

TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE
PUBLIC HEARING AND
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 13, 2015

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Budget amendment for acquisition of property outside the corporate limits of the Town of Wachapreague.

- Mayor Janci addressed the Town residents on the importance of the Town acquiring 22 acres just outside the corporate limits of the Town for the dredging spoils. Nandor and Emina Siskovich have graciously provided the use of this land for this purpose for many years. Due to a change in Nandor's health, he and his wife wish to now sell this property. The property located on Finney, Parcel ID 11300A000003600, assessed for \$61,000 and the Nature Conservancy assessed it for \$44,000. Although the Nature Conservancy has furnished a contract to purchase this property, Mr. Siskovich would like the Town to have the property for their dredge spoil site. After some negotiations Mr. and Mrs. Siskovich will sell this property to the Town for \$50,000 with the deadline for confirmation of May 14th. Mayor Janci reassured the Town this would not be an annexation but property purchase only.
- Z.R. Lewis added that without this dredge spoil site the waterfront would be lost. What would the Town do without it, close the oyster industry?
- Joanne Cantamessa agreed the Town needs to buy the property and avoid a ghost town.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

I. Public Comments –

- David Bright once again offered to parachute jump at the 4th of July Celebration. He is not sure if the pilot will require payment but will let Council know.
- Joanne Cantamessa is for the Town to buy the property on Finney.
- Supervisor Donald Hart of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors spoke on several matters:
 - a. Thanked Mayor Janci for his kind words after he was at the February meeting.
 - b. He advised of the research he conducted regarding the sidewalks in the Town of Wachapreague and that VDOT had always maintained them. It is his understanding that VDOT has contacted the Town and that necessary repairs to the sidewalk along Main Street will be done.
 - c. Discussed the Convenience Center on 180 that the County has begun construction and that when completed it will be manned. The estimated time for completion is sometime this summer. There are plans for it to increase in size over time.
 - d. Supervisor Hart discussed the Cedar Island issue and the navigational waterway. He has done considerable research since he was here and been involved with Richmond and the Middle Peninsula to find out what they have done. In working cooperatively with Senator Lewis and Delegate Bloxom and, placing on the May 20, 2015 Board of County Commissioners Consent Agenda, a Motion and Proposal to form a Standing Regional Navigable Waterways Committee. Supervisor Hart feels this motion will pass unanimously. Supervisor Hart's proposal is to

immediately contact Northampton County and form a bi-county committee of elected officials, staff and citizens to participate in this group with preferably someone from Wachapreague. This Committee could work with the Army Corps of Engineers and ensure the Coast Guard's presence. As the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission (PDC) already deals with both Counties and Grants they may consider taking this on.

- John Joeckel thanked Supervisor Hart for the direction he is heading in and has great hopes for his success.
- Stuart Bell thanked Supervisor Hart for his time and research into the sidewalk issue.
- Joanne Cantamessa thanked Mayor Janci for the acknowledgment to the volunteers that helped out at the cleanup at Seaside Park on May 2nd. Mayor Janci thanked Joanne Cantamessa, Mimi Sedjat and Steve Jones, who were present at this meeting and the other volunteers, Pete & Judy Hodgson, Cathy & Vernon Bell, Joe & Shirley Barry, Barbie Jones, Caroline and Skyler McGavock, his wife Cathy and Tom.

II. Call to Order

Mayor Janci called to Order the Town Council Meeting at 7:35 p.m. on May 13, 2015 in the Wachapreague Town Hall.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Janci led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Approval of Minutes –

Aileen Joeckell made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of the April 14, 2015 Town Council Meeting and Stuart Bell seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the Minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting were voted upon and passed unanimously.

V. Review of Financial Report – John Joeckel reported:

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- Current assets of \$173,500 versus \$150,000 last year.
- Net Income this year, excluding the Fire Program pass through, is \$85,000 versus \$79,000 last year, an increase of \$6,000.
- Expenses are \$68,000 versus \$66,500 last year up about \$1,500.
- Overall net income is up by \$4,775 over last year.

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- Total current assets are \$105,000 versus \$45,000 last year. This is mostly due to the VPA Grant reimbursements and marina maintenance issues.
- Net Income is \$4,500 this year versus minus \$64,000 last year, again due to the VPA Grant and reimbursements.

Mr. Joeckel advised overall we are doing very well on both the Town and Marina.

Suzie Atkinson made a Motion to accept the March 2015 Financials and Bonnie Munn seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the Financials were voted upon and passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business

A. MARINA – John Joeckel turned this over to Aileen Joeckel who discussed

- Needed repairs to the Stationary Boards/Trail Signs, one showing boats and the other Cedar Island. It is suggested replacing the pictures of the boats with fish that are being caught in the region and the view of the marsh and waterway overlooking Cedar Island. Ms. Joeckel suggests replacing them due to their age and deterioration, at a cost of \$695 each which bid was presented by ADCO.
- Darryl Matthews, who grew up in the Town of Wachapreague, owns his family home at 14 Bayview Avenue and is a part time resident, offered to pay for one of the signs. This gracious donation was accepted and payment received.

