

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 1, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of Board of Warden and Burgesses held in the Main Meeting Room, 28 Main Street, Griswold, CT. **October 1, 2018** was called to order by Warden Alan Geer at 6:15pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Clerk** Valerie Pudvah read the roll call. Present: **Warden** Alan Geer, **Burgesses** Timothy Sharkey, Laurie Sorder, and Laura Laidley. Absent: **Burgess** Jim Krueger. **Bailiff**- vacant. A quorum was determined.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Linda Cote, Leona Sharkey, Jim Barnie, David Vieux, Larry Laidley, First Selectman Todd Babbitt, Ken Sullivan JCDPU, Louis Demicco III JCFD, Ryan Aubin Recreation Director and John Barry Bulletin reporter.

**Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting September 4, 2018.**

Burgess Sharkey made motion to approve the minutes of September 4, 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgess Laidley abstained.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

First Selectman Todd Babbitt brought up Bike Nite. He was expecting Resident Trooper Cote to be here but he is unable to make tonight's meeting. This will be discussed later in the meeting under Old Business # 3. Dave Vieaux, Leha Avenue, introduced himself as the Chairman of the Borough Benefit Committee. He stated the goal of the committee is to get a better understanding between the Town of Griswold and the Borough of Jewett City not to eliminate the borough. Also, would like to get rid of a lot of misconceptions and misunderstandings. The committee would like to promote a better work environment between the 2 government bodies' and to make the community a better place to live. He stated the meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at 6pm in the BOS conference room and noted that anyone is welcome to attend. Burgess Sorder thanked him for coming tonight.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**1. Calls for service report- August 2018.**

**COMMISSIONER REPORT:**

**FIRE-** Burgess Sharkey noted that he spoke with Lou. Demicco III regarding the bathroom and he noted that it is still being worked on (waiting for a tub or shower).

**POLICE-** Warden Geer read a text message he rec'd from Burgess Krueger regarding Bike Nite. He had spoken with Resident Trooper Cote and there was drinking in the streets, no arrests were made. This event needed more than 2 troopers. Parking was also a problem. Not sure if this event should be held again.

**BLIGHT-** Burgess Sorder wanted to know if the building inspector went out to 38 Mechanic Street. This item is under Old Business #2. Burgess Sharkey wondered about 8 Phillips Street.

**NUISANCE - NONE**

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**TROOPER REPORT:**  
NONE

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REPORT:**

Ken Sullivan noted that they are trimming trees in preparation for storms and blizzards! Waste Water Treatment plant is running well.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Discussion and possible action on Schedule of Meetings for calendar year 2019.**

Burgess Sorder made motion to approve the Schedule of Meetings for calendar year 2019, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**2. Discussion regarding charter changes for elected offices.**

Leona Sharkey noted that the attorney was going to have a charter amendment drawn up requested by the board since there will no longer be a Tax Collector or a Bailiff for the May elections. Once we get this from the attorney it would go to a Freeman's Meeting. Burgess Sharkey made motion to table this item until the next meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Update regarding current small business loan holder.**

The lien holder is 6 months behind.

**2. 38 Mechanic Street.**

First Selectman Babbitt will follow-up with Jack regarding this matter. 8 Phillips Street has mattresses etc., stacked on the porch for over 2 months. T. Babbitt will send Jack to check that out as well.

**3. Letter sent to Ryan Aubin regarding town events.**

Discussion was held regarding Bike Nite. Burgess Sharkey questioned who was in charge of this event. Ryan Aubin noted that the event from 6-8pm was a success. It was noted that there was drinking in the street, several riders doing burnouts including one in a Main Street bar. First Selectman Babbitt spoke with Resident Trooper Cote and it was noted that if the event were to take place again, that there should be at least 4-6 police officers at the event. Babbitt noted that he would not have the event in the future.

Ryan Aubin stated that at their meeting they had decided to have only 5 events. 1 major one which would be the Nite-lite festival and 4 smaller ones. The Nite Lite festival would be like a 3 day festival with the carnival in the park like what we had last year. It would be called **Griswold Great Get Together**. He wants to target the community more from now on. Burgess Sorder shared with us that she had complaints regarding alcohol at the nite lite event last year. Burgess Sorder asked Ryan to notify the board at least a month in advance if a Trooper needs to be hired for the event that way a decision can be made if we can afford it..

Louis Demicco III noted that there will be 2 parades in November. Homecoming which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Snowflake Parade which will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Those are the only times the road will be closed.

Burgess Sharkey made motion not to support Bike Nite 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sorder and to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding this decision. All in favor, aye, motion carries.

**4. Update regarding credit application for small business loans.**

Table this item until next month, still waiting for the reply from the attorney.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

Burgess Sharkey brought up the fact that Larry Wagner is retiring and that we should get recommendations from Mr. Wagner.

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Burgess Sharkey noted that Ken Sullivan JCDPU-sewer would like to work something up because the sewer wall will be over 1 million dollars to update.

Todd Babbitt has a list of 3 that he will share with the board.

Burgess Sorder noted it would be to our advantage if the borough and town work together.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Dave Vieaux- noted we are on the right track to end Bike Nite.

Larry Laidley- spoke about running an event properly.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Meeting duly adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk