

PER AGREEMENT OF COUNCIL NO MEETING WAS HELD DECEMBER, 2014

TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2015

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

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- I. **Public Comments** – Steve and Barbie Jones introduced themselves as soon to be full time residents of the Town of Wachapreague. Reverend Jones is the Pastor of the Shore Presbyterian Church in Painter.
- II. **Call to Order**
Mayor Janci called to Order the Town Council Meeting at 7:05 p.m. on January 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** –
Bonnie Munn made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of the November 11, 2014 Town Council Meeting and Stuart Bell seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the Minutes of the November 11, 2014 meeting were voted upon and passed unanimously.
- V. **Review of Financial Report** – John Joeckel reported receipt of the Year End Fiscal 2014 report from Mary Jo Tatum on January 12th, which he will forward to everyone. He noted an improvement this year.

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- Total Income is approximately \$4,500 more this year.
- Net Income is 36% ahead of last year or \$8,000, even with taking into account the \$19,000 Fire Program Fund monies received but not yet disbursed.
- Current Assets are up by \$44,000; \$204,000 versus \$160,000 last year.
- Total Liability and Equity is about the same or \$43,000.

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- Total Assets are down \$15,000 this year from last year, as the marina maintenance had not begun until April, 2014.
- Net Income is a negative \$18,000 versus \$11,000 last year by \$6,500.
- The Net Income versus the FY 2015 Budget is considerably down but should improve with the upcoming income from the Town Marina slip rentals.

CUSTOMER BALANCE SHEET

- The total owed the Town of Wachapreague as of December 31, 2014 is \$8,400. \$6,300 of which is for delinquent real estate taxes and \$1,275 for delinquent auto tags. This will be addressed further by Mayor Janci.

Aileen Joeckel made a Motion to accept the December 2014 Financials and Bonnie Munn seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the Financials were voted upon and passed unanimously.

Old Business

A. Marina – Mr. Joeckel reported:

- The Marina roof has been replaced by Wardius Constructing, Inc. in the amount of \$2,500, per approval of council. Mr. Wardius had advised Mr. Joeckel that due to a miscalculation of materials required the Town was charged \$150 less. Mr. Joeckel will be preparing a letter to VPA to request the 75% reimbursement.
- The VPA Grant request for the year 2015 is due by March 1st. Sandie Puchalski has been gathering information and approximate costs for future repairs needed at the Marina that Mr. Joeckel will be reviewing and presenting to the council at the February meeting.

B. Town Maintenance/Garbage – Bonnie Munn reported:

- The Town brush truck needed a new carburetor which took some time to locate for a cost of \$1,113.00 plus labor cost \$1,675.00. A tune up was also done.
- Ms. Munn presented a request by J.D. Bradshaw to have Atlantic Tractor service the John Deere 2520 tractor which was not done last year.

Stuart Bell made a Motion to approve the annual service on the 2520 John Deere tractor in the amount of \$500 which was seconded by Susie Atkinson. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously with the Roll Call Vote attached hereto these Minutes.

- Kerry Paul approached Mayor Janci about the power feed on the pole across from the Burham's home on Main Street that is used for the Christmas lights. Mr. Paul indicated the feed is not in code and has offered to replace the fuser panel. It was also indicated a call to ANEC to turn off the switch is required. Ms. Weeks will contact ANEC. To date no estimate has been given.
- The subject of changing the Christmas lights along Main Street was discussed. Susie Atkinson advised the snowflakes that the Town of Onley has up are at a cost of \$700-\$800 each. Ms. Atkinson mentioned in years past the Council put up wreaths in the center of the string of lights with red bows all of which were purchased at Walmart. The Council will consider this for next Christmas and Ms. Weeks will place it on the September Agenda.

C. Powell Memorial Town Park – Bonnie Munn discussed:

- A meeting she had with Wayne Burton of the Accomack County Parks and Recreation. He advised the water pressure at the Park is really bad and believes the water pump to be over 30 years old. Ms. Munn believes they may be inclined to split any costs incurred with the Town. The possibility of hot water at the Park was discussed but Ms. Munn did not feel it would be necessary. Mayor Janci inquired as to any estimates presented and was advised none were given.
- It was also presented by Mr. Burton that a new refrigerator was needed and Ms. Munn will put up inquiries at the Post Office for any donation of one or will try Habitate for Humanity in Exmore.
- One of the bathroom doors is rusted and may need to be repaired or replaced.
- Susie Atkinson inquired into the broken swings at the park and was advised Mr. Burton was going to look into playground equipment at the old Accomack County School for possible replacements.
- Mayor Janci asked if the 3 bay sink had been installed and Ms. Munn indicated it had along with the new counter top. However, upon a recent inspection the counter top has begun to buckle.

