

TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE BUDGET AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

September 10, 2021

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

TOWN CLERK: Charlie Gibble

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Sandie Puchalski

I. Town Council Meeting

Meeting began at 7:00 PM

Councilman Glen Schagelin said the prayer.
Pledge of Allegiance

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- **I Public Comments** – Mayor Janci welcomed everyone and opened the floor for Public Comments. Aileen Joeckel said she had not received a letter reinstating her to the Zoning board. Town Clerk Charlie Gibble informed Aileen it had been emailed to her the night before.

II. Town Council Meeting

- Mayor Janci asked for approval of the August minutes. Minutes were reviewed. Councilman Glenn Schagelin motioned to approve, Councilman Bob Williams second the motion. Most agreed. Councilman Bob Bilicki abstained

VI. Review of Financial Report

- Mayor Janci asked if everyone had a chance to review the Town Financials for August 2021. Mayor Fred Janci asked if the Town Financials was included in the budget. Councilman Bob Williams said yes.

Councilman Bob Williams made a motion to accept financials and Councilman Stephen Joseph 2nd the motion. A vote was taken and all agreed.

- Mayor Janci asked if everyone had a chance to review the Port Financials for August 2021. Council man Glen Schagelin motioned to approve the budget. Council man Steve Joseph 2nd the motion, all agreed.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. HRSD

- Councilman Bob Bilicki stated that 75% HRSD Draft was emailed to the council members, Draft was handed to council members. He stated Rob Duma had it listed as 75% because he was waiting for HRSD to review and receive their opinion.

B. Marina

- Fred stated everything was ok.

C. Town Maintenance/Garbage (Repairs)

- Councilman Glen Schagelin said everything is ok.
- Councilman Glen Schagelin asked if any of the \$89,000 grant money could be used toward a new garbage truck.
Councilman Bob Williams said no.
Councilman Bob Williams said we may put the grant money into an interest-bearing account if the money is earmarked for a project.
Councilman Bob Williams stated we can incorporate the ARPA Grant and use it for matching funds for other grants. He stated for what we are planning to use it must be reported by the end of October.
Councilman Bob Bilicki suggested another set of eyes to look over grant. He suggested Elaine Mein or someone from Elaine Luria's office.
Bob Williams stated that we, the council, are responsible for reporting how the money will be used.

D. Powell Park

- *Mayor Fred Janci stated that a man came to town hall to inquire about an easement that runs through Powel Park.*
- Councilman Bob Williams stated that according to Pat Harta a piece of ground was sold to Verizon. He reported that the easement was for their use.

E. Seaside Park

- Councilman Margo Digan spoke about the upcoming 911 event that Councilman Glen Schagelin and she put together. This event was to take place September 11.
- Councilman Stephen Joseph stated that Lucky Levin will play Amazing Grace on the bagpipes for the ceremony.

F. Town Beautification

- Councilman Margo Digan said she had nothing new to report.

G. Tourism

- Councilman Bob Bilicki reported that He and Brian Collins were trying to plan an event at the Wachapreague Fire Company Carnival Grounds. When they spoke with the Wachapreague Fire Company, Bob and Brian were told they could use the grounds, but the fire company wasn't interested in opening the food stands. He stated that they would need to have the food stands open since there would be alcohol served at the event. The event will not be held at this time. They will try again next year.
- Councilman Bob Bilicki talked about hosting a kayak race in the future for a town event at Wachapreague.
- Councilman Margo requested two new flags for the bocce ball court. She passed pictures around of the flags. She stated the cost was \$300 a piece, \$600.00 total. She requested that money be taken out of the tourism budget. Council agreed to buy the flags with funds from tourism.
- Councilman Margo Digan expressed her frustration regarding the bocce court not being maintained.
Councilman Bob Bilicki he is imbedding a 2x4 and painting it yellow for use as a border at the Bocce Ball court. He stated this will make it easier for the maintenance guys to get into the court to mow, and this will be easier than maneuvering around a string that was in place there now.
Mayor Fred Janci stated the Bocce Courts need to be mowed weekly.
- Councilman Glen Schagelin said he will take full responsibility for the lack of care at the court and will talk to the maintenance guys regarding this.

H. Derelict Properties

- Councilman Bob Bilicki spoke about the properties not being mowed on 6 High St, Richardson, and Switch Bridge Rd.
- Mayor Fred Janci said to send a letter charging \$100.00 per lot and state in the letter that they need to mow the lawn within a certain time. If the grass mowing isn't taken care of, the town will continue to mow the grass at a fee of 100.00 per lot without further notifications. The fees will become a lien on their property.
- Councilman Bob Bilicki asked about Lilliston's box truck and the parking situation.
- Mayor Fred Janci said to send a letter regarding the truck being improperly registered and to move the truck off the road. He said to inform Lilliston if this is isn't done the local sheriff's office will be notified.

