

TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2015

COUNCIL PRESENT: Fred Janci, Mayor, Bonnie Munn, Vice Mayor, Stuart Bell, Aileen Joeckel, John Joeckel and Jeanette Sturgis
ABSENT: Susie Atkinson
TOWN CLERK: Lynn Weeks

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

I. Call to Order – Mayor Janci called to Order the Town Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on December 8, 2015 in the Wachapreague Town hall.

II. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Janci lead the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Comments – Mimi Sedjat inquired into any discussions Sheriff Godwin had at our last meeting and was informed that meeting was cancelled due to no quorum. The Sheriff is to be rescheduled at a later date.

Ms. Sedjat asked if the Town of Wachapreague had a weather station as Channel 13 News reports the Wachapreague weather. She questioned whether the news station could put up a camera that would show the Town of Wachapreague while reporting our weather. To be addressed at a later date.

IV. Approval of Minutes – Bonnie Munn made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 11, 2015 meeting and Stuart Bell seconded the Motion. There being no further discussion the Motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

V. Review of Financial Report – John Joeckel reported
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- The cash assets are down \$38,500 due to the property purchase but overall are up \$13,000 or an increase of 28%.
- Total income is \$4,000 less due to last year's tag/decal sales and prior year billing. Grass cutting of \$2,000 last year to "0" this year and Seaside Park having no revenue reduced the total by \$5,500 for those items. Mr. Joeckel questioned why the Litter Grant revenues for last fiscal year and so far this year are not showing, only the expense of \$1,123. Ms. Weeks is to address this with the Mary Jo Tatum. There is also the property survey of \$3,300 and Mr. Joeckel addressed maintenance on the Town trucks and what "other equipment" includes bringing the expense up by \$1,000.
- Total expenses are up \$5,000 and net income is down \$9,000 this year over last year.
- **MARINA**
- Assets are up \$3,000 this year over last year.
- Profit is up by \$1,000 this year when you eliminate the \$9,000 Grant versus no grant this year.
- Maintenance expenses are pretty even
- Net Income is up almost \$4,000 over last year.

Aileen Joeckel made a Motion to accept the Financials as of November 30, 2015 and Bonnie Munn seconded the Motion. There being no further discussion the Financials were voted on and passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business

A. SAFETY AND SECURITY – Stuart Bell reported all street lights are back on.

B. MARINA – John Joeckel informed council he has requested Sandi Puchalski work up a repair list in anticipation of requesting Grant funds from the Virginia Port Authority. On the floating docks, Mr. Joeckel will be working on Grants and should be able to give council his report by February, 2016.

C. TOWN AND MARINA CASH ASSET DISPOSITION – Mr. Joeckel has

- Reviewed forms forwarded by VML Investment Pool and has given Ms. Weeks and Ms. Tatum authority to complete them and work directly with James West, Investment Services Manager.
- Mayor Janci discussed SunTrust Bank and the problems encountered with an electronic/ach debit charge of \$85.67 for a purchase at an Office Depot in Johnson City, Tennessee. After numerous phone calls and a visit with the Bank Manager in the Onancock Office we were advised we would need to pursue this matter ourselves if we wish to recoup our money.
- After discussion by council the decision to transfer the Town and Marina accounts to PNC Bank in Onley was made.

John Joeckel made a Motion to transfer the Town and Marina accounts, as appropriate, to PNC Bank in Onley, Virginia and Stuart Bell seconded the Motion. There being no further discussion a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

D. TOWN MAINTENANCE/GARBAGE – Bonnie Munn advised the pistons are still leaking in the garbage truck but are kept lubricated by the Town Maintenance personnel. Mayor Janci advised J.D. Bradshaw and John Burton have installed the Pet Waste Stations in Seaside Park and also assisted him with the Christmas lights on the tree located at the corner of Main and High Street and lights were placed along the roofline of Town Hall.

E. POWELL MEMORIAL PARK - Ms. Munn advised

- The mystery of the fencing that J.D. Bradshaw and John Burton had recently installed but was now missing had been removed by the organizers of the Redneck Romp so that they could use that area for the finishing line. Ms. Munn advised speaking with Wayne Burton of Parks & Recreation. He advised he was going to discuss this with Anita Johnson, the person in charge but due to her schedule was unable to. Mr. Burton advised he would put the fence back up. Ms. Munn will address with Mr. Burton the missing chain link fence that had been there originally, before the Redneck Romp took place two years ago.
- Ms. Weeks advised of a complaint received from a resident on Switchbridge Road who pointed out the Redneck Romp comes down her street with people running with their dogs, some on leashes and some not, and that most residents along there have dogs and were unable to let them out. She also mentioned this is not a county maintained road. Ms. Munn is going to address this with Wayne Burton too.
- Ms. Munn reported J.D. Bradshaw advised the dog waste station at Powell Park is being used.
- Ms. Munn is locking the Park around 5:00 p.m. and unlocking it at 9:00 a.m., except for Monday through Wednesday when J.D. and John handle it.
- Ms. Munn reports a problem with the tennis courts being unlocked. The Coast Guard, Wachapreague Inn and Town Hall all have keys. Ms. Munn will speak with Mrs. Wardius.

F. Town Hall Beautification/Maintenance – Ms. Munn advised Christmas lights have been placed along the roof line of Town Hall and the tree on the corner has lights and decorations thanks to Mayor Janci, J.D. Bradshaw and John Burton.

- Mayor Janci advised the Christmas theme in the store front across from Town Hall was decorated by Joyce, David Shields and Cathy Janci and that lights were placed on the roof line of the building as well as John Carr's Kayak sign.

