

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of Board of Warden and Burgesses held in the Main Meeting Room, 28 Main Street, Griswold, CT on January 7, 2019 was called to order by Senior Burgess Timothy Sharkey at 6:15pm.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Valerie Pudvah read the roll call: Present: Burgess Timothy Sharkey, Laurie Sorder and Laura Laidley. Absent: Warden Alan Geer and Burgess Jim Krueger. Bailiff – vacant.

ALSO PRESENT:

Leona Sharkey Tax Collector, Jim Barnie, Ken Sullivan JCDPU, Ken Comfort JCFD, Louis Demicco III JCFD, Larry Laidley and First Selectman Todd Babbitt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR DECEMBER 3, 2018.

Burgess Sorder made motion to accept the minutes for December 3, 2018 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgess Laidley abstained.

PUBLIC FORUM:

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. November 2018 calls for service report.

It was noted that drugs is still not in the report.

2. Management letter regarding FY 2017/2018 audit.

Burgess Sorder made motion that we move forward with the Fraud Risk Assessment as recommended, 2nd Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye, Motion carries.

3. Letters regarding: Democrat Registrar of Voters also Democrat and Republican Deputy Registrar of Voters.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

FIRE- Burgess Sharkey opened it up for Louis Demicco III to speak on the firehouse bathroom. Lou. noted that they are making good progress with the bathroom. The boiler is working good. Also, noted that they are waiting for a call back from Mr. Mackin regarding the parking lot.

BLIGHT- Burgess Sorder attended the Special Town Meeting and the amended Blight Ordinance did not pass. Did not know what the process would be next. Todd Babbitt noted that it will go back to the Ordinance Committee and review some of the comments made by the public.

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NUISANCE
NONE

POLICE
NONE

RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:
NONE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Ken Sullivan noted that the XMAS lights were put up and brought back down. Some of the lights are in need of repair, such as the bulb receptacles are damaged.

Waste Water Treatment Audit Report there will be a rate increase for the sewer department.

YOUTH AND FAMILY:
NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Audits for the Jewett City DPU Electric and Sewer for FY 2017/2018.

2. Discussion and possible action to collect an up-front fee of \$50.00 for a credit check for applicants of a small business loan.

Burgess Sorder explained that she was told to go on-line to apply to be a customer to run credit checks. Burgess Sorder would like to propose that a \$50.00 up front fee for a credit check be included on loan applications, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgess Sorder also made motion to become a client of Avantus to run the credit checks, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding current loan holder who is 3 months in arrears for payments.

After much discussion it was decided to have Duncan reach out to him, letting him know that he is 3 months in arrears. The taxes are still outstanding as well. Burgess Sorder suggested to put in the wording that we will be calling in the loan. Burgess Sorder made motion to contact the Borough Attorney about the loan holder being 3 months in arrears, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

2. Reminder January 22, 2019 at 7:00p.m. is Special Freemen Meeting for charter changes.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Burgess Sharkey noted that 8 Phillips Street is worse now than before. First Selectman Babbiit noted that Talcott Avenue is all cleaned up.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Jim Barnie questioned the Special Freemen Meeting's time. 7:00pm.

Larry Laidley suggested putting in the \$50.00 credit check for the loan application that it is **non-refundable**.

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He also noted that there is a missing piece of sidewalk at 103 to 109 Slater Avenue. T. Babbitt is trying to figure out who is responsible for this problem. It is either the water company or the contractor who did the work, he will follow-up on this.

Todd Babbitt brought up a project for water and sewer on Route 164 up to the golf course and Route 201 from Monroe up to Mohegan Drive. They are looking at bonding as an option, Todd spoke with USDA and there could be money available, however it would be available to the Borough not the Town because of the population is under 10,000. Hopefully the town and borough could work together on this because it would benefit both. Burgess Sharkey wondered if the borough could do this and because of the Waste Water Treatment Plant it is possible.

Louis Demicco questioned why not go all the way to the highway, but because of cost it would be too much.

Adjournment:

Burgess Sorder made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Meeting duly adjourned at 6:39pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk