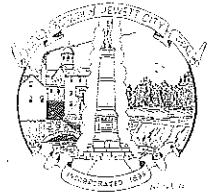


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**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES
REGULAR MEETING
9/7/2021**

Received For Record At Jewett City, CT

On: 9/9/2021 At: 12:00 PM

Attest: Valerie Pudvah

Borough Clerk

The Regular Meeting of Warden and Burgesses held in the Griswold Town Hall, 28 Main Street, Griswold CT Tuesday September 7, 2021, was called to order by Warden Sharkey at 6:15pm.

ROLL CALL:

CLERK Valerie Pudvah read the roll call.

PRESENT: WARDEN Timothy Sharkey, **BURGESSES** Laurie Sorder, Jim Krueger, Laura Laidley and Heather Glover. A quorum was determined.

ALSO PRESENT:

Linda Cote, Jim Barnie, Ken Sullivan, Lou Demicco III, Larry Laidley and temporary Resident Trooper Tim Wengloski.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING JULY 29, 2021, REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 2, 2021 AND SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 18, 2021.

MOTION by Burgess Krueger to approve **SPECIAL MEETING JULY 29, 2021, 2ND** by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgess Glover abstained.

MOTION by Burgess Sorder to approve **REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 2, 2021, 2ND** by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgesses Glover and Laidley abstained.

MOTION by Burgess Sorder to approve **SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 18, 2021, 2ND** by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgesses Glover and Laidley abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

BLIGHT: Burgess Krueger mentioned 134-135 Ashland Street, Slater Avenue and Railroad Avenue.

FIRE: Burgess Laidley mentioned the kitchen and bathroom project. Bathroom is under New Business #2 and the kitchen will be under Any Other Business.

FIRE CHIEF: L. Demicco III noted that the 9/11 ceremony will be this Saturday at 1pm at the Elementary School.

NUISANCE: Burgess Glover mentioned 119 No. Main Street, (under Any Other Business) plus the Western Express trucks going too fast up Route 12. Trooper Wengloski will keep an eye out for any speeding trucks.

POLICE: NONE

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SENIOR CENTER REPORT:
NONE

RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:
NONE

Warden Sharkey introduced Trooper Wengloski, he is temporary until further notice.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Ken Sullivan, spoke on the flood wall being in jeopardy. There is an increase of elevation of 6'. There are 2 courses of action, the first is an appeals process, which approximately takes 2 months and concludes in 90 days after it started. The second action would be to speak to the State to see if they could do a 100-year level instead of the 500. Warden Sharkey will speak to Miguel and Peter regarding this concern.

All went well with the recent storms.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Update regarding Resident Trooper interviews.

They had 13 interviews each one lasted approx. 20-30 minutes. After the interviews, there are further steps with the process.

2. Discussion and possible action to use ARPA funds to create handicapped bathroom for the Jewett City Firehouse for shelter purposes.

L. Demicco III had an updated quote from Mattern Construction, Inc to renovate the existing two basement bathrooms into one 11"x12' ADA compliant bathroom with shower, toilet, and sink. This was the only quote that was received. This project should take 1.5 to 2 weeks. Also, this project would include installing two exterior solid metal doors. The total for both projects is \$38,830.00.

MOTION made by Burgess Sorder to approve the project using the ARPA funding to make the JCFD bathroom handicapped accessible and the doors for shelter purposes, also noted that no one else made a proposal for this project. Burgess Krueger 2nd the motion. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding quotes for truck purchase for the Jewett City Wastewater Treatment Plant with the use of ARPA funds.

Ken Sullivan had 2 quotes for FORD – gas F-250 \$40,589.52 – diesel F-250 \$49,469.40.

After discussion Burgess Glover **made motion** to use the ARPA funds for the diesel truck in the amount of \$49,469.40, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

2. Sewer line project.

Ken Sullivan noted that the Burlson Lane pump station, has ground water infiltrating. Needs to have a TV of the lines to produce a video, create video and review the video for the next steps. The visit has already taken place he just needs to know if it is more than the \$25,000 approved at last month's will he be able to come back for more. Warden Sharkey said we would do a Special Meeting for approval.

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3. Discussion and possible regarding action tabled item on Blight for peeling paint.

Warden Sharkey explained how the program worked in Plainfield. Discussion held on this issue.

MOTION by Burgess Laidley not to act on the peeling paint issue for homes, 2nd by Burgess Glover. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgess Krueger opposed.

4. Update on Fanning Park granite cleaning.

Mercer Monument cleaned the granite, looks good. Should be coming back to clean the two front pillars.

The Civil War statute was cleaned halfway up, need a price to finish cleaning it. Also, wants to get an arborist to look at the trees because the branches are hanging down on the North Main Street side.

5. COVID update.

The last numbers for Griswold were 38 cases between 8/15/2021-8/28/2021.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

- Update for 119 No. Main Street- 10/19/2021 hearing for Strict Foreclosure.
- L. Demicco III – kitchen floor at the firehouse was done around the early 70's. Lou has a quote from John Banker of Banker Home Improvements for a new floor \$2,387.86. Warden Sharkey would like to see additional quotes. Burgess Sorder made motion to table the JDFD kitchen project until next month, with additional quotes 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, ayre. Motion carries.
- Burgess Krueger commended the JCDPU and the Resident Troopers with the recent storm and juveniles riding minibikes.
- Burgess Sorder talked about the process that takes place with the emergency planning meeting for the events (hurricane, flooding etc).
- Jim Barnie asked how many people the JCFD can hold as a shelter. Lou noted 40. Jim wondered how 1 bathroom can handle 40 people. There will be 1 handicapped bathroom downstairs, 1 handicapped upstairs and 1 regular bathroom upstairs.
- Larry Laidley suggested the JCDPU buy an additional truck.
- Larry Laidley wanted to know if there are written complaints for Blight. Discussion was held on this.

Burgess Glover left at 7:30pm.

- L. Demicco noted that a 2nd truck would be good for the JCDPU.

Motion to adjourn by Burgess Sorder 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Meeting to adjourn at 7:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Valerie Pudvah, Clerk