

**TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 13, 2017**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Fred Janci, Mayor; Don Minniear; Cathy Janci; Sandie Puchalski; Carlee Vincent  
**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Robert Hodgson  
**TOWN CLERK:** Missy Wessells

**PUBLIC HEARING**

At 7:00 pm Mayor Janci opened the floor to allow the residents to express opinions concerning the Proposed 2018 Town and Port Budget.

- A. Aileen Joeckel was first to speak. Her opinion was concerning the Port Budget Proposal.
1. First topic was the VPA Grant money (\$38,000) and what was that to be used for. Sandie Puchalski spoke and explained it would be used to refurbishing the T dock and the dock that goes down the VIMS property, along with some electrical work that needs updating.
  2. Second topic is that dock fees have not been raised but lowered in 2011. She stated the Town has been running at a loss for several years. She stated there was no plans to increase the dock fees and the loss has been about \$115,000 since 2011. Sandie stated there has been a lot of boats that have been lost but they are coming back. Aileen noted there were only 2 marinas and the rates need to be raised to what they were in 2011 so the marina can sustain itself. Mayor Janci stated this is something that needs to be looked at. Mayor Janci stated the town only has 1 marina functioning. Sandie noted the insurance is still current at the old marina but it is losing its rentals due to the deterioration of the slips and violations issued from the Virginia Health Department. Aileen then commented that the marina is beautiful and Sandie has done a great job but the rates should be raised to help it support itself.
- B. Mayor Janci asked for any other comments concerning the proposed Budget. There were no other opinions.

A motion was made to close the public hearing by Sandie Puchalski and Carlee Vincent seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

- I. **Call to Order** – Mayor Fred Janci called to Order the Town Council Meeting at 7:10 p.m. on June 13, 2017, in the Wachapreague Town Hall.
  - II. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Mayor Janci lead the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - III. **Public Comments** – First to speak was MiMi Sedjat. She began with the doggie poop bag dispenser was empty in the parks. Mayor Janci said it would be taken care of. M Sedjat then introduced Kathy O’Keefe, Director of Environmental Services, who works with her at the Community Services Board. She explained what they do at the Board. She went on to explain they will be purchasing a home at 5 Center Street to use as a Group Home for disabled individuals. She explained it was a 4 bedroom home so it would house 4 individuals. There will be 24/7 supervised staffing. M Sedjat was willing to discuss any issues any resident may have. Mayor Janci will be checking with the town attorney to make sure everything is done according to the Wachapreague Town Ordinances. Mayor Janci also explained there were some reservations with residents in town.
- A. Joeckel then asked about the next election to fill the vacant seat for the Town Council. Mayor Janci stated we had a response from the Town Attorney signed by a judge stating the next election will be on the scheduled Town Council election date, which is biannually in May. The seat will be temporarily filled until then. A copy of the information was requested and given to A. Joeckel for her review.

Mayor Janci presented Mike Burns a Certificate of Appreciation for donation of the American Flag which flies outside the Town Hall. Mike was also thanked for his service to the Armed Forces.

Mayor Janci introduced Jill Bieri who is Director of the Coast Reserve with the Nature Conservancy. She came to discuss Paramore Island and what improvements have been done to it. It will be used for classroom programs with the school systems in Accomack and Northampton Counties. She also came to inform the town that it is now open to the public. The island is open during daytime hours, with no overnight visitors, campfires or dogs allowed. Also in attendance with J. Bieri was Margaret VanClief.

**IV. Council Meeting** – Next up is approval of the minutes from the May 9, 2017 meeting. Mayor Janci asked if there were any changes or corrections. A motion was made by Cathy Janci and seconded by Sandie Puchalski to accept. A vote was taken and all approved.

**V. Review of Financial Report** – Mayor Janci stated Mary Jo failed to send the Budget verses Profit Loss, so he will use Previous Year Comparison.

We are 11 months through the year = to 91.7%

**Preliminary - Town Of Wachapreague: Previous Year Comparison**

- Net Income is up \$9,850 over last year.
- Delinquent Taxes – Down to 792.00. Mayor Janci thinks we need to turn Lewin & Carr over to the attorney as well as Riahi and Grimes. A discussion on the balance of the Johnson personal property bill. Missy informed that every attempt was made (i.e. phone calls, letters, payment arrangements, possible DMV Stop) but no attempt to remedy this matter. The amount is over a 3 year time frame.

