

TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2014

PRESENT: Fred Janci, Mayor, Bonnie Munn, Vice Mayor, Stuart Bell, Selina Coulbourne, Aileen Joeckel and John Joeckel  
ABSENT: Tres Atkinson  
TOWN CLERK: Lynn Weeks

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**I. Public Comments – None**

**II. Call to Order**

Mayor Janci called to Order the Town Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on January 14, 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 December 10, 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**

John Joeckel reported:

- Town Revenues are up 16-17% and Expenses are down by 6%.
- Net Income for the Town is \$20,000 above Budget.
- Port of Wachapreague is Actual to Actual from December 2012 to December 2013, which is where we should be.

Aileen Joeckel made a Motion to accept the December 2013 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 advised:

- It is believed all of the paperwork has been completed for the upcoming dredging of the Port of Wachapreague Marina.
- VDOT had 3-4 documents that needed to be completed.
- The County of Accomack required a couple of more documents and permits.
- DEQ required a Joint Permit Application for the Army Corps of Engineers.
- Still awaiting approval from the Corps of Army Engineers as to the Permit for the Port of Wachapreague and VIMS.
- Anticipated timing of dredging is Mid-February through March. Thereafter not good for VIMS due to experiments on raising little oysters.
- Still need to get with Ray Nornes, the Contractor, on the Contract itself and furnish him with the approved Permits.
- Mayor Janci asked who owns the spoil site and was advised Nandor and Emina Siskovich. John Joeckel advised a letter of Thank You has been sent to them and expressed how gracious they have been to allow the Town to utilize their land for without it, dredging

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would be impossible. Mayor Janci wondered if the Town shouldn't explore the possibility of purchasing this land if and when it becomes available.

- It was discussed that in the past this land had been dug out for a cost of \$15,000 to \$18,000 and it is hoped that will not be necessary this time.

**B. Town Maintenance/Garbage**

Bonnie Munn indicated no problems had been reported by J.D. Bradshaw as to the brush truck or garbage truck.

**C. Powell Memorial Park**

Bonnie Munn had not spoken with Wayne Burton of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

**D. Streets and Drainage**

Stuart Bell spoke with Chris Isdell of VDOT regarding the cracked and damaged sidewalks. He was advised that all work has been halted due to the Holidays and weather. Was also informed the monies have become tight due to the subcontractor increasing his rates.

Mr. Bell indicated a safety concern regarding a trailer parked on Atlantic Avenue that he has almost hit twice. Mr. Joeckel too mentioned this trailer that is parked outside of Lilliston's Seaford. Mayor Janci said he needs to speak with Mr. Lilliston on other matters and will address this concern too.

**E. Town Hall Beautification/Maintenance**— Tres Atkinson was absent.

**F. Safety/Security**— Selina Coulbourne mentioned that Tres Atkinson had spoken with Todd Wessells of the Accomack County Police Department about posting an officer in Town. Mr. Wessells said to just name the day and times and someone will come. Council felt random timing would be best.

**G. 911 System**— Selina Coulbourne reported:

- The Brennan's contacted her and indicated they are still having problems with the confusion over the correct address. Ms. Coulbourne produced a 911 Map furnished by Jeff Flournoy and according to it the Brennan's address is 5 Custis.
- Brian Joynes is the neighbor who has this same address but is noted on the 911 Map as 7 Custis.
- Mayor Janci again stated some residents of Wachapreague may have to make changes to coincide with the 911 Map. Mayor Janci is going to speak with Missy Harris of SunTrust to get an idea of what it would cost a citizen to have their deeds corrected to reflect a change of address.
- H. Seaside Park**— Mayor Janci reported nothing new at this time. Suggested any surveillance equipment be addressed at the time of the 2015 Budget discussions.
- I. Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and Town Tags/Decal Fees**— Mayor Janci inquired of the Town Clerk of the delinquent real estate taxes for 2012 that were sent to the Town Attorney who responded only Ed Nelson has paid. No word from David Rowan as to the Diamond's, Lipscomb and Riahi.
  - Also outstanding is grass cutting invoices for the Mariners of \$600 and the Diamonds \$300. Lynn Weeks has sent letters with deadlines and if no word, these too shall be forwarded to our attorney.
  - Mayor Janci is to speak with Mr. Lilliston regarding his outstanding 2012 real estate taxes of \$481.

