

TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 9, 2018

COUNCIL PRESENT: Fred Janci, Mayor; Robert Hodgson, Vice Mayor; Robert Williams; Sandie Puchalski; Robert Bilicki; Carlee Vincent; Cathy Janci

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

TOWN CLERK: Missy Wessells

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

- I. **Call to Order** –Mayor Fred Janci called to Order the Town Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on January 9, 2018, in the Wachapreague Town Hall.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** –Mayor Janci lead the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Public Comments** – Mayor Janci opened the floor for Public Comments.
 - Ed Posavec, owner of the Wachapreague Marina spoke to the Town Council concerning the issues he is still working on concerning the property. He explained that Accomack County has given conflicting reports concerning the zoning of his property. Mr. Posavec presented the Town Council with pictures and the layout of the property. The buildings on the property are listed as simply building by the county (i.e. not previously a restaurant, rental or tackle shop). Mr. Posavec would like to do the following things to the building closest to Atlantic Avenue: raise the building above the flood zone, use the first floor as a bait and tackle shop and build a rental apartment on the second floor. In order to request a permit to begin working on the building, the Town of Wachapreague must approve the building to be used as such. He is also asking the Town Council for permission to connect to a pump and haul septic temporarily until the permanent septic can be built. He is planning to only use this for approximately 1 year. He is willing to do whatever is requested to prove compliance. Mr. Posavec also let the Town Council know that the meeting with the DEQ went well and the fuel tanks will be filled in and lines will be removed.

ZR Lewis stated that the buildings have been zoned as a restaurant and bait and tackle shop. VM Hodgson stated a permit request needs to be submitted with a diagram of the plans, including setbacks to the Zoning Administrator.

Mr. Posavec asked if it will be possible to be granted these requests or will he be denied. He has asked if this will not be approved to please let him know. The Council agreed this is possible but needs to be followed in accordance with the ordinances.
 - Val Vincent spoke next concerning the incident of dogs that mauled “Molly” the cat’s death. She says something needs to be done with dogs running wild. She states she has had a black dog with red collar wondering around her yard recently. S. Puchalski stated it is a leash law in effect but there is nobody to enforce it in town so everyone is instructed to contact ACSO Animal Control. The dogs that attacked “Molly “are known and they are following up with the owner. C. Janci stated the dogs are known biters and take pictures because they can be used as evidence when dogs are running loose.

Dave Bright commented that he spoke with ACSO Animal Control and they are investigating the incident. He also stated the dogs are still running loose after the incident. He is concerned the dogs are running loose and nothing being done about the matter. The Town Council assured Mr. Bright that the issue is being taking care of.

- ZR Lewis told the Council that R. Puchalski scraped his drive during the storm. Mr. Lewis offered to pay but R. Puchalski said to make a donation to the town. Mr. Lewis presented the town a donation.

IV. Council Meeting – Mayor Janci asked if everyone has reviewed the Town Council Minutes from December 12, 2017. R. Bilicki requested a work change on the first page from cleanup to renovation. A motion was made by S. Puchalski to approve the minutes with the word change and R. Hodgson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, with all approving.

V. Review of Financial Report

VM Hodgson reported:

- **Town Of Wachapreague:** VM Hodgson reviewed the financials with the Town Council members. VM Hodgson stated everything was doing well. It looks like everything was on track from last year.
- VM Hodgson stated we have received a returned check for the properties owned by Lewin/Birdnest Investments. This is being followed by the Town’s attorney. VM Hodgson also explained the penalties and fees for late and delinquent taxes. Clerk Wessells informed the council that the statements will be sent out Wednesday morning.
- **Port Of Wachapreague:** VM Hodgson reviewed the financials with the Town Council members. VM Hodgson stated everything was doing well. It looks like everything was on track from last year.
- S. Puchalski reported things are slow this time of year but will be collecting money beginning February 2018.
- VM Hodgson asked if there were any other questions. S. Puchalski made a motion to accept the financials for the Marina and Town and C. Janci seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all approving.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Marina & Dredging

- S. Puchalski reported due to the weather, some of the dock work could not be started. The plan is to start the dock next week. She spoke to Rory with Wardius Contracting. Rory states the roof on the shed at the Marina will be done this month.
- S. Puchalski stated there were no serious situations at the Marina. Everything was taken care of.
- S. Puchalski also stated the annual VPA renewal will be prepared and sent out the end of January 2018.

B. Town Maintenance/Garbage (Repairs)

- S. Puchalski stated she spoke with JD about the pistons on the garbage truck which needed replacing. The estimates have not been submitted to the town yet.
- S. Puchalski also talked to JD about the drainage system due to the snow thawing could have flooding issues.

C. Powell Memorial Town Park

- S. Puchalski reported nothing to report.
- Mayor Janci asked for JD and John to take down the Christmas decorations when snow melts.

D. Town Hall Beautification

- C. Janci stated she has nothing to report.

E. Streets and Drainage

- R. Williams asked for copies to be made of the maps of the town to easily identify problem areas within the town.
- C. Janci asked about the snow plow coming down Brooklyn Avenue to clear the roads from snow. He will call VDOT to request clearing the roads better.
- Mayor Janci suggested when looking for a replacement town truck to look for something with a plow for snow.

F. Safety and Security

- VM Hodgson stated a stop sign at the intersection of Custis St. and Atlantic Ave have been broke and a request was made to repair.

G. Tourism

- R. Bilicki stated the Town of Wachapreague has 2 signs. 1 in Painter and the other in Kellar along Lankford Hwy. He will be getting estimates for the Kellar sign to repair and prune trees. He has also checked with VDOT and 50% of the Kellar sign value can be spent on repairs.

H. Zoning Administrator's Report

- Mayor Janci reported everything has already been discussed.

I. Floodplain Administrator/CRS Coordinator/ A-NPDC

- VM Hodgson reported nothing to add concerning the Floodplain Administration at this time.

J. Planning Commission

- VM Hodgson reported he is waiting to hear back from the surveyor and attorney concerning the spoil site.
- He is also waiting to complete the account receivables collections before forwarding more work to the attorney.

K. Mosquito Control

- C. Vincent reported she has nothing currently to report.
- VM Hodgson asked about the material she was expecting but she has not received anything yet.

L. Seaside Park

- Mayor Janci thanked everyone for all the help with the Tree Lighting celebration. He thanked R. Bilicki for the hard work. R. Bilicki also thanked Clerk Wessells for her assistance in the event.
- V. Vincent asked about the trees along the sidewalk and the condition. She asked to have additional fertilizer and water in hopes it will revive the trees.
- R. Bilicki asked if another meeting has been scheduled with the WVFC concerning the maintenance of the grass. VM Hodgson stated due to weather, the meeting for January 4th was cancelled. Nothing has been set yet.
- VM Hodgson also discussed new residents have inquired about do work in the gardens. We have not talked with them due to the holidays.

VII. New Business

- VM requested a Working Meeting be advertised to discuss capital projects the town may be considering and a timeline for these things. The agreed date will be January 29, 2018 at 7:00pm. Town of Wachapreague Capital Project Workshop will be placed in the Eastern Shore Post for advertising.
- Mayor Janci stated he will be contacting the surveyor to record the spoil site property in Accomack County.
- VM Hodgson suggested to pay the town employees for Christmas and New Year due to these days are regular work days. After a discussion, a motion was made by S. Puchalski and seconded by C. Janci. A vote was taken and all approved.

Adjournment

Motion was made by S. Puchalski and seconded by C. Vincent to adjourn. All approved.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK

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