**PRELIMINARY - Port of Wachapreague Town Marina: Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison**

- Sandie Puchalski was able to use all the VPA Grant Money less \$5. She states it will be expected very soon. The Town's portion of the VPA Grant was around \$10,000 of which half has already been paid. The Town will need to cover the remaining \$5,000 to pay for the repairs needed. Mayor Janci noted that the Port of Wachapreague is up on income.
- A motion was made by Sandie Puchalski to accept the bills and a second was Cathy Janci second the motion. Vote was taken and all approved.

**VI. Unfinished Business-**

Next up was the appointment of a new council member Robert "Bob" Bilicki. Bob Bilicki stated he would like to work with the town to help it grown and develop. A motion was taken by the board to accept Bob Bilicki by Sandie Puchalski and seconded by Cathy Janci. A vote was take and all approved.

**A. Marina & Dredging** – Sandie Puchalski began with informing the room of the approval of the VPA Grant which was requested for the amount of \$38,000. This money will be used to restore the remaining docks, electrical issues and other miscellaneous updates to the marina. Sandie Puchalski has spoken to the VPA and they have received all the paperwork and expect the check to be sent out next week. Sandie also stated she used all the grant money except \$5.00. She was very proud of the amount of work she was able to get done with the grant money.

- Sandie Puchalski then explained the Town got a letter from the Accomack County Health Department concerning a waiver to have the Island House or Tackle Shop take care of the pump station for the Town Marina. Sandie spoke to Blake Johnson concerning the waiver for the Town. He then contacted to ACHD and his attorney. Blake expressed even though he qualifies for the 75/25% grant for repairs or replacements, would the Town chip in for the 30% out of pocket cost. Option #2 – Sandie spoke with Darryl Smith with Edson Equipment who sells pump station equipment and has updates that could update the Town's current system from a holding tank to connecting straight to the septic system. Edson's will be sending estimates for this project. Sandie stated there are several options to remedy this situation.
- Sandie Puchalski discussed the harbor after the dredging. Sounding are great with 8+” in the Marina with a couple slightly less.

**B. Accomack-Northampton County Hazard Mitigation Plan**– Robert Hodgson is not here.

**C. Town Maintenance/Garbage (Repairs)** Sandie Puchalski stated other than the note from JD concerning the welding issue on the truck, has nothing else to report.

**D. Powell Memorial Town Park** –

- Sandie Puchalski stated she plans on another work crew to finish the fencing tomorrow. Sandi reminded Mayor Janci about the money in the budget for Powell Park and requested purchasing some cement for the fence pole.
- Sandie Puchalski also meet with Steward and Jeff with the County and they will be getting back with her concerning fixing the water heater.
- Mayor Janci explained what work has been updated and completed at Powell Park to make it a better area for events.

**E. Town Hall Beautification** – Cathy Janci has asked Bob Bilicki to take over the Tourism Board and Cathy Janci will take over Town Hall Beautification. Cathy has advised Bob of the need to reinstate the board members before starting the meeting.

**F. Streets and Drainage** – Don Minniear began with estimates to run a camera down the drains to check the structure. Rot roter \$3,800; Atlantic quoted \$145/hr. (3hrs), + \$550 (travel). Mayor Janci also gave an option of renting one from United Rentals for \$500/week, but all the work would need to be done by council members. The Council decided to go with Atlantic and a Roll Call Vote was needed. A motion was made by Cathy Janci to go with the quote for Atlantic Heating & Plumbing with a cap price of \$1000. Sandie Puchalski seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken and all approved. Mayor Janci requested to be notified a couple of day prior to the work being done.

**G. Safety/Security** – Don Minniear stated everything is good.

**H. Seaside Park** – Major Janci wanted to thank everyone who came out to help with the Spring Cleanup Day. Thanks go to David & Maryann Gout; Chuck Damon; Linda Jones and Gail Savage. Mayor Janci stated it was nice to see a few people come out but wished a few more had showed up.

**I. Town Finances** -

- Mayor Janci stated we need to approve the VML Membership Renewal. A copy was passed around. The dues are \$396 for annually. A motion was made to pay the dues by Sandie Puchalski and seconded by Cathy Janci. All members agreed.