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- The Mayor has requested Lynn Weeks send a delinquent letter to David Grimes who has only paid \$100 towards his outstanding real estate taxes and then to the Town Attorney if no response.
- Council is considering a stamp to be placed on all real estate invoices which will read real estate taxes not paid by the due date of December 5<sup>th</sup> will incur interest at the rate of 10% per annum, with daily accruals, for the first year of the delinquency, etc.
- J. **Planning Commission** - Met on January 8th. Mayor Janci reported Elaine Meil of the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission was in attendance and discussed was:
  - Census information.
  - 1997 conceptual plan.
  - Main Street rezoning commercial such as home type businesses. A concern by council was entered although limitations and restrictions could be implemented should there be an interest.
  - Sewer systems in place of septic systems considered too costly, although some residents may want it.
  - Nature Conservancy and Cedar Island. No one owns this land presently but could fall to the Nature Conservancy should the loss of the Island continue.
  - The Planning council feels there is an appropriate amount of conservation land currently between Powell Memorial Park and Seaside Park.
  - Also discussed at the Planning Commission meeting was expansion of institutional property and broadband. Nothing presented at this time before the Council.
  - It was established that there would be no voting by this Planning Board only suggestions to be presented before the Council and, a Public Hearing.
  - The Planning Commission will discuss all aspects of the Town and its surrounding area and how it impacts the residents, businesses and the economics of the Town. The need for council to keep the Mayor apprised of their respective responsibilities for a clear and comprehensive reporting on current issues is crucial for any evaluation.
- K. **FEMA** – Mayor Janci is at an impasse on this issue at this time.
  - John Joeckel is reviewing the Town’s Zoning Ordinance which must be updated to include the Town’s Flood Plan Ordinance, a sample copy of which has been made available to us by FEMA.
  - Mr. Joeckel mentioned again that the Town should send letters to our congressmen and two senators requesting the Biggert-Waters Act be changed to refurbish the depleted Federal Flood Insurance asking our Delegates to work the legislative side.
  - Mr. Joeckel suggests a coordinated effort by all Town’s and Counties of the Eastern Shore to make a concerted effort to do more politically for a legislative fix of this insurance issue.
- L. **Town Employee Job Descriptions** –
  - Mr. Joeckel announced he still has not seen the job descriptions for the Town Clerk and Maintenance Personnel. All other council have received them. Lynn Weeks furnished Mr. Joeckel with a hard copy of each.
  - John Joeckel still in process of preparing one for the Harbor Master.

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**M. Tourism/Business and Tourism Advisory Board** – Aileen Joeckel advised:

- The Town of Wachapreague has two pages in the recently printed Eastern Shore of Virginia 2014 Activity Guide.
- Mrs. Joeckel has also met with the new Tourism Director who is willing to meet with the Business and Tourism Board and has offered her assistance in the Town's new website and upcoming Grant.
- Mona is on Board to design and implement the Town's website with input and guidance from Mrs. Joeckel. Mrs. Joeckel also wants to confirm what the Grant covers and does not. Website should be ready before Spring.

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

- Mayor Janci advised no one can be appointed to this Board until there are at least five people.
- Stuart Bell to furnish Mrs. Joeckel with a list of full time residents.
- Mayor Janci has spoken with Sandy Russell to see if he would interested in the Zoning Director position for the Town of Wachapreague. He was non-committal.
- Mayor Janci is awaiting response from Mr. Russell then he will speak with the Onley Zoning Director to see if there is an interest there.

**O. Helicopter Landing Ordinance/FAA Letter** – John Joeckel reports he will place this in line for the next council meeting. Mayor Janci indicated there did not seem to be an urgency at this time for its completion.

**P. Garbage Rates** – Mayor Janci and council discussed the need to increase the garbage rates for the out of town residents to \$150 annually due to escalating costs. Stuart Bell made a Motion to increase the garbage rates for out of town residents to \$150 annually. 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.

**Q. Zoning Administrator** – Please see Section N.

**R. Town Sergeant** – Mayor Janci mentioned Lynn Week's conference with Harry McMillen of VML Insurance where an inquiry was made as to what coverage the Town would need were they to hire a Town Sergeant. Mr. McMillen advised the Town is covered under its automobile policy but would need law enforcement liability coverage. Mr. McMillen indicated the Town of Onley has requested a Grant to purchase a new police vehicle and that the Crown Victoria they are presently using, which is fully equipped, will be coming up for sale. No decisions made.

**S. 2015 Budget Considerations** –

- a. Surveillance camera to oversee Seaside Park.
- b. Removing condemned homes. Mayor Janci had been quoted \$6,000 per home.
- c. Police car. Mayor Janci mentioned TSA as a place to turn for possible funding.
- d. Aileen Joeckel discussed ways to slow traffic down, such as flag poles "obey rules, slow down" or colored cones with sayings "slow down, children at play." Bonnie Munn feels the only deterrent would be speeding tickets.
- e. Christmas fund for 2014 holiday party for council and Town employees.

VII. **New Business** – None.

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VIII. **Announcements** –

- Mayor Janci announced receipt of a Thank You card from the Town Employees for their Christmas Bonuses.
- Aileen Joeckel reported Wachapreague named as one of the top 10 locations to visit by the Richmond Times.

IX. **Adjournment** – Bonnie Munn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Aileen Joeckel seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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MAYOR

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TOWN CLERK