D. Town Hall Beautification/Maintenance – Ms. Munn had nothing new to report.

- E. Streets and Drainage** – Stuart Bell reported driving through Mappsville where sidewalks are maintained and also in the Town of Accomac where work is being performed. Mr. Bell contacted Chris Isdell of VDOT about this and was advised by him that people could fall and get hurt. After a discussion with Mr. Isdell on this matter he requested he come to the February 10, 2015 Town Council Meeting where the citizens of Wachapreague could attend and ask

questions. Mr. Bell is also going to request Donald Hart with the County Board of Supervisors to also attend. Ms. Weeks is to prepare a Notice and place it in the Post Office, the General Store and Town Kiosk.

F. Safety & Security – Stuart Bell addressed the issue of residents who have overgrown bushes that stick out into the road. He would like these residents to trim them back, if appropriate at this time of the year.

G. 911 System – Status

- Lynn Weeks has mailed letters to all out of town property owners on Pearl, Bayview, High and West and received a 90% response to date.
- Ms. Weeks advised council Maggie Brennan has called to inquire on the status of this process and was brought up to date.

H. Seaside Park –

- Mayor Janci advised he has been given permission to use the Fire Company pole to place a security camera on to oversee Seaside Park.
- John Joeckel is still in the process of gathering quotes on two live feed cameras, one for over the Motel and the other on the Fire Company pole. Mr. Joeckel indicates he will have more to present at the February meeting.
- Mayor Janci mentioned the nice time had by all at the Town Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling Event.
- Susie Atkinson mentioned the nice affair hosted by the Joeckel's, as well as the homemade jelly made by Cathy Janci. Both were much appreciated by all.

I. Delinquent Real Estate Taxes – Mayor Janci reported

- The majority of the monies owed are for the 2014 Real Estate Taxes. The prior year taxes for Juliana Riahi and Raydean Lipscomb were forwarded to David Rowan. To date Mr. Rowan has received half of the outstanding amount from Vlalukin (Riahi) and is expected to receive the remainder soon. The 2014 taxes are still outstanding and the Town will pursue on their own at this time. Ms. Lipscomb's brother, Buddy Barnes has paid some money toward these delinquent taxes. Mayor Janci will speak with Wayne Taylor, Sr. who has made some attempts to pay.
- John Joeckel discussed the DMV Stops that have been instituted in Chincoteague and other Towns. A request was made to Ms. Weeks to check with the Town Attorney to see if an Ordinance would be required to put this into effect. A request was also made to check with the Town of Chincoteague as to their additional charges. Ms. Weeks will check and advise.

J. Planning Commission – Aileen Joeckel advised due to holidays and being away on business for one week she has nothing to report as there had been no meetings.

K. FEMA –

- Mayor Janci confirmed with council receipt of the "Proposed" Amendment to the Town of Wachapreague Floodplain Ordinance which had been provided some weeks earlier. The proposed Amendment was also provided to Charlie Banks, Floodplain Program Engineer with the Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) for his review and input. Mr. Banks responded with some changes which were incorporated. One issue to be addressed is the freeboard which means the lowest structural member has to be at least one foot above the flood level but could go as high as 3 feet. As the Town is a member of the CRS this is an important issue.

