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*Valerie Pudvah*

Borough Clerk

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 3, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of Warden and Burgesses held in the Griswold Town Hall, Main Meeting Room, 28 Main Street, Griswold CT Monday, January 3, 2022 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, Laura Laidley and Heather Glover.

**ABSENT:** Jim Krueger.

A quorum was determined.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Linda Cote-Treasurer, Louis Demicco III Fire Chief, Larry Laidley and Resident Trooper Tim Wengloski.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The pledge was recited.

**APPROVE MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 6, 2021.**

**MOTION** by Burgess Sorder to approve the minutes for December 6, 2021, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgess Glover abstained.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

NONE

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

**BLIGHT-** NONE

**FIRE/FIRE CHIEF-** Burgess Laidley deferred to Fire Chief Demicco.

L. Demicco noted that all is good, the new doors are great. There was an issue with water coming in but the issue is fixed now. Lou will talk more under Old Business # 2.

**NUISANCE-**NONE

**POLICE-**BURGESS Sorder turned it over to Trooper Wengloski under Resident Trooper

**SENIOR CENTER:**

NONE

**RESIDENT TROOPER:**

Resident Trooper Wengloski noted they had a busy Christmas, New Year's was pretty quiet. He spoke about an email that was received regarding the parking on Palmer Avenue and the pulling out onto North Main Street.

He noted that everyone is parked legally. Discussion held on reversing the traffic, did not think that would be the way to go. Burgess Sorder noted that we should respond to the email that was sent. Informing them that it is a state issue because it is a state road.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

L. Demicco spoke on behalf of Ken Sullivan. He noted that the sewer is running very good and the electric side as well. Should be a meeting tomorrow on the flood wall, will let Warden Sharkey know the date and time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. St. Mary's School location- a sober house**

Discussion was held on this. Linda Cote will speak with Fr. Ted at St. Mary's regarding this issue.

**2. Executive Session: Discussion on personnel contract for ARPA Funds Consultant.**

**MOTION** made by Burgess Glover to move this to the end of the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Laidley.

Burgess Glover amended her motion to have #2 and #3 be moved to the end of the meeting, all in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. 119 NORTH MAIN STREET**

Warden Sharkey noted that it has been going on 2 years since this building burned. The town took ownership in November 2021. The money was supposed to be there, and the funding was going to come out of the building line item. Warden Sharkey read an excerpt out of the Board of Finance meeting minutes of 12/21/2021. [Under the Building Dept 3301 last line-item demolition the First Selectmen is asking \$7500.00 be moved from out Exchange account to demolition. This is for the house on 119 N. Main Street that had a fire, and the town has since foreclosed on this property. The town took ownership of the house and are looking to demolish it and sell the property to recoup some of the cost. Motion was made by Dan Webster to approve the budget transfers as presented except for the Highway Dept 3201 and Building Dept. 3301 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by V. Grills.]

Sharkey was opened to suggestions, Burgess Sorder suggested sending a letter to the Board of Selectmen to be put on the agenda and find out what is happening with this now.

L. Demicco suggested sending a letter to the Health & Safety committee.

**2. JCFD BATHROOM PROJECT UPDATE**

Discussion on what to do with the floor, trim work and some other problems. Not happy especially with the floor and the price that was given to pour a 10x10 floor was over \$10,000. Warden Sharkey spoke with Paul Brycki and a meeting will be set up for this project.

**3. ARPA COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Table until next meeting.

**4. PULASKI STREET UPDATE**

No Parking signs are going up and will possibly move the existing NO Parking sign back a house.

**5. UPDATE ON MISSING SIGNS.**

Two of the street signs are back.

**6. SKATE PARK UPDATE.**

Warden Sharkey gave an update on the park. He noted that he replaced the chain and a week later it cut off. He will meet with Public Safety Committee and the Resident Troopers to discuss what can be done. Hopefully, some of the ARPA funds can be used for surveillance cameras and lights.

**7. COVID UPDATE**

Warden Sharkey gave an update on the COVID numbers from the State as of Monday.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

- Burgess Sorder had people question her about the lights downtown. She noted that the former First Selectman ordered 2 poles at \$6,500.00 each. Also, there are poles that the lights are out. L. Demicco explained that they are covered but electricity needs to be shut down because someone will get hurt, he also explained how the lights work. Also, the insurance company is not giving out the full price because of depreciation.
- Burgess Sorder also noted Facebook has 350 members and are getting good recognition.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

L. Demicco spoke about the parking on Dey Street, Charles Street and Victoria Street especially during the flea market on Sundays. {parking on both sides}

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion on personnel contract for ARPA Funds Consultant.**

The Board went into Executive session at 6:49pm.

Executive session ended at 6:52pm

**MOTION** by Burgess Sorder, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Laidley to approve Jennifer Gauthier as ARPA consultant @ at stipend of \$25.00 an hour.

**MOTION** to adjourn at 6:54pm by Burgess Glover, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted by,



Valerie Pudvah