

TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2013

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

ABSENT: Tres Atkinson and Selina Coulbourne

TOWN CLERK: Lynn Weeks

PUBLIC PRESENT: Z.R. Lewis, III, Carol Burnham and Jesse Vodvarka

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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 November 12, 2013 in the Wachapreague Town Hall.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Janci led the Council and Public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Aileen Joeckel made a Motion to Approve the Minutes for the October 8, 2013 Town Council meeting and Bonnie Munn seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the minutes were voted upon and passed unanimously.

V. Review of Financial Report

John Joeckel reported the following:

- The Town's checking and savings is up \$14,000 over last year.
- The Marina's checking and savings is up \$9,000 over last year.
- Labor costs for Town are up by \$3,000 or 35% over last year.
- Marina Labor costs are up over \$1,000 or 29% over last year.
- Questioned number of hours employees are working. Had a request in to Mary Jo Tatum on this but had not heard back from her.
- Discussed outstanding property taxes and vehicle fees. Payment received for 2012 taxes from Mr. and Mrs. Parker. Juliana Riahi, Raydean Lipscomb, Charles Diamond and Harry E. Nelson have been turned over to the Town's Attorney for further action. Harry E. Nelson has paid a portion of what is owed.

John Joeckel made a Motion to accept the October 2013 Financials and Stuart Bell seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the Financials were voted upon and passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business

A. Marina

- John Joeckel requested Lynn Weeks make contact with the Wachapreague waterfront landowners to provide them an opportunity to take advantage of the dredging contractor, Ray Nornes, being here for the Town Marina to tie in their dredging needs.
- Mr. Joeckel will arrange the visit of the contractor to sound and calculate cubic yards of sediment to be removed for the Port of Wachapreague Marina and have Mr. Nornes draw up the Marina Plot to attach to the VMRC Permit that expired last January.
- An assessment for other work needed at the Marina has been requested of Sandie Puchalski.
- It is hoped the Marina dredging will begin in February 2014.

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B. Town Maintenance/Garbage

Bonnie Munn reported the Town trash truck has been serviced by Colona's Auto & Truck Repairs. An annual check-up was done where they replaced all necessary filters, greased the truck, checked lights and tightened the loose mirrors. All clamps were tightened preventing any water line leakage and/or oil line seepage. The bleeder line for the brake was tightened and the pressures and depths adjusted accordingly.

C. Powell Memorial Park

Bonnie Munn stated she would like to discuss with Wayne Burton of the Department of Parks and Recreation several things; (1) Confirm that he will be winterizing the Park to prevent any pipes bursting and, (2) To see if there would be an interest in repairing the tennis courts.

D. Streets and Drainage

Stuart Bell discussed meeting with Chris Isdell of VDOT, Mayor Janci and Reade Bonniwell of VIMS on October 23rd.

- Yellow painting along curbs by VIMS dates back 10 years when Councilwoman, Evelyne Turner and Eddie Clark of VDOT addressed the parking problems in Wachapreague and provided the paint to VIMS and agreed on the locations to be painted.
- Only sidewalks in need of repair will be replaced. New sidewalks now are 5 feet wide and this would encroach on landowner's property.
- Parking along Main Street will remain status quo.
- Stanchions in front of Current Reflections Art Gallery to be checked into by Chris Isdell. Nothing further to report on this.

E. Town Hall Beautification/Maintenance – Tres Atkinson absent.

F. Safety/Security – Selina Coulbourne absent due to two work related conflicts.

G. 911 System – Please see "F".

H. Seaside Park – Mayor Janci reported nothing new at the Park.

I. Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and Town Tags/Decal Fees – Please see Section V.

J. Planning Commission - Met on November 4th. Randy Lewis, Sr. absent. Mayor Janci reported discussions on:

- Possible move of Carnival by Fire Department;
- Zoning changes;
- Master Plan of VIMS;
- Parker lot and possible development height restrictions;
- Cedar island, shoaling in channels as pertains to future of fishing;
- 7-Day Clause pertaining to RV's, Motor Homes and Campers;
- Master Plan of Town prior to 2006;
- Mayor has call into Curtis Smith of Accomack County for possible assistance in planning. Aileen Joeckel will be attending a meeting where he too will be present and she will speak with him then.