- After review of the proposed changes by Charlie Banks, Mr. Joeckel questioned the September 9, 1982 date set forth as a guideline for existing construction, new construction, post-FIRM structures and pre-FIRM structures. Mayor Janci referenced any alterations of any kind to a structure in any floodplain area to an amount less than 50% of its market value has to conform to the appropriate provisions of this ordinance.
 - According to John Joeckel the Planning Commission shall first review the Proposed Amendment to the Floodplain Ordinance, then will present it to Council and, if approved, a public hearing must be held. Mr. Joeckel questioned what other Town's are doing, whether they are going by the State Model or are they developing one specific to their location.
 - Stuart Bell works with the Town Clerk of Saxis, Mary Ann Miller and requested Lynn Weeks contact her as to their development of the amended Floodplain Ordinance.
- L. Virginia Hazard Mitigation Committee** – John Joeckel advised the VHMC has to be renewed every 5 years which is a FEMA requirement and has to tie into the Floodplain Management and Town Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Joeckel is on the Steering Committee along with other local Town governments and stakeholders. Wachapreague has its own section but the bulk will be countywide which will impact most of the Towns. This will include hazards such as coastal flooding, erosion, sea level rise and salt water intrusion. The Town will need to be prepared and address some kind of mitigation planning. Mr. Joeckel's main priorities are coastal flooding and erosion with the continuing loss of Cedar Island and the sea level rise. Mr. Joeckel believes sea level rise is caused by the land sinking due to the using up of our groundwater for drinking, irrigation, industry and stores. Mr. Joeckel advises the way the Hazard Mitigation Plan is written now nothing is linked together in an interrelated way, everything is separate.
- Susie Atkinson and Stuart Bell thanked Mr. Joeckel for his briefing on this matter.
 - Mr. Joeckel went on to say there will no longer be a hard copy of this Plan and that it will need to be linked into the Town website.
- M. Tourism/Business and Tourism Advisory Board** – Aileen Joeckel advised that
- Mona Cossitt of Full Circle Designs, was originally planning on attending this meeting but was not placed on the Agenda. The estimated time of completion of the Website is the end of February, 2015. Ms. Joeckel is to send via email the proposed website and requests council make notes of any changes they feel would be beneficial.
 - Ms. Joeckel spoke with Lynn Conte of Eastern Shore Tourism who advised we have one free listing which will be under the Town not the Marina.
 - The Ad in the Essentials brochure was discussed and agreed upon to be sure we are not forgotten.
 - There have been no meetings of the Tourism Board but will resume in February.
 - Bonnie Munn discussed what a wonderful job J.D. Bradshaw is doing on the Town's Facebook site where every week or so he promotes local businesses and current happenings.
 - Aileen Joeckel has been in the Daytrippers store where Tameka Watkinson has been promoting and selling merchandise. Carrie Jacobsen will be a featured artist and Tameka will be making jewelry.
- N. Board of Zoning Appeals Appointments** – Aileen Joeckel mentioned the possibility of Tameka Watkinson and her husband, Jay and Jamie Aigner and possibly Steve and Barbara Jones, who will become residents by early February, 2015. Ms. Joeckel to continue her search for volunteers.

- O. Town Ordinances** – John Joeckel is going through them and making a list, which he inadvertently left home. Some ordinances date back to the '70's. He has found an ordinance which gives the Mayor and/or his designee the authority to give out traffic and illegal parking tickets. Mr. Joeckel recalls council in the past indicating this was not legal. He believes some ordinances should be revisited. He noted all ordinances have been duly executed and felt the most appropriate ones had the Roll Call Vote incorporated along with the signature of the Mayor. In February Mr. Joeckel will present his notes on the various ordinances.
- P. Official Town of Wachapreague T-shirts and Hats** – Sandie Wood was going to speak with a family member and provide the Town with whether or not T-shirts and possibly hats with only the Town of Wachapreague on them could be done for a fairly reasonable amount. Lynn Weeks is to email her to see whether this is a possibility or not.

VI. New Business – Mayor Janci discussed upcoming issues

- 1. Mosquito Control Contract – Renewal coming up in April, 2015. At this time there is one on council who has been given this responsibility.
- 2. Sale of Auto Tags/Decals – Sales begin March 15th through April 15th before penalties are applied. Discussed were Town Hall hours with Bonnie Munn, Aileen Joeckel and Stuart and Joanne Bell volunteering to cover Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Residents must pay for all outstanding Town taxes before they may purchase their auto tag/decals or business license.
- 3. O’Nancock St. Patrick’s Day Parade – Mayor Janci asked if there was interest in the Town participating again this year. Bonnie Munn, Aileen Joeckel and Stuart Bell all volunteered and requested some changes be made. Ms. Joeckel suggested a rainbow with a pot of gold as part of the theme. This will be addressed at the February meeting.
- 4. Governor’s Volunteerism Award for 2015 – Mayor Janci discussed recent notice of this award and Bonnie Munn, as well as all council, felt Vernon and Cathy Bell should be recognized and nominated for all they do for the Town.

VII. Announcements – None

VIII. Adjournment – Susie Atkinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Stuart Bell seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

CBW
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