Stuart Bell made a Motion to purchase the second stationary board/trial sign for the Marina lookout station from ADCO in the amount of \$695 which was seconded by Sandi Wood. There being no further discussion, the Motion was voted upon and passed unanimously. The Roll Call Vote is attached hereto these Minutes.

B. Town and Marina Cash Asset Disposition – John Joeckel discussed the VML investment program that is in competition with the State program.

- The Town has \$275,000 in cash, some of which will be used to purchase the land on Finney. To enter VML's investment pool would require \$75,000 with periodic withdrawal options.
- Mr. Joeckel suggested holding off on any consideration at this time pending the land purchase and to address this issue again at the Town's next meeting.

LAND PURCHASE – Mayor Janci advised

- Mr. and Mrs. Siskovich have agreed to sell their property on Finney of 22 acres to the Town for \$50,000.
- This is the land the Town has been using as their dredging spoil site for the Town Marina, of which the Island House and the Wachapreague Marina, LLC have been able to utilize through the years.
- The Marina is dredged every two to three years, or as needed. Should any of the businesses along the waterway require dredging the Town could charge a nominal fee.
- David Rowan recommends the Town have a survey done with markers placed, and a Title Search performed.

Stuart Bell made a Motion to Amend the Budget for the Town of Wachapreague to purchase 22 acres of Property owned by Nandor and Emina Siskovich located on Finney, Parcel No. 11300A000003600 and was seconded by Bonnie Munn. There be no further discussion the Motion was voted upon and passed unanimously. The Roll Call Vote is attached hereto.

Susie Atkinson made a Motion for the Town to purchase Parcel No. 11300A000003600 from Nandor and Emina Siskovitch in the amount of \$50,000 with a survey, title search and finalization of purchase to be performed and was seconded by Stuart Bell. There being no further discussion the Motion was voted upon and passed unanimously. The Roll Call Vote is attached hereto.

C. Town Maintenance/Garbage – Bonnie Munn advised the Town trash truck's masher went out and is at Colonna's for repairs. In the interim Mayor Janci has been assisting the maintenance crew with trash pickup using the brush truck. Ms. Munn also advised KC Kellam has donated wood chips which the maintenance crew has been picking up and depositing at Seaside Park and Powell Memorial Park.

D. Powell Memorial Park – Ms. Munn advised

- Meeting with Wayne Burton of Parks & Recreation at Powell Memorial Park where they discussed the financial responsibilities for maintenance of the Park by the Town and Parks and Recreation.
- Discussed was the vandalism taking place at the Park and that Ms. Munn has spoken with the Sheriff's Office. They are going to patrol the park on week-ends. Due to this problem the Park will be locked and Ms. O'Donnell's son has offered to lock and unlock the gate. J.D. Bradshaw and John Burton will open it on the mornings of Monday through Wednesday.
- John Smith, the maintenance worker for Parks & Recreation, is to scrap off the graffiti on the pavilion post and paint over it and pull out the old stand the merry-go-round was secured to and is now a safety hazard. Wayne Burton is still looking into replacing the merry-go-round from the Old Accomack School. A Mr. Johnson is to spot weld the bathroom door that has rusted off.
- Parks & Recreation is going to replace the deteriorated yellow fence and replace it with a chain going across that Ms. Munn will place a sign "No vehicles past this point".

- Regarding the pumps, they are to remain until they no longer work.
 - Ms. Munn has ordered and received replacement swings, hooks and chain. The Town maintenance personnel and Mayor Janci will perform the work. There are two other broken swings that Wayne Burton is to take care of.
 - Patricia Bragg requested Pet Disposal racks with bags at both Powell Memorial Park and Seaside Park. The Town will check into this.
 - Bonnie Munn suggested both Parks have a designed dog walking area. To be discussed at a later date.
- E. Town Hall Beautification/Maintenance** – Ms. Munn will be removing the shells around the flag pole and is considering native plants in their place.
- F. Street and Drainage** – Mayor Janci thanked Stuart Bell for all of his work with VDOT and the sidewalks along Main Street. Stuart Bell advised:
- He spoke with Chris Isdell of VDOT on the sidewalk repairs and was informed VDOT has contracted the repairs out. Exmore is being worked on now, Oak Hall next, then sometime in mid-July, Wachapreague. They will only be repairing cracked and damaged sidewalks.
 - Stuart Bell suggested discussing with the Contractor extending the sidewalk in front of Seaside Park all the way to Atlantic. Council felt this was a good idea and suggested obtaining an estimate from the Contractor to see if this would be feasible.
- G. Safety/Security** – Stuart Bell is going to contact VDOT and/or the Sheriff's office to set up speed monitors across the street from Teaser's, due to the high volume of speeders in Town.
- H. 911 System** – Susie Atkinson indicated Ms. Weeks has sent out letters and received responses from property owners on Switchbridge, South Street, Liberty Street, West Street, Bayview Avenue, High Street, 1 on Paul, Pearl Street, 1 on Atlantic, 2 on Brooklyn, and 2 on Custis. Information is still needed on Atlantic, Centre, Lee, Church, Park, Mears, Powellton, Custis, Riverview, and Richardson.
- I. Seaside Park** – Mayor Janci thanked the volunteers who helped clean up at the Park on May 2nd. He also wanted to thank KC Kellam for the donation of mulch.
- Mayor Janci discussed the quote from U.S. Electric for one surveillance camera that would be mounted on the siren pole outside of the Wachapreague Fire Department for \$4,900.
 - Mr. Joeckel advised David Duer of Satellite Connection is to give another estimate. He points out that the VML Grant would only be for \$1,000 or less.
 - Susie Atkinson is checking into another bid.
- J. Delinquent Real Estate Taxes** – Mayor Janci advises additional payments for outstanding real estate or auto tag/decals from Wayne Taylor, Sr., Juliana Riahi and John Carr have been received.
- K. FEMA** – Mayor Janci advised the Town's Floodplain Ordinance has been approved by Charley Banks, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, who has forwarded it to FEMA. Mayor Janci is having the 911 aerial map superimposed onto the Accomac Tax Map for Wachapreague showing the Special Flood Hazard Area effective May 18, 2015 for viewing in Town Hall.
- L. DMV Stops** – Per Mayor Janci's request Lynn Weeks advised DMV does charge \$20 for removal of a DMV Stop which the Town would be responsible for. It was determined that cost will be incorporated into the outstanding amount owed by the delinquent auto tag/decal resident along with a \$10 handling fee.
- M. Planning Commission** – Aileen Joeckel advised the next meeting is scheduled for May 14. John Joeckel is helping the Planning Commission on the Town Comprehensive Plan on its format.
- N. Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan** – John Joeckel advised work is progressing on the coastal erosion portion and that soon the various jurisdictions will need to provide pertinent information i.e. census information, and the like that will also be duplicated in the Town Comprehensive Plan, as well.

- O. Tourism/Business and Tourism Advisory Board** – Aileen Joeckel advised the Tourism Website is near completion and she is still working on gathering information for the Town Website.
- Mr. Joeckel indicated the need for historical photos and Ms. Munn has one of the 1933 flood which she will forward to Ms. Joeckel.
 - Mayor Janci mentioned the Wachapreague Memories site has a large number of Town photographs.
- P. Board of Zoning Appeals Appointments** – Still being worked on
- Q. Town Ordinances** – Mayor Janci discussed the need for an Ordinance on Town Policies for councils to follow in the future and Mr. Joeckel feels the existing ordinances need to be updated. To be discussed at a later date.
- R. Mosquito Control** – Susie Atkinson advised the technician will be here every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month. Ms. Atkinson advised a letter received from Ehrlich advising of an additional fee was incorrectly sent to the Town and that it should be disregarded.
- S. 4th of July Celebration** – Mayor Janci advised:
- Vernon Bell has signed up to “set up and take down” the tents, etc.
 - Stuart Bell is to secure a large tent. Mr. Bell also mentioned since he no longer owns a pickup truck that someone else will need to pick up the cones from VDOT.
 - Sandi Wood advises she should have the “Friends of Wachapreague” 501-C-3 in place by this time.
 - Bonnie Munn will obtain the Permit to close Main Street for the parade.
 - The Accomack County Community Band may be available if the parade starts at 1:00 p.m.
 - Aileen Joeckel mentioned the ROTC may be willing to march in our parade. She is to check into this.
- T. FY 2016 Budget** – Discussion to be held at a later time.
- U. ESVA Chamber of Commerce** – All council were in agreement to renew the Town’s membership for the ESVA Chamber of Commerce.
- Aileen Joeckel made a Motion for the Town to renew their annual membership with the ESVA Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$275.00 and Bonnie Munn seconded the Motion. There being no further discussion the Roll Call Vote was taken and passed unanimously.
- V. VML Annual Membership** – Mayor Janci addressed the annual membership renewal.
- Sandi Wood made a Motion to renew the annual membership with VML Insurance in the amount of \$380.00 and Aileen Joeckel seconded the Motion. There being no further discussion the Roll Call Vote was taken and passed unanimously.
- W. Color Copier** – To be discussed at a later date.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS** - None
- VII. Announcements** – None
- VIII. Adjournment** – Sandi Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Aileen Joeckel seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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MAYOR

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