

PUBLIC HEARING AND
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 11, 2013

PRESENT

Fred Janci, Mayor
Bonnie Munn, Vice-Mayor
Tres Atkinson
Stuart Bell
Selina Coulbourne
Aileen Joeckel
John Joeckel

Town Clerk, Lynn Weeks

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Fred Janci introduced the Public Hearing for the purpose of considering the proposed FY 2014 Budget and opened Hearing for Public Comments.

1. Carol Burham discussed her concerns and suggestions for the Town, as follows:
 - a. To set up a fund for emergencies such as repair and replacement of garbage trucks, etc. She felt this could be accomplished by keeping the property tax as it is now and putting the overage in this fund.
 - b. Carol has a concern with VIMS and their plans to take over more houses as they become available and the Town losing their current tax status.
 - c. Carol went on to thank the Town for covering the septic tank that was at issue at the last meeting and to mention that Cary Wallace will no longer mow that lawn. Carol announced that June Diamond died on May 13, 2013.
 - d. Compliments were given to the Town for the care and maintenance of the Park flowers.

Mayor Janci adjourned the Public Hearing on the Budget at 7:05 p.m.

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- I. Public Comments
 - A. Joanne Cantamessa discussed the upcoming 4th of July Celebration for the Town of Wachapreague. Preparations are moving along nicely however there is a need for volunteers. A Poster for this event is ready and will be placed around Town.

Discussion came up about overgrown lawns, one behind Joanne on Brooklyn and also 7 East Street which belongs to the Mariner's.

A thank you was extended to Mayor Janci, for going above and beyond in his commitment to the Town.
- II. Call to Order

Mayor Fred Janci called to Order the Town Council Meeting at 7:15 p.m. on June 11, 2013 in the Wachapreague Town Hall.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance

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

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IV. Approval of Minutes

Aileen Joeckel made a motion to approve the Minutes for the May 14, 2013 Town Council Meeting and Bonnie Munn seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was voted upon and passed unanimously.

V. Review of Financial Report

John Joeckel noted that the Budget for 2013, had a projected loss of \$1,000. However, the net income as of May, 2013, has increased to approximately \$20,000. This increase is mostly attributable to the Meals Tax and Council not taking compensation. So far this month we have \$130,000 in savings for the Town and \$112,000 in savings for the Marina.

Mayor Janci spoke with Joe Althoff of the General Store who stated he would bring a check for April's Meal Tax by Saturday.

As to Carol Burnham's discussion earlier about the garbage trucks, it was the intent of the Meals Tax to maintain and reduce Property Tax and increase Business Revenues by increasing Tourism and to make sure we have enough money in the capital fund to replace the garbage truck and brush truck. John believes that with having \$130,000 in the Town savings that a good used garbage truck could be purchased for around \$75,000 to \$100,000.

The net income for the Port of Wachapreague Budget for 2013 showed a "0" but that by the end of this year the net income should be around \$13,000 to \$14,000. We have around \$112,000 in the savings account for the Port of Wachapreague.

John went on to discuss receipt of our insurance bill from VML and, whereas Diana did a good job getting it reduced, however, due to changes in the calculation of our area having potential windstorms, we basically received no reduction except for \$40.

At the last month Council Meeting Council approved to move excess monies from the checking account where there is no interest and placing it in a Money Market account for the Port of Wachapreague and the Town of Wachapreague. It is believed we can increase this money by \$1,250 a year in interest.

VI. Old Business

A. Marina

1. John Joeckel made several attempts to get in touch with VPA regarding the \$80,000 Grant, however, he was unsuccessful.
2. Regarding the channel dredging Mr. Joeckel advised that he has not had time for proceed further with the dredging issue.
3. Mr. Joeckel spoke with Sandie Puchalski, Harbor Master, regarding some instances where the public has been using the Marina's dumpsters to dispose of their trash. There is now a sign which reads For Marina Use Only and, that the Area is Under Surveillance. The sign cost about \$100.
4. Sandie also is hopeful that the repairs to the marina office will be completed soon, weather permitting.