**J. Zoning Administrator’s Report** – Nothing to report.

**K. Floodplain Administrator/CRS Coordinator** – Robert Hodgson stated nothing to report.

**L. Planning Commission** – Mayor Janci stated we have the resignation from Z.R. Lewis for his Planning Commission seat. David Gouak was asked if he would like to take the seat on the Planning Commission. He stated yes he would. Sandie Puchalski made a motion to appoint David Gouak to the Planning Commission. Carlee Vincent seconded the motion. All agreed. Sandie Puchalski made a motion to reinstate Robert Hodgson back onto the Planning Commission. Cathy Janci seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved.

**M. Tourism/Business** – Cathy Janci stated she didn’t have much to report. She did note it was hard to get everyone together to have a meeting.

- The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration will be on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> and the rain date will be Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The Band has asked to be reimbursed due to the distance they travel. They have asked to be paid \$400. Mayor Janci suggested taking \$200 from Seaside Park fund and \$200 from the Town. A motion was made by Carlee Vincent to approve the \$400 expenditure to pay the bank for the 4<sup>th</sup> Of July Event. Cathy Janci seconded the motion. A vote was taken will all members agreeing.
- Mayor Janci asked Missy Wessells to contact Accomack County Community Bank to invite them to the Parade. She will take care of doing it.
- Missy is to also contact ACSO Sherriff Todd Godwin to participate.

**N. Mosquito Control** – Carlee Vincent met with Mr. Yardley concerning the mosquito treatment. She asked questions and reported he placed extra dunks due to the standing water.

**VII. New Business –**

- Sandie Puchalski has asked for the Town to have a Town Wide Yard Sale on June 24<sup>th</sup>. There is plenty going on in the Town so the residents thought it would be a good day to do this. Missy is to put an ad in the newspaper and on the websites for advertising.
- Sandie Puchalski was asked by Katrina Neal do to the restrooms are not working in Powel Park, would the Town pay for rentals. Mayor Janci said no but they are free to send the bill to the Accomack County Parks and Rec.
- Bob Bilicki wanted to announce he will be hosting a Painter’s Workshop on the weekend of June 24<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at Wachapreague, Onancock and Chatham Vineyards.
- Bob Bilicki brought up the condition of the Wachapreague Marina. He was concerned of the danger of others. Cathy Janci wanted to send another letter to the owners, since there is nobody there now overseeing the property. Missy Wessells suggested putting a complaint to the Accomack County Health Department and Planning that could make them take care of unsafe building. Mayor Janci would like to give another month before pursuing any actions.

**VIII. Announcements** – Bob Bilicki wanted to thank everyone that was involved in his daughter’s wedding a week ago. Everything went great and may local businesses were used to make this event happen.

Mayor Janci has recently been on a conference call concerning the research of dredging spoils being used to build up the marsh to foster growth.

**IX. Adjournment** – Sandie Puchalski made a motion to adjourn and Cathy Janci seconded the motion. All approved.

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MAYOR

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TOWN CLERK

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TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE

MOTION TO CONTRACT WITH ATLANTIC HEATING & PLUMBING TO  
USE A CAMERA SYSTEM THROUGH THE MAIN DRAIN LOCATED FROM FINNEY  
ROAD THROUGH THE TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE ENDING AT THE CHANNEL  
ON ATLANTIC AVENUE.

APPROVED AT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 13, 2017

Pursuant to motion made by **Councilman, CATHY JANCI**, as seconded by **Councilman, SANDIE PUCHALSKI**, for a Motion to contract Atlantic Heating & Plumbing for underground camera service not to exceed \$1,000.00, the Council having voted upon the motion, as recorded below, and approved at the Town Council Meeting of June 13, 2017.

Name of Official	For	Against	Abstaining	Absent
Robert Hodgson				<b>X</b>
Sandie Puchalski	<b>X</b>			
Cathy Janci	<b>X</b>			
Don Minniear	<b>X</b>			
Carlee Vincent	<b>X</b>			
Bob Bilicki			<b>X</b>	
Mayor Fred Janci (voting only in case of tie)			<b>X</b>	
Vote Totals	<b>4</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

Duly recorded this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2017.

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Town Clerk