

**TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 14, 2020**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Fred Janci, Mayor; Sandie Puchalski, Vice Mayor; Robert Williams;
Robert Bilicki; David Goauk
COUNCIL ABSENT: Peter Peyton; Katherine Bilicki
TOWN CLERK: Missy Wallace-Wessells

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

- I. **Call to Order** – Fred Janci, Mayor called to Order the Town Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2020, in the VIMS Seaside Hall in Wachapreague.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Fred Janci, Mayor lead the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Public Comments** – Fred Janci, Mayor welcomed everyone and opened the floor for Public Comments. There was nothing to speak on tonight.
- IV. **Council Meeting**
 - Fred Janci, Mayor asked if everyone has reviewed the minutes from May 14, 2020 meeting. D. Gouak made a motion to accept the minutes and VM Puchalski seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.
 - Clerk Wessells addressed the issue of when minutes were to be sent for review. Everyone was okay with how things are currently done.
- V. **Review of Financial Report**

Mayor Janci stated the budget was at 85% through the year. Mayor Janci reviewed the finances with the Council. The Town Profit/Loss vs Budget was discussed.

 - Clerk Wessells stated the outstanding balances have been updated after the financials were printed.
 - Clerk Wessells also reported 36 household and approximately 60 vehicles are still in need of decals or tags. She stated this does not include trailers or golf carts. A discussion ensued concerning inspections and decals for golf carts. Council will try to remind everyone.
 - A motion was made by R. Williams to accept the Town Financials for March 2020 and seconded by VM Puchalski. A vote was taken and all approved.

The Port of Wachapreague Profit/Loss vs Budget was discussed.

 - VM Puchalski stated some outstanding balances have been paid. She will make contact with anyone with an outstanding balance.
 - A motion was made by R. Bilicki to accept the Port Financials for March 2020 and VM Puchalski seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. HRSD

- R. Bilicki reported on drain fields being installed with pump stations on Brooklyn Avenue for VIMS. These have been approved. He explained VIMS is interested in the HRSD along Atlantic Avenue if approved.
- J. Sherman asked about how HRSD would work with the proposed Rails to Trails along Lankford Highway. According to A. Joeckel, information from tourism commission is there will not be an issue with the HRSD and Rails to Trails project. More information will be gathered.

B. Marina

- VM Puchalski reported VPA request has been submitted and decision is expected in May.
- VM Puchalski stated if not approved, the Port will have to prioritize work needing to be completed.
- VM Puchalski discussed an issue with use of restrooms during winter months. She stated the restrooms are not heated and must be winterized. Wachapreague Marina is a seasonal facility and is exempt from certain requirements. She contacted other marinas to compare leases. A discussion ensued concerning pros and cons concerning making it an annual facility. It was agreed to remain a seasonal facility.
- Mayor Janci discussed increasing slip rates to be comparable with Island House. VM Puchalski stated we receive grants and they don't. It was agreed to remain as is.
- A discussion concerning channel dredging ensued. VM Puchalski explained the plans and timeline for project.
- R. Bilicki suggested having spoil core samples tested with the possibility of selling materials to use as fillers on properties.
- A discussion ensued concerning the process of Parker railway and the deterioration of the building. The owner will be contacted for update.

C. Town Maintenance/Garbage (Repairs)

- D. Gouak reported the garbage truck has been repaired. The cost was \$525 due to the area was worse than expected. The bottom was leaking garbage along route. Johnson's Welding rebuilt the bottom with metal. A roll call vote was requested to pay this bill. A motion was made by VM Puchalski and seconded by R. Bilicki. A roll call vote was taken with 4 yes, 1 absent and 1 abstain.
- VM Puchalski will called and scheduled inspection on garbage truck.
- D. Gouak discussed the tires on the garbage truck. It was suggested to change from split rim to regular. It will be discussed at a later date.
- Richie Puchalski was thanked for changing blades and oil on mowers.

D. Powell Park

- VM Puchalski stated nothing to report.
- It was discussed that a cleanup will be scheduled soon but USCG have been tied up due to Covid.
- R. Williams has sprayed playground and cemetery for weeds.
- The council was pleased to learn tennis court has been used for pickle ball.

E. Seaside Park

- Mayor Janci discussed weeding and cutting edges around park. The council will discuss this with the maintenance crew. The crew would use weed eaters not Roundup.
- The power line repair was discussed. Mike Lewis has offered to trench line for the town fee of cost. Clerk Wessells asked for assistance with contacting Big Woods for estimate request. R. Williams will make contact.

F. Town Beautification

- Nothing to present.