G. 911 System – Ms. Weeks advised this is still being worked on.

H. Seaside Park – Mayor Janci discussed the Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling which was held December 4th with Santa Clause coming to Town. This event will now be held on the first Friday night in

December starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. Advertising was also mentioned by having an announcement on WESR.

I. Delinquent Town Real Estate Taxes, Vehicle & Golf Cart Tags – Mayor Janci advised no one is delinquent until after December 7th. Will be reviewed at the next meeting.

J. Planning Commission – Aileen Joeckel advised

- The Public Hearing for the Town Comprehensive Plan will be on February 9, 2016 at our regularly scheduled meeting. Ms. Weeks is to place a Notice of the Public Hearing on two consecutive weeks prior to February 9th. It was also suggested the Notice be placed on the Town's Facebook page.
- John Joeckel discussed two ordinances that should be updated; 1. Ordinance to control animal waste with the Town increasing penalties for 1st offense \$25, 2nd \$50 and 3rd \$100 and, 2. Business Licenses where the Town could revoke or rescind a license for non-payment of Town Taxes, etc. Mr. Joeckel will draw up revised ordinances for review by council.
- Mayor Janci spoke of two issues that have come up regarding zoning that he will be addressing with the residents in question.

K. Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan – John Joeckel advised

- At the monthly meeting discussed was the anticipated use of computer generated models to achieve an idea of damages to Towns and the County from Hurricanes. It will show high intensity improbable to mid-intensity and low intensity most probable storm surge and wind damage.

L. Tourism/Business – Aileen Joeckel advised

- Wanting some additions made to the Tourism Website. Kirk Mariner has given the Town permission to use his book on walking tours but it needs to conform to a PDF file. Ms. Joeckel is hoping to have both the Tourism and Town sites up for review by council in the near future.
- Mayor Janci wants to be sure the websites can be accessed by putting in sport fishing or flounder and coming up with Wachapreague.
- Ms. Joeckel has spoken with someone from the Crop Production business to see about renting some space for the Town billboard but she has not heard back from them.
- Ms. Joeckel has spoken with an artist who has high resolution pictures of all fish who will allow us to use the PDF file for the Waystation signs at the Marina.

M. Appointments – Aileen Joeckel discussed the Board of Zoning Appeals and the need to have 5 people on board. The Board only meets when there is a conflict. Ms. Joeckel asked if Bill Blaine might be interested and Mayor Janci said he would speak with him. Also a consideration would be Charles, Lisa Sedjat's boyfriend. Due to Jackie Zang stepping down from the Planning Commission Lisa Sedjat has said she would take her place.

N. Town Property –Survey – Mayor Janci advised speaking with the surveyor and requested he use his best professional judgment in his most defensible position to mark the boundaries. If any neighboring properties should have a dispute then they will have to survey their property. Mayor Janci has informed Chip Turlington, a farmer who has used a portion of this land in the past, that the Town now owns it so should he wish to use it in the future he will need to speak with someone on council. Mayor Janci suggested putting up a gate at the main driveway to block it or at least show ownership. No decision was made.

O. Broadband Service and Communications Tower – John Joeckel advised Neubeam has sent literature to all residents in Town. Neubeam will be holding a meeting at the Wachapreague Fire Station Thursday evening to answer any questions. To date, Mr. Joeckel has not heard back from Eastern Shore Communications.

P. Floodplain Administrator/CRS Coordinator – Mayor Janci advised nothing new to report. We still have not heard from Christina Groves.

VII. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION – Jeanette Sturgis made a Motion pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A.1 for council to meet in closed session to discuss personnel matters and Town Council Meeting schedule for January, 2016 and John Joeckel seconded it. A Roll Call Vote was taken and passed unanimously.

VIII. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – Bonnie Munn made a Motion to Reconvene Open Meeting and Stuart Bell seconded the Motion. A Roll Call Vote was taken and passed unanimously.

IX. Christmas Bonus – Stuart Bell made a Motion to pay a Christmas bonus to Town employees and Bonnie Munn seconded the Motion. There being no further discussion the motion was voted upon and passed unanimously.

X. NO JANUARY MEETING – John Joeckel made a motion to not have a meeting in January, 2016 and Bonnie Munn seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion was voted upon and passed unanimously.

XI. NEW BUSINESS – John Joeckel discussed

- The Change of Command Ceremony by the U.S. Coast Guard to be held Friday at Seaside Park. The Town has had two commemorative glasses made that were etched with the logo “Little City By The Sea” Town of Wachapreague and the other one “Senior Chief Charles R. Gordon” with the Coast Guard emblem to be presented to Chief Gordon. Mr. Joeckel went on to say Chief Gordon has done a lot personally for him and has been a good advocate for the Town by working with the Army Corps. Of Engineers, Dredging, Aids to Navigation, just to name a few.
- Mr. Joeckel discussed the Resolutions, one for signing by all council is the Resolution of Recognition: Volunteers of the Year, Vernon & Catherine Bell. Two additional Resolutions will be prepared by Mr. Joeckel for Darryl Matthews for his \$700 donation for a Waystation Sign at the Town Marina and Cathy Janci for all of her time and dedication in the creation of the Christmas Ornament for the Governor’s Mansion and the Independence Quilt she made with all proceeds going to Seaside Park.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- Mayor Janci announced that for the next three to four months his appearance will be very limited as he has a project he will be working on in Chesapeake.
- Stuart Bell requested council get together at the Island House Restaurant with spouses, each to pay for their own fare, for a Christmas gathering together. To accommodate everyone’s schedule Friday, December 18th after 7:00 p.m. was agreed to. Stuart Bell is to make the reservation.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Aileen Joeckel made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bonnie Munn seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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MAYOR

TOWN CLERK