

TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2014

PRESENT: Fred Janci, Mayor, Bonnie Munn, Vice Mayor, Stuart Bell, Tres Atkinson and Aileen Joeckel

TOWN CLERK: Lynn Weeks

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**I. Public Comments –**

Brian Joynes came to discuss an issue regarding 5 Custis Street, which address he has used for the past 18 years. He had been contacted recently by Councilwoman Selina Coulbourne, who informed him Brian Brennan who purchased the house formerly owned by Lester Cherrix across the street from his, has been given the same address. Mr. Joynes had checked the 911 Map at the Fire Department and was surprised to see his house listed as 7 Custis Street but, upon checking the Google Map his house is shown. It was believed that Lester Cherrix used the address 17 Lee Street. Mr. Joynes requested he retain the address he has been using and that Brian Brennan be giving the 17 Lee Street address. For a continuation of this discussion, please see VI-A.

**II. Call to Order**

Mayor Janci called to Order the Town Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 11, 2014 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 for the January 14, 2013 Town Council meeting and Stuart Bell seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the minutes were voted upon and passed unanimously.

**V. Review of Financial Report**

In John Joeckel's absence Mayor Janci reported:

- Meals Tax Revenues are almost \$14,000.
- The Town's Tax Revenue is down from last year at this time which can be attributed to the \$.03 cent reduction in Real Estate Taxes for 2013.
- A request was made of the Harbor Master for the Port of Wachapreague as to estimates for upcoming boat slip rentals. As of this meeting unknown. Will reassess once the estimate is received.

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

**VI. Old Business**

**A. 911 System**

Mayor Janci addressed Brian Joynes and concurred there is a problem with house numbers, as his house is listed as 2 Richardson on the 911 Map but his address is 40 Brooklyn. It appears problems occur most on corner properties.

- The confusion with Brian Joynes address became apparent when the Real Estate Broker listed the Cherrix house as 6 Custis Street, which was then corrected by the Accomack County Title Company to 5 Custis Street.
- In communications with Selina Coulbourne she advised Jeff Flournoy contacted MSAG Map which is a worldwide mapping system. Mr. Flournoy, after speaking with MSAG Map, is of the opinion the Town could leave existing addresses as they are. When asked if they would change

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the 911 Map to coincide with the Town's addresses he said yes, they could. However, there are instances where the Town will have no choice but to ask citizens to change their address due to varying reasons.

- In earlier meetings Carol Burnham had voiced her concerns that there would be approximately a \$1,000 charge that would be incurred by citizens who would have to change the information on their Deed.
- Mayor Janci has been in touch with Lisa at SunTrust Bank, who in turn spoke with their Mortgage Department and advised the street address made no difference as Deeds are more specific, i.e. name of Subdivision, Plat # and Lot #.
- The Mayor was advised that the citizens who will need to change their existing address should keep all documentation from the Town to give to their Title Company upon sale of their property.
- The Council proposed that Brian Joynes shall retain his address as 5 Custis Street and that Brian Brennan be listed as 17 Lee Street. Upon an official agreement from Jeff Flournoy notification will be given to Mr. and Mrs. Brennan as to the Town Council's decision.
- The Town will continue to identify the properties that need to change and notify the residents.

**B. Marina**

- Aileen Joeckel advised progress on the Port of Wachapreague Marina dredging is on track.
- David Rowan has made observations after review of the proposed Contract, such as, The Town had made provisions in the 2014 Budget; The Town is exempt from the Public Procurement Act due to its size; that after a quorum vote Council agrees to Mayor Janci executing the Contract; prior to the start of dredging all permits, approvals and insurance certificates must be in hand physically; and, if possible, a completion bond posted by the Contractor.
- All points made by David Rowan have either been accomplished or soon will be.
- Mayor Janci reported \$50,000 will be needed for the marina dredging where \$45,000 will be to the contractor and \$5,000 for any extras. Once payment is made to the Contractor a request for reimbursement from VPA for 75% will be made.
- Aileen Joeckel made a Motion to Maintenance Dredge the Port of Wachapreague Town Marina and all costs associated therewith in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 and Bonnie Munn seconded the Motion. A Roll Call Vote was taken and passed unanimously. The Motion and Roll Call Vote are attached hereto these Minutes.

**C. Town Maintenance/Garbage**

Bonnie Munn indicated J.D. Bradshaw is having the annual inspection of the trash truck done.

**D. Powell Memorial Park**

Bonnie Munn reported a birthday party is to be held at the Park on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**E. Streets and Drainage**

Stuart Bell indicated he was recently in Chincoteague where their sidewalks are being worked on. Mr. Bell has received no comment from Accomack County as to when VDOT will come to Wachapreague. Believes Exmore will be before Wachapreague.