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B. Town Maintenance/Garbage

1. Vice Mayor Munn has been checking the Work Log for the Town's Maintenance Crew and advised they have been handing them in, in a timely fashion and everything is o.k.
2. Mr. Joeckel asked Ms. Munn when the last time an expert had given any report on the Town's garbage truck. Ms. Munn was unaware, but in checking with J.D. he told her the truck motor is running fine, but it is rusty. The question of life expectancy of the truck came up and Ms. Munn did not have an answer to this, however, Tres Atkinson stated we might be able to get a courtesy inspection of the garbage truck through the State Police, as it is a commercial vehicle. The people to contact would be Mark Switzer or Craig Blake. Ms. Munn will follow up on this.

C. Powell Memorial Town Park

Ms. Munn reported that Powell Memorial Park has nothing going on and that she has not spoken to Mr. Burton.

D. Town Beautification/Maintenance

1. Mr. Atkinson has spoken with Chris Wardius about the cost of the additional repairs to Town Hall. Mr. Wardius advised it would not be any more than the cost of the initial repairs already done. Council in discussing repairs pointed out the back gutter and fascia that also needs to be addressed. Tres will contact Mr. Wardius. Motion for repairs to the Town Hall in an amount not to exceed \$810 was brought forth by Tres Atkinson and Seconded by Bonnie Munn. There being no further discussion, the Motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

E. Streets and Drainage

1. Councilman Stuart Bell reported that a citizen of Wachapreague approached him about all the curbs north of the Marina have been painted yellow, reducing parking. Council concurred VDOT should decide where to limit parking and which curbs can be painted. Mr. Bell has contacted Chris Isdell of VDOT who has come and surveyed the area and indicated that VIMS went above and beyond. It was noted that as of this date removal of the paint has not occurred.
2. Mr. Bell also discussed the sidewalks on Main Street which are in need of replacement. Mr. Bell was in contact with VDOT and though the issue was addressed what would hold up these repairs would be the issue of cost at this time.

F. Safety/Security

Salina Coulbourne reported that there are no real issues other than the Real Estate signs of Pat Hart.

G. 911 System

1. On May 24, 2013 Ms. Coulbourne had an in person meeting with Mr. Flournoy at his office and together they had a conference call with Jeff Minor of MSAG. They concurred that Wachapreague has a problem in emergency response in that not all homes have the correct house number on them. Ms. Coulbourne received a huge aerial map of the entire Town and also has a copy of the 911 Map. Prior to the next meeting she will drive around to compare the house numbers to the map. As to cost of changing to the correct house

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numbers, Steve Minor said he did not want this to be a deterrent because this is too important to let money hold it up. We may be able to get some matching funds or, the cost may be absorbed as it was in the Town of Cape Charles.

H. Seaside Park

1. Aileen Joeckel discussed the upcoming 4th of July Celebration at the Seaside Park. There will be hot dogs and hamburgers, the first one is free but any additional ones will require a donation. Aileen Joeckel made a motion to donate up to \$450 for purchasing condiments, meat, buns, soft drinks, etc. The motion was seconded by Tres Atkinson and there being no further discussion, the motion was voted upon and passed unanimously.
2. Aileen Joeckel inquired as to whether or not the monies given for the landscaping of the Seaside Park had all been used as of this date. Mayor Janci indicated they are getting there and discussed all the piles of weeds that had been removed, the purchase of landscape fabric and the delivery of six truckloads of mulch (three of which were donated by Mr. Kellam).

I. Tourism/Business and Tourism Advisory Board

1. Aileen Joeckel advised the Business and Tourism Advisory Board has firmed up with VIMS the Marine Science Day. It will be held on September 28th between 12 noon and 4:00 p.m. at Seaside Park. They are planning a seawater lab for children and adults. When the time gets closer we will go into more detail and discuss how the Town may piggyback onto this event. In an attempt to bring VIMS to participate and invest more into the Town Aileen Joeckel and Vera Zdrovkovich have plans to go to William and Mary and speak with someone there.