I. Safety and Security

- Councilman Bob Williams stated he is waiting for all the parts of the solar radar sign to be delivered.

- Councilman Bob Bilicki proposed to have three stop signs and to paint a white stop bar at each of the entrances coming into town.
- Council liked the idea. Councilman Bob Williams said it is a lot of work getting VDOT to approve. He said we need to draft a resolution and submit it to Chris at VDOT. Councilman Bob Williams talked about all the steps that the town will need to take in order to get the signs and stop bars painted. Williams also stated that he will take care of the resolution and go through the process needed to see if the town is able to get the stop signs and the painted stop bars.
- Mayor Fred Janci inquired about the construction trucks parked on Brooklyn Ave. Councilman Bob Bilicki stated the he will instruct the drivers to park their trucks inside the construction site.
- Councilman Bob Bilicki reported that Pat Briggs had questioned Mayor Sandy Puchalski, and the construction supervisor about three situations regarding construction at VIM,:1. Dirt on the road, 2. silt fence and 3. the fuel tank. Bob stated that: 1. the dirt on the road is maintained on a weekly basis, 2. the silt fence is inspected every 14 days by an erosion field inspector, and 3. the fuel tank is double lined and does not need a reservoir.
- Councilman Margo Digan asked if we could use funds from the spoil site reserves for the radar solar sign. Mayor Janci said no. We need to keep this money in reserves for site maintenance. He stated it has been dredged twice since he has been mayor.
- Councilman Bob Bilicki inquired where we were regarding the lawsuit concerning the spoil site. Mayor Fred Janci said the attorneys are talking about this, but keep missing each other. Mayor Fred Janci reported one attorney said, “we stand behind our measurements.”

J. Zoning Administrator’s Report

- Mayor Janci stated he has a couple of applications he was working on.
- Councilman Bob Bilicki stated he would like to enlarge the transient zone. He distributed a letter regarding zoning to the council members.

K. Streets and Drainage

- Council manBob Williams said he had nothing to report.

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

- Councilman R. Williams stated he had 250 pamphlets regarding Hurricanes and flooding delivered to town hall. These will be distributed when the tags are purchased. The town will make this an annual event.

M. Planning Commission

- Councilman M. Digan stated the committee is having problems with attendance and inquired as to how many meetings can you miss before a committee member is removed from council. Mayor Fred Janci said three times and you are off the committee.
- Councilman Bob Bilicki inquired about the town website.
- Councilman Digan stated the membership has not been updated.
- Town Clerk Charlie stated that she had no training on the website. She has taught herself how to advertise events and upload the minutes.

N. Historic District

- Jim Bell is waiting for the state to assign a company to aid in this project. He should know more the first week in October.

O. Grants

- Councilman Glen Schagelin asked if we could use any of the grant money towards a new garbage truck. The response was no.
- Mayor Fred Janci inquired as to what was left in the CARES Grant. Town Clerk Charlie stated that there is \$3778.00 left and it must be used by the end of the calendar year or we lose it. Mayor Janci suggested we put it toward the rental of the fire hall for meetings. The town currently pays \$300.00 per use. He stated that we are currently are using the fire hall three times a month which would equal \$900.00 a month.
- Town Clerk Charlie stated that the ARPA Grant in the amount of \$89,000 and some cents needs to have a report submitted by the end of October. We need to make a decision about using these funds.

XII. New Business

- Councilman Bob Bilicki stated that he was informed by someone from Onancock that our marina was not compliant. He said that we do not have enough life rings with ropes or ladders for use in case someone would fall into the water.
- Councilman Bob Bilicki asked if we could change format to read Community Reports instead of New Business. He feels like there are items not being addressed. Council Margo Digan asked who was going to track that. Town Clerk Charlie suggested that whoever is in charge of something they want added under Community reports to email the information to her in order to have it included in the meeting agenda.
- Councilman Bob Bilicki spoke about the sign that needs repaired on Rt. 180. He stated that Eastern Shore will repair the sign. The other company he contacted will not.
- Mayor Fred Janci spoke about the basketball court. He stated he gets many complaints about people using the court and not following the rules.
- He stated that they will not do anything or take any votes regarding basketball without Vice Mayor Sandie Pucalski present at the meeting.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilman Stephen Joseph and seconded by Councilman Glen Schagelin. All approved.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK

6/10/2021

