

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of Warden and Burgesses held in the Main Meeting Room, 28 Main Street, Griswold CT on Monday October 2, 2017 was called to order by Warden Geer at 6:15pm.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Valerie Pudvah read the roll call. PRESENT: Warden Alan Geer, Burgesses Timothy Sharkey, Laurie Sorder, Jim Krueger, Laura Laidley and Bailiff Cathy Briody. A quorum was determined.

ALSO PRESENT:

Sid Luther, Resident Trooper Adam Chittick, Louis Demicco III JCFD, Linda Cote Treasurer, Leona Sharkey Tax Collector/ Sec'y., Larry Laidley and Karl Marra of Olde School Bake Shoppe.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE LAS VEGAS SHOOTING.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 5, 2017.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to accept the meeting minutes of September 5, 2017 as presented, 2nd by Burges Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgess Laidley abstained.

PUBLIC FORUM:

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Calls for Service report for August 2017.

The Board liked the way this report was done.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

Burgess Krueger noted that the speed sign had been moved to East Main Street. He has noticed the speed has dropped on East Main St. The next move for the sign is Aspinook Street. Burgess Krueger also noted that the street signs that were discussed last month have not been installed yet.

Burgess Sharkey noted that the generator is going in at the firehouse. L Demicco III stated that the generator is in and everything (wiring) should be done within a few days.

Warden Geer spoke about a little about Mechanic Street but that item is on the agenda.

RESIDENT TROOPER:

NONE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITES:

NONE

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The board went into executive session at 6:20pm. Sid Luther was invited in. The executive session ended at 7:05pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action on a refund in the amount of \$14.21 as presented by Tax Collector.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to accept the refund in the amount of \$14.21, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

2. Discussion and possible action on appointment of representative to the governing body of CMEEC.

After discussion Burgess Sharkey made motion to send this item to the Borough Attorney for review and his recommendation on appointment, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

3. Discussion and possible action on adopting a housing code.

Burgess Krueger noted that this was brought up during a P&Z meeting. The Borough does not have a housing code and neither does the town. This would be for rental properties and not residential properties. The code will be a benefit to the borough, knowing that the borough has "safe rents". It was discussed who would be enforcing this code and how much it would cost. Burgess Sharkey wondered if the housing officer also could be the blight officer. Burgess Sharkey made motion to have Burgess Krueger check into this housing code further and to report back to the board, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

4. Discussion and possible action on sending letter of request for No Parking signs for Dey Street and Oak Street.

Burgess Krueger spoke on how narrow the streets are with parking on both sides. Burgess Krueger would like to set up No Parking Signs on one side of the street. Burgess Sharkey is concerned about how limited the people are to park on these streets. Burgess Sorder also noted that this should wait until the meeting with Todd Babbitt and the selectmen at the quarterly meeting.

5. Discussion and possible action on new business loan proposal from Mr. Karl Marra for bakery.

Mr. Marra was present to speak on his behalf about asking for a loan of \$20,000 from the Borough. He noted that he does not have any collateral to offer for the small business loan. Burgess Sorder noted that this has been sent to the Borough Attorney and it was recommended that he needed collateral. The new equipment that is in the bakery would not suffice for collateral. Mr. Marra stated that he will try and get someone to co-sign a loan for him. Further discussion was held regarding this matter.

6. Letters sent to owners of 104A-E No. Main St. and 17A-D Green Ave. regarding household debris.

Warden Geer spoke with the owner of North Main Street and he claims that the property that this debris is on, is not his property. It was suggested going to the building office and check the number, it may be 108 North Main Street. Burgess Laidley will contact the building office to make an appt. with Peter Zvingilas, Building Official. The Town will go onto Green Avenue at the owners expense and clean it up.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Letter regarding unsecure property at 38-44-4 Mechanic Street.

Warden Geer received a call from the owner saying that the property is being sold around mid October. Burgess Sorder suggested sending a letter back to the owners, stating that if everything isn't taken care of then we will still do the process stated in the letter to them. Burgess Sorder suggested extending a courtesy to the owners until the end of October and if it isn't taken care of we will go on with the process, 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

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2. Second request letter regarding various signs.

No action taken so far. Burgess Sorder would like confirmation on when the quarterly meeting takes place. Burgess Sharkey will check into this.

3. Discussion and possible action on cameras for Main Street.

Warden Geer is still checking into this. He is in the process of getting quotes from different vendors. First Selectman Skulczyck has two cameras that he will donate.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS :

Louis Demicco III stated that the boiler needs to be cleaned at the firehouse. It was noted that Saveway is ok to use. He also brought up the two parades that are happening next month, Homecoming and the Snowflake parades. He was wondering if the State Police was doing this since it will be on state roads. The board hadn't received any information regarding these parades. It was noted to have the secretary send out a letter to the boards and committees if a State Trooper is needed at these functions and that it will be up to the committee to pay for them. Resident Trooper Chittick will check into if a state road requires a trooper? Burgess Sharkey suggested having a calendar for the following year so everyone knows what is coming up. L. Demicco will handle giving out the letters that the secretary types up regarding this. Burgess Sorder made motion that in Warden Geer's absence Burgess Sharkey meet with First Selectman Skulczyck about policing events that take place in the borough, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgess Sharkey abstained.

Burgess Sorder mentioned that she will be taking the Ethic Seminar on October 12, 