J. Channel Dredging

1. John Joeckel has been informed that the channel dredging is complete. On June 17th the Corp of Engineers did a survey to confirm this and he is awaiting the results. Until receipt of this report Mr. Joeckel cannot verify that the dredging is complete.

K. Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and Town Tag/Decal Fees

1. Darryl Lilliston promised, but has not paid yet. We still have his business license. He is operating without one.
2. Suntrust is paid up for the lawn mowing.
3. Otis Evans has now paid in full \$989.98.
4. Norman W. Taylor has a payment plan in place.
5. Juliana Riahi is next on the list.
6. Derelict buildings: Mayor Janci discussed with David Rowan the exposed septic tank and he too indicated this is an emergency situation to be taken care of quickly. Mayor Janci purchased a plate of steel and placed it over the exposed tank. The cost of the plate will be transferred to the owners.
7. Cary Wallace has been mowing the Diamond property but will no longer. This will now be a charge situation.
8. The Mariner property on Brooklyn Avenue will also need a letter sent to them regarding their lawn.

L. Planning Commission Appointments

Aileen Joeckel made a motion to approve Pete Hodgson as a member of the Planning Commission. This motion was seconded by Bonnie Munn and there being no further discussion, the motion was voted upon and passed unanimously.

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Aileen Joeckel has asked that a packet be put together to hand out to the Commission that would have information on how things were handled before. There is only one more person needed. David Van de Graff, Randy Lewis, Sr. and Mayor Janci are already on the Commission. Mayor Janci requested a list of names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of these Commissioners.

M. Board of Zoning Appeals Appointments (BZA)

Aileen Joeckel has one person in mind but wants to complete the Planning Commission first then will move forward on this.

N. Golf Cart Ordinance

John Joeckel has heard from VDOT as to their review and what we need to do. VDOT doesn't think signs are required but the Town feels they are necessary. Concerns were voiced by the use of golf carts by out of town people who will not follow the Town Ordinance. Mr. Joeckel reminded council that at a previous Council Meeting Chris Wardius commented about having a golf cart rental business and that Blake Johnson had mentioned the same possibility to Chris Wardius. The Town really has limited resources of enforcement should people not follow the Ordinance. Mr. Joeckel commented that it would be beneficial if the resident golf cart owners assisted by policing themselves regarding compliance with the ordinance since lack of compliance could potentially risk the ordinance being rescinded rather than have the Town incur any liabilities from lack of compliance to the safety and operational requirements.

O. Mosquito Control

Salina Coulbourne advised that we have paid Ehrlich Pest Control and we will be getting the same coverage as before. She tried to get estimates from other outfits but had not heard back from them in time. John Joeckel has given Salina some information about another plan along with a phone number to discuss with them how they go about fogging. Tres Atkinson did some research and found a website, Mosquito Barrier, where the ingredient used is 99.3% garlic extract. However, it was too costly.

P. FY2014 Budget

A Special Town Council meeting will be held on June 18, 2013 for a final approval vote. An Executive Session will be designated for the July 9, 2013 meeting as to the Town employee's salary increase.

Q. Marina Easement

Mayor Janci advised he has spoken with the Town's counsel, David Rowan, who stated he has received a verbal agreement from the Nature Conservancy and they have no problem with the easement. Carol Burnham pointed out that the Town received a Grant from DCR (Department of Conservation and Recreation) and they would also have to be contacted for their approval. In conversation with Tom Nielsen he stated that he had received a verbal approval from Chris Wardius two years ago. Mayor Janci said he had recently spoken with Mr. Wardius who was surprised as he had no recent knowledge of this. The Council has agreed to a Public Comments forum at the next Town Council Meeting to make a final decision on this matter.

VII. New Business

Mr. Joeckel questioned how active the Town is with regard to the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce. Announcements are received periodically and placed on the clip board on the front desk. It was asked if anyone has attended any meetings or if anyone would be interested in attending any of their meetings. At this time no one came forward.

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VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment

Aileen Joeckel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Salina Coulbourne seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CBW
06/18/2013

MAYOR

CLERK