VM Sandie Puchalski said she would talk to May and Keith. Councilman Stephen Joseph stated the trailers must be moved every 180 days. Councilman Bob Bilicki stated the trailers at the campground must be moveable and moved every 180 days. He stated that there is one trailer there that is unmovable.

J. *Safety and Security*

- Councilman R. Williams read the VDOT resolution regarding a solar radar sign to be installed in front of Pat Hart's Antique Store, 42 Main St. facing traffic heading east. (See attached copy of VDOT resolution.)
- Councilman Bob Williams stated the cost of the sign is \$4550.00. There is a \$3500.00 donation for the sign. We need an additional \$1050.00.
- Councilman Bob Bilicki suggested that the money still needed for the sign be taken out of the tourism account. Tourism has put a hold on spending.
- Councilman Bob Williams made a motion to approve the sign as described in the resolution. Councilman Glen Schagelin seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Councilman Bob Williams said we will not pay for the sign until it has been approved by Suffolk's traffic Dept.
- Councilman Bob Bilicki wants to know what concrete trucks are speeding through town. He will bring it up at VIMS safety meeting and report to sheriff.

K. *Zoning Administrator's Report*

- Mayor Janci was absent. Nothing to report.

L. Streets and Drainage

- Councilman R. Williams requested that the maintenance men clean up the ditches in town. Councilman Glen Schagelin said he will tell the maintenance guys on Monday,
- Councilman Margo Digan reported there is a deep pot hole in front of Joe's house. She stated there is flooding at that location often.
- Councilman Bob Williams has been trying to work on getting a culvert in that area to end flooding. He will take pictures and try to get the pot hole fixed.
- Councilman Bob Bilicki reported that there is a curb stop for wheels in the firehouse parking lot that has rebar exposed. He is concerned that someone could get a flat tire if they would pull to close to the bumper. Councilman Bob Bilicki stated that needs to be corrected. Councilman Glen Schagelin said he will look into it.

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

- Councilman R. Williams reported he is working with RAFT. He said they are coming up with lots of ideas but no expenses have been mentioned. Councilman Bob Williams said he would like to see flood gates on the out walls and the main drain line and wooden boxes replaced.
- Councilman Stephen Joseph inquired if anything is happening with emergency headquarters. (EOC) Councilman Bob Williams said it is on the list as well as a cell tower. Councilman Glen Schagelin said he has spoken with someone who said we may be able to work with Homeland security regarding a cell tower. Councilman Stephen Joseph said contacting the media might be a way to get a push for a cell phone tower. Let the media know our 911 number doesn't always go through due to lack of a signal

N. Planning Commission

Councilman M. Digan said they had a meeting March 23rd. They pulled together to come up with a plan. They are still working on it.

O. CARE Grant

- Councilman Bob Bilicki stated he was invited to attend a meeting with Congress Woman Elaine Luria on Tuesday.
- He was there to stress the importance of HRSD and Sewer coming to our commercial neighborhood and commercial waterfront. One of the 8 projects that Congress woman Luria is in support of funding is the HRSD Four Accomac County and North Hampton.
- Councilman B. Bilicki is asking for 2 grants. One is a federal grant for \$800,000 and the other is an EDA grant for \$1,000,000. Councilman Bob Bilicki stated we probably won't get everything we ask for but we are in the lime light.

VIII. Q. New Business

Election Changes

- Councilman Bob Williams suggested we move our election to November 2022 instead of May do to the changes the Virginia governor has made. He says this will save money for our town.
- Councilman Bob Williams made a motion to change our election date from May 2022 to November 2022 to comply with elections established by the Virginia Governor.
- Councilmen Margo Digan 2nd.
- Everyone was in favor

- Councilman Bob Williams asked if we were planning a July 4th picnic.
- Council decided to leave this decision for next meeting.
- Council decided to hold off on Ordinance meetings until the Budget is finished.

- Budget Meeting was scheduled for April 29th
- Councilman Bob Bilicki stated that his family will be planting a Redbud tree in Seaside Park in memory of his mother

IX. Adjournment

Vice Major Sandy motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Councilman Margo Digan seconded.

Motioned Carried

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK

5/13/2021