K. FEMA – Mayor Janci reported he has a sample Zoning Ordinance with Flood Plan Management Ordinance tied in which is the least FEMA will now accept. Zadoc Lewis requested a copy.

L. Town Employee Job Descriptions and Calendar – Mayor Janci advised proposed Job Description for Town Clerk is completed and will be furnished to all Council.

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M. Tourism/Business and Tourism Advisory Board – Aileen Joeckel discussed the November 7th meeting, as follows:

- Town Logo most representative of what is offered here such as marsh, islands, charter boats, ducks, waterway. Also interested in artists idea of what Wachapreague represents.
- Website where all businesses will have pages and links they want with ability to write their own description and services offered.
- Jessie Vodvarka was present and advised he is also a website designer and would be interested. Sites he has designed are vodvarkasprings.com, ogrerings.com and bwktech.com.
- Kiosk is still in works.
- Also addressed parking needs and attracting businesses to Wachapreague.
- Walking/Biking trails have been flagged and VDOT has dropped their charge for installation.

N. Board of Zoning Appeals Appointments – Circuit Court Appointment

- John Joeckel stated members of the Zoning Board must be recommended by the Town Council and receive a Circuit Court Appointment. Traditionally there are only 5-15 members.
- A Zoning Administrator cannot be on the Board of Zoning.
- No two family members may be on the Board, however, John Joeckel noted this was only a recommendation by John Hopkins, the Town's former attorney and there is no apparent VA Code requirement.
- Board of Zoning members will have staggered terms, 5 years, 4 years, etc.
- Patricia Bragg has agreed to be on the Board of Zoning which will be a 5-year term. Council concurred with recommendations. David Rowan will submit to the Circuit Court Judge for appointment.
 - a. New Business
 - Helicopter Landing Ordinance/FAA Letter – Helicopters must secure permission prior to landing, otherwise obtain serial number and notify the FAA. John Joeckel is to draft a proposed Ordinance disallowing any helicopter landings, unless of an emergency nature.
 - b. Garbage Rates – Need to evaluate cost of trash pick-up for non-residents which currently is \$100 annually. This needs to be done so that it may be implemented by January 1, 2014.
 - c. Zoning Administrator – Does not need to be resident of the Town of Wachapreague. David Fluhart, County Zoning Administrator was suggested. Person would have to coordinate FEMA and Flood, as well. Not a lot of construction in Town, may be County could do Zoning Permits.
 - d. Town Sergeant – John Joeckel pointed out in the Wachapreague Town Charter §6. *There shall be appointed by the council a town sergeant who shall qualify and give bond in such amount as the council may require. He shall be vested with powers of a conservator of the peace, and shall have the same powers and discharge the same duties as a constable within the corporate limits of the town and to a distance of one mile beyond the same, and shall perform such other duties as may be from time to time prescribed by the council. (1946, c. 102).* Stuart Bell suggested having a part-time Sheriff in Town where an old police car could be purchased and the individual would have to be certified. Probably could pay for themselves in a short period of time.

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VII. Announcements

Mayor Janci discussed a lighted Christmas tree for the Gazebo in Seaside Park.

- a. Will check on pricing.
- b. Lighting ceremony possibly December 7th, Santa coming to Town, Hay Rides, Caroling with cookies, hot chocolate, cider provided by volunteers. Mayor Janci discussed little packages for children also some candies.
- c. Need to put Notice in Post Office.

John Joeckel announced receiving a phone call from Senator John Warner's office in response to his letter of 4 months ago as to the Virginia Inside Passage who indicated they will be approaching the Coast Guard as to their aids to navigation.

Mr. Joeckel also advised of a possible meeting this month with the Army Corps of Engineers who indicate they may be able to help us on the issue of Cedar Island and the Inlet.

XI. Adjournment

Stuart Bell 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 8:35 p.m.

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MAYOR

TOWN CLERK