G. Tourism

- R. Bilicki stated E.S. Cruisers Car Show is scheduled for mid-July.
- A discussion concerning the cancelation of the annual carnival. Clerk Wessells reported Fire Company have discussed other fundraising events.
- R. Bilicki discussed Chamber of Commerce event Shore Surf and Turf invitations have been sent. Clerk Wessells requested permission to sell tickets from town hall. The event is set for September 2nd. They will be available to town citizens at membership prices.

H. Derelict Properties

- R. Bilicki discussed overgrown lawns around town. Property owners have complained about 2 properties. He arranged to have the properties cut. He understood this was not the correct procedure. It has been corrected. VM Puchalski suggested having a bulletin board in the town hall with updates on properties needing attention.
- R. Bilicki discussed notices sent to Joe Vodvarka concerning his property. He has requested removing derelict trailer. A certified letter will be sent.
- R. Bilicki discussed Barnes property. R. Bilicki received letter from property owner selling property across street with concerns. Clerk Wessells stated issues between VHD and Accomack County Zoning each stating unable to solve issue. R. Bilicki will make contact to remedy issue.
- R. Bilicki requested starting a running list of properties needing attention. They will include the following properties: Button (Powelton); Front Row (Atlantic); Riahi (Main); Berrends (Custis); Barnes (Church). A discussion of each property was discussed.
- A letter need to be issued to Vodvarka for trailer and boats; Dave Shields for vehicle not registered/inspected; Bragg property on Main Street for materials in yard.
- R. Bilicki reported the Hill house on Brooklyn Avenue will be moved to lot on Church Street.
- A discussion ensued concerning other properties that have been cleaned up around town by neighbors.

I. Safety and Security

- R. Williams reported on Covid cases on Eastern Shore. Only 1 case of Covid in the 23480 zip code.
- R. Williams discussed precautions must be used while voting.
- R. Williams also discussed the issue of speeding in town.
- A. Joeckel mentioned the ANPD Grants available to assist with Covid related expenses. It does not help with income lost. She stated to contact Jessica Steelman or Shannon Alexander.

J. Zoning Administrator's Report

- Mayor Janci discussed the VIMS maintenance building zoning request. Mayor Janci denied it due to the freeboard set for the town is currently 3 feet and the request is for 2 feet. The Board of Zoning Appeals members were to hear the request for variance. The meeting was scheduled for May 2, 2020 at 11 am at VIMS Seaside Hall but had to be rescheduled. Clerk Wessells made contact with town attorney with how to proceed. The BZA will proceed with the 4 members currently seated. A. Joeckel will contact the members and set up a date. The meeting will be advertised.

K. Streets and Drainage

- R. Williams stated VDOT will be replacing 2 culvert boxes. They will be on corner of High and South Street and near 10 Center Street. This will help with CRS.
- Clerk Wessells reported a request for ditch cleaning along Custis Street and Church Street intersection.

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

- Clerk Wessells will be doing verification for CRS.
- VM Puchalski discussed clearing the south ditch along Powell Park.

M. Planning Commission

- R. Bilicki discussed request for zoning changes.
- It was discussed the 5 year plan is overdue.
- A discussion ensued concerning zoning was discussed including fees and taxes. This will be discussed at a later date.

N. Legal

- Nothing new to report.

VII. New Business

- R. Bilicki discussed moving to Phase 1 even though Accomack County remained at Phase 0. A discussion ensued concerning pros and cons. VM Puchalski made a motion and R. Bilicki seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.
- R. Williams discussed starting a newsletter for the town's residents. He and wife Tomeka will take care of starting this.

VIII. Adjournment

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

MAYOR
05/14/2020

TOWN CLERK

A MOTION TO APPROVE REPAIRS TO GARBAGE TRUCK
IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$525** TO JOHNSON'S WELDING FOR
REPAIRS OF METAL BOTTOM.

Pursuant to motion made by **Councilman, VM Puchalski**, and seconded by **Councilman, R. Bilicki**, for a Motion to approve SPENDING \$525 TO REPAIR METAL PLATE ON BOTTOM OF GARBAGE TRUCK, and the Council having voted upon the motion, as recorded below, and approved at the Town Council Meeting of March 12, 2019.

Name of Official	For	Against	Abstaining	Absent
VM S. Puchalski	X			
Robert Williams	X			
Robert Bilicki	X			
Pete Peyton				X
Dave Gouak	X			
Kathy Bilicki				X
Mayor Fred Janci (voting only in case of tie)			X	
Vote Totals	4	0	1	2

Duly recorded this _____ day of May 14, 2020.

Town Clerk