

**TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
October 10, 2019**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Fred Janci, Mayor; Sandie Puchalski, Vice Mayor; Robert Bilicki; Robert Williams; Peter Peyton; David Goauk; Katherine 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, October 10, 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 opened the floor for Public Comments.
- Ann Swick spoke regarding the Bocce Ball court. She presented estimates on the construction cost and possible location. She presented pictures of layout ideas for the Council to visualize. Materials and ideas were discussed. A discussion ensued concerning the maintenance and the possibility of locating it at Powell Park. Mayor Janci asked this to be carried to the next meeting. K. Bilicki will address this with the Planning Commission.
 - Margo Digan requested permission to plant bulbs around town. It was suggested to plan some in the memorial garden and Wachapreague Sign. All agreed.
 - Randy Powell asked per the FOIA for the audio of last month’s meeting. Clerk Wessells was unable to provide that due to computer security. Mayor Janci stated R. Powell was welcome to come in and listen to the recording anytime during the office hours.
- IV. **Council Meeting**
- Mayor Janci asked if everyone has reviewed the minutes from September 12, 2019. A motion was made by D. Gouak to accept the minutes and seconded by K. Bilicki. A vote was taken and all approved.
- V. **Review of Financial Report**
- Mayor Janci reviewed the financials with the Town Council.
- **Incomplete Financials for FY 2018-2019** – Clerk Wessells explained the FY 2018-2019 explained the final per Treasurer Tatum. A motion was made by K. Bilicki and seconded by VM Puchalski to accept the Town’s End of Year. A vote was taken and all approved. A motion was made by P. Peyton and seconded by R. Williams to accept the Port End of Year. A vote was taken and all approved.
 - **Town Of Wachapreague-** Mayor Janci reviewed the financials for September. Mayor Janci stated the town is 25% through the year and everything is looking good. Mayor Janci noted some expenses that are slightly high. Clerk Wessells explained income and expenses will balance as the year continues due to the due dates. Mayor Janci asked for any questions or concerns. A motion was made by VM Puchalski and seconded by R. Williams to accept the financials for the Town. A vote was taken and all approved.

Port of Wachapreague-

Mayor Janci asked if there are any questions or concerns with the financials for the Port of Wachapreague. A motion was made by VM Puchalski and seconded by D. Gouak to accept the financials for the Port. A vote was taken and all approved.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Marina

- Vice Mayor Puchalski stated restrooms are closed for repairs. Seals have broken and will need replacing. She is waiting for an estimate from Mike Lewis.
- Wailer board is being replaced on the dock due to someone hitting the dock.
- The last unpaid tenant has been contacted for slip rental balance.
- Work has been started and 2/3 completed for the settling pond.

B. Town Maintenance/Garbage (Repairs)

- D. Gouak discussed moving the garbage pickup days for Christmas and New Year's will be on Thursday December 26th and January 2nd. It will be posted and advertised for the residents.
- The brush truck failed inspection. D. Gouak stated several things needed repairs. Colona's stated they are unable to repair.
 - D. Gouak provide another option for the replacement of the brush truck. One has been found and the asking price is \$10,500 and the old brush truck. VM Puchalski stated research has been done to add the dump body. The truck is a 2003 Ford 550 diesel. Other items were discussed that should be done to make ready for use. The total cost complete, ready to be used would not exceed \$14,000. The work can be done immediately when parts are delivered. A discussion ensued and the Council examined the vehicle. It was noted the history of this vehicle is noted and well maintained. It was discussed the current truck has been in service for over 30 years. It was also discussed the use if the garbage truck breaks for a temporary situation.
 - A motion was made by K. Bilicki and seconded by R. Williams to purchase the truck and all additional parts added not to exceed \$14,000. A Roll Call vote was taken with 6 yes and 1 abstain. This motion will amend the motion made last month to spend \$7,000.

C. Powell Park

- VM Puchalski stated October 24th at 9:00am the USCG have a flag football game. Everyone is invited.
- VM Puchalski stated the park is being used more and appreciates all the work everyone has put into it.

D. Town Beautification

- K. Bilicki stated a committee has been established. She will have a meeting by next month and will have some ideas for the holidays.
- R. Williams discussed the Town Sign needing work including the flower box. A discussion concerning possible ideas for improvement. Clerk Wessells stated Lydia Brooks was taking interest in the flower box but was unsure if she was still available for task. K. Bilicki will get in touch with her.

E. Streets and Drainage

- R. Williams stated a letter was issued to Supervisor Donald Hart for assistance in the ditch clearing. Locations for attention were discussed. Another letter will be sent to Fred for review.

F. Safety and Security

- R. Williams asked to post flyers for Halloween and to ask for deputy presence on that night. Clerk Wessells stated notices have been posted in PO and ES Post.
- R. Williams presented a solar power radar speed sign. The cost was \$4,500 which included mounting on trailer to make mobile. A discussion ensued and topic will be continued until next month.
- It was discussed a street sign installed that was incorrect. It is located on Brooklyn Avenue but states Brooklyn Street. R. Williams will contact the county to correct this matter.

G. Derelict Properties

- The “Barnes” property was discussed and owner is moving forward to transfer ownership.
- The “Button” property was discussed and Clerk Wessells will send another letter concerning the overgrowth of property.
- R. Bilicki stated Jessie Vodvarka has made progress on landscaping of the property. He would like to contact the owners to discuss other items.
- R. Williams stated a concern of old fuel tanks near water. This will be looked into also.

H. Tourism

- R. Bilicki reported on the 9th Annual Crab Cake Cook off. He hopes to make it commercial next year. Overall the event went very well. This cover dish event has spread to neighboring towns. He is also working with Blake Johnson on rules and regulations for the commercial event.
- R. Williams stated a Christmas Committee has been established. The Santa Coming to Town will be held the 1st Saturday in December.
- R. Bilicki discussed the HRSD pipeline and the offering to pay for the installation of the first 3 miles down Wachapreague Road. He made note the remaining distance is 4.3 miles to Main Street and Atlantic Avenue and 4.7 miles to VIMS.
- Clerk Wessells was asked to post on Facebook the next forum will be October 24th at ESCC from 5-7pm.
- Mayor Janci stated the Council needs to advise HRSD of the direction the Town of Wachapreague wants to proceed. This will be done during a public hearing when the time comes. Currently the Council is discussing with the town’s attorney the option to agree to proceed with the idea but in no way agree to participate in the project until a public hearing is conducted to allow the residents the chance to discuss the project. Currently, the only options are for the commercial district to connect and pay all expenses associated with this improvement. The residential homes will not be affected by the project.
- R. Bilicki stated a trip has been rescheduled again for the Paramore Island trip. It was discussed if this trip must be cancelled, maybe have a drone recording of the area.
- R. Bilicki reported on Jim Baugh’s filming. The final shoot will be during the bike event.

I. Zoning Administrator’s Report

- Mayor Janci stated nothing new to report.

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

- R. Williams stated nothing new to report.
- P. Peyton stated being contacted by Shannon Alexander about Risk Mitigation. He is interested in attending classes and online training to learn more about this job. R. Williams appreciated the help with taking over this duty. Mayor Janci stated training improves the Town’s CRS Certification which lowers the flood insurance premiums.

K. Planning Commission

- K. Bilicki stated a meeting was not had this month. A meeting will be scheduled before next month.

M. Seaside Park

- Mayor Janci had nothing new to report.
- D. Gouak asked about the purpose of this park. He asked if it was a memorial park. VM Puchalski stated when this was purchased by the town, it was agreed with Nature Conservancy that no permanent structures would be constructed on this property. It was to be used for the public to enjoy, weddings, outings, etc.

N. Legal

- Nothing new to report.

VII. New Business

- Nothing new to report.

VIII. Announcements

- Nothing new to report

IX. Adjournment

- Motion was made by VM Puchalski and seconded by P. Peyton to adjourn. All approved.

MAYOR
10/10/19

TOWN CLERK

MOTION TO PURCHASE THE 2003 FORD F550 TO REPLACE THE CURRENT BRUSH TRUCK FOR A TOTAL OF \$10,500 AND OLD TRUCK. ALSO TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL ALL IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED TO MAKE NEW TRUCK READY FOR USE AS A DUMP BRUSH TRUCK NOT TO EXCEED \$14,000. (Improvements to include: steps, dump kit, batteries and other parts needed to make road ready).

Pursuant to motion made by **Councilman, K. BILICKI**, and seconded by **Councilman, R. WILLIAMS**, for a Motion to approve spending up to \$14,000 for the purchase and replacement of the current brush truck. The Town Council of Wachapreague voted upon the motion, as recorded below, and approved at the Town Council Meeting of OCTOBER 10, 2019.

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 OCTOBER 2019.

Town Clerk