F. **Town Hall Beautification/Maintenance**— Tres Atkinson indicated nothing new on this issue.

G. **Safety/Security**— Selina Coulbourne was absent.

H. **Seaside Park**— Mayor Janci reported nothing new at this time.

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- I. **Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and Town Tags/Decal Fees** – Mayor Janci has tried to speak with Darryl Lilliston regarding the delinquent real estate taxes for 2012 and 2013 but due to his schedule has been unsuccessful. Residents whose names come up year after year are Carr, Diamond, Grimes, Killmon, Lilliston, Lipscomb, Mariner, Perez, Riahi, Shrieves, Taylor and Vanscoy. Delinquencies are real estate, grass and auto tags/decals. A letter will be sent to David Rowan regarding the Mariners and Diamonds due to no reply to Certified Mail.
- J. **Planning Commission** - Met on February 4<sup>th</sup> with all members present. Mayor Janci reported discussions on traffic and speed; census data; derelict buildings; rezoning of Main Street; sidewalks along Atlantic, from VIMS to Marsh Hammock at south end; parking and storage for recreation vehicles; and, FEMA, flood insurance and flood map.
- K. **FEMA** – Mayor Janci stated nothing new at this time.
- L. **Town Employee Job Descriptions** –Town still in need of one for the Harbor Master.
- M. **Tourism/Business and Tourism Advisory Board** –
  - Aileen Joeckel turned to Chris Wardius of Wardius Contracting, Inc. to present the issue of the Town Hall Kiosk.
  - Mr. Wardius has located a cabinet with locks, made of plastic composite material that will be maintenance free. With the purchase of two they can be placed back to back, with two posts covered with white plastic sleeves dug into the ground and secured with concrete. A cedar shake roof over the top of the cabinets will act as a roof. A fish carving donated by Jack Normand will be placed over the top of the cabinet using all thread which will be covered with copper pipe for a finished product.
  - An estimate was presented before the Council for the cost of labor and materials.
  - A Motion authorizing Wardius Contracting, Inc. to go forth with the purchase of and labor involved in the construction of the Town Kiosk was made by Tres Atkinson in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 and seconded by Bonnie Munn. A Roll Call Vote was taken and passed unanimously and is attached hereto these Minutes.
  - Ms. Joeckel went on to discuss the very good possibility that the Town will be on the Artisan Trail due to the local restaurant, Inn and Art Gallery, as well as its uniqueness. She feels the Kiosk as a focal point is an added benefit.
  - Ms. Joeckel discussed the need for two additional walking signs with directionals added and receipt of an invoice for \$338.84 which was above her expectations. The Council conferred and approved this additional expense which Motion was made by Aileen Joeckel and seconded by Bonnie Munn. A Roll Call Vote was taken and passed unanimously and is attached hereto these Minutes.
  - Aileen Joeckel asked if there was an interest on behalf of the Council to be part of the O’Nancock Parade scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Mayor Janci offered his 20’ trailer as a Float which could be decorated and entitled Wachapreague, Little City by the Sea - Flounder Capital of the World. Volunteers are Bonnie Munn, Aileen Joeckel, Mayor Fred Janci, Chris Wardius and Stuart Bell.

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- The issue of parking was again discussed at the Business and Tourism Meeting. The Board members brought up the fact there are lots for sale that possibly the Town could purchase through a Grant to alleviate this growing problem. Further discussion to take place at a later time.

**N. Board of Zoning Appeals Appointments – Circuit Court Appointment**

- Aileen Joeckel has nothing new to report.

**O. Helicopter Landing Ordinance/FAA Letter – John Joeckel absent.**

**P. Zoning Administrator – Mayor Janci has not had opportunity to speak with Sandy Russell.**

**Q. Town Sergeant – Tres Atkinson advised the Sheriff of Accomack County could have an officer, on off hours, be here when requested to give out speeding tickets and they would bill the Town. Question was asked who would receive the revenue from the speeding ticket. Mayor Janci requested Tres Atkinson do some research on this matter and advise the Council at the March 11, 2014 Town Council Meeting.**

**R. 2015 Budget Considerations –**

Council to take into consideration increasing Town Clerk hours in the 2015 Budget.

**VII. New Business – Mayor Janci discussed Saturday morning hours to accommodate the sale of Town tags/decals. Mayor Janci and Vice Mayor Munn have offered their time to accomplish the sale with the Town Clerk available all day on Mondays and Tuesdays and half day on Wednesday, unless needed for a Saturday morning.**

**VIII. Announcements –**

- Mayor Janci announced a new business in Town, Day Trippers, whose building will be North of the Island House on Atlantic Avenue.
- Mayor Janci also announced a new business “Wachapreague Mercantile” where T-shirts, quilts, etc. will be sold. It is hoped the store front across the street will be available.

**IX. Adjournment – Tres Atkinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bonnie Munn seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**

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