

**TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
December 12, 2019**

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

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

- I. **Call to Order** – Mayor Fred Janci called to Order the Town Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2019, in the Wachapreague Town Hall.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Mayor Janci lead the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Public Comments** – Mayor Janci welcomed everyone and opened the floor for Public Comments.
 - R. Puchalski spoke on the issue with gun control and asked the Town Council to make the Town of Wachapreague 2nd Amendment Sanctuary. A petition of the citizens (full-time, part-time, work and business owners) have signed in support of their rights. Many residents attended the meeting in support of requesting a resolution to protect the right of gun owners. R. Puchalski suggested a similar resolution to Exmore and Northampton County, Virginia. Mayor Janci stated the Constitution protects our right to bear arms. A discussion ensued concerning the bill currently being considered in the State of Virginia. A discussion of the legal responsibilities of the Town ensued. Justin Paul stated this resolution would send a message to the higher powers of government supporting the citizen’s right to purchase and possess firearms. E. Walraven stated the council was elected to be the voice of the residents they represent and the citizens have spoken to the support of this matter.
 - ❖ P. Peyton made a motion to adopt the proposed resolution to support the 2nd Amendment rights to purchase and possess guns for law abiding citizens of the Town of Wachapreague according to the State of Virginia and the United States Constitution. R. Williams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with 6 yes and 1 abstain.
 - R. Bilicki presented a preview of the video ad produced by Mermaid Media Bay Productions. R. Bilicki asked for feedback on the presentation and suggestions for improvements. He was thanked for all his hard work with tourism. This ad would promote tourism through Facebook, town’s website, Virginia Tourism Commission and any other avenue to encourage tourism to Wachapreague. The ad was viewed and recommendations were made. R. Bilicki will forward the suggestions to Jim Baugh.
 - R. Bilicki stated an application to the International Dark Sky Association has been filed. Wachapreague is being evaluated as a Class 1 on the Bortles Scale as a star gazing spot.
 - B. Johnson with Island House Restaurant suggested updating the Painter sign due to the deterioration of the picture.

IV. Council Meeting

Mayor Janci asked if everyone has reviewed the minutes from November 14, 2019 meeting.

- R. Bilicki questioned the bocce court location on the agenda and suggested to move this item to Seaside Park. All agreed.
- A motion was made by VM Puchalski and seconded by R. Williams. A vote was taken and all approved.

V. Review of Financial Report

Mayor Janci reviewed the financials with the Town Council.

Town Of Wachapreague-

The Council has reviewed the financials previously by email. There were no questions or concerns. A motion was made by R. Bilicki and seconded by R. Williams to accept the Town of Wachapreague financials as presented. A vote was taken and all approved.

Port of Wachapreague-

The Council has reviewed the financials previously by email. There were no questions or concerns. A motion was made by R. Bilicki and seconded by R. Williams to accept the Port of Wachapreague financials as presented. A vote was taken and all approved.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. HRSD

- Mayor Janci stated the resolution approved last month to join the district has been forwarded to Accomack County.
- P. Peyton questioned the next steps. Mayor Janci stated they will need to go through the courts for approval. The affected businesses need to be contacted to express their opinions. B. Johnson was asked his opinion and he was in favor of the expansion.
- C. Wardius of the Wachapreague Inn stated a meeting was planned with the grant writers with ANPD concerning the feasibility study for the upgrade of the Wachapreague Inn. The grant will be finished mid-January and submitted next session in February. R. Williams discussed the proposal to hire an engineering firm to evaluate the main drain line for the town. This will be included in the study.

B. Marina

- VM Puchalski reported everything is on schedule. The spoil site work and dock work has been completed.
- VM Puchalski stated sounding will need to be done and then get ready for the dredging sometime between February and March. Letters will be sent out in the next couple weeks.

C. Town Maintenance/Garbage (Repairs)

- D. Gouak stated 2 new tires have been purchased and installed on the trash truck. The cost was \$300 and they were retreads.
- D. Gouak discussed the progress on the new dump truck. He stated the process took a little more time to get prepared.
- D. Gouak reported the maintenance crew has started working on the drainage ditches.
- Mayor Janci suggested getting the decal for the doors with "Little City by the Sea" "Town of Wachapreague." VM Puchalski will look into this and present prices at the next meeting.

D. Powell Park

- VM Puchalski reported nothing new to discuss.
- R. Williams stated the 3rd layer of seed has been put down and grass is coming up. The Council thanked R. Williams for all his work.

E. Seaside Park

- R. Williams reported on the issue of the powerline being damaged during the Chamber of Commerce Surf and Turf event. It appeared that a tent stake pierced the electric line and broke connection. Big Wood Electric was contacted and was able to get partial service. The Chamber will repair if the damage was due to the event. A suggestion to mark the line was discussed.
- R. Williams made a motion to have Big Woods repair the line and forward the bill to Robie at the Chamber of Commerce. R. Bilicki seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.
- Mayor Janci suggested making a notation on the permit and diagram of the buried line for future events.
- The Council discussed installing a bocce court near Atlantic Avenue, SE corner near driveway. The location was discussed. The Council decided to put the item on next month's agenda and reevaluate the location.

F. Town Beautification

- K. Bilicki thanked Margo Digan for decorating the Welcome sign. K. Bilicki purchased lights for the sign and requested reimbursement for the batteries.

G. Tourism

- R. Bilicki reported a meeting was scheduled for tomorrow and will report next month.

H. Derelict Properties

- Nothing to report.

I. Safety and Security

- R. Williams stated a concern of a fox near South & Bayview. It was suggested to contact animal control when seen.
- R. Williams was notified of a signs that need replacing.

J. Zoning Administrator's Report

- Mayor Janci reported receiving a couple inquires. Nothing new to report.

K. Streets and Drainage

- R. Williams thanked J.D. and John on the work done cleaning drainage ditches.
- R. Williams presented a quote to purchase a leaf vacuum and extra-long hose. The machine is currently on sale and the total cost would be \$2500. He explained the machine and functions to the council and asked to have the money taken from the reserve.
- A motion was made by R. Williams to purchase the leaf vacuum for \$2500 and K. Bilicki seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with 6 yes and 1 abstain. Motion passed.
- R. Williams reported on bricks thrown into the south drainage ditch and cause issues. It was suggested to place signs up to give incentives to reduce flood insurance.
- R. Williams stated the next ditches to be cleaned is on Lee Street.

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

- R. Williams stated everything has been discussed.

M. Planning Commission

- K. Bilicki stated A. Joeckel has not been available for meetings due to family issues. She will contact others on the commission to head the commission temporarily.
- Mayor Janci requested the commission's input on the HRSD.
- Mayor Janci also stated a new 5 year plan for the town is due and needs to be prepared.
- Clerk Wessells was asked to prepare a list of committees with names, emails and expirations. It was requested to also include responsibilities.

N. Legal

- Nothing new to report.

VII. New Business

- R. Bilicki presented an update to the zoning map for the Town of Wachapreague. The purpose is to define areas within the town. After a discussion of the idea, it was decided to move this item to next month's agenda then forward to the town's attorney.

VIII. Adjournment

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

MAYOR
12/12/19

TOWN CLERK

MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE
 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS TO PURCHASE AND POSSESS GUN
 FOR LAW ABIDING CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE
 ACCORDING TO THE STATE OF VIRGINIA AND
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Pursuant to motion made by **Councilman, P. Peyton**, and seconded by **Councilman, R. Williams**, for a Motion to adopt a motion to approve a resolution to support the 2nd Amendment rights to purchase and possess guns for law abiding citizens of the Town of Wachapreague in accordance to the State of Virginia and the United States Constitution.

| Name of Official | For | Against | Abstaining | Absent |
|---|-----|---------|------------|--------|
| VM Sandi Puchalski | X | | | |
| K. Bilicki | X | | | |
| P. Peyton | X | | | |
| D. Gouak | X | | | |
| Robert Williams | X | | | |
| Robert Bilicki | X | | | |
| Mayor Fred Janci (voting only in case of tie) | | | X | |
| Vote Totals | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Duly recorded this _____ day of DECEMBER 2019.

Town Clerk

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A DR LEAF VACUUM AND EXTRA-LONG HOSE FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$2500. THE MONEY WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE STREETS AND DRAINAGE RESERVE.

Pursuant to motion made by **Councilman, R. Williams**, and seconded by **Councilman, K. Bilicki**, for a Motion to approve RP Marine Service to repair the observation box, deck and walkway at the Wachapreague dredging spoil site.

| Name of Official | For | Against | Abstaining | Absent |
|--|-----|---------|------------|--------|
| VM Sandi Puchalski | X | | | |
| K. Bilicki | X | | | |
| P. Peyton | X | | | |
| D. Gouak | X | | | |
| Robert Williams | X | | | |
| Robert Bilicki | X | | | |
| Mayor Fred Janci (voting only in case of tie) | | | X | |
| Vote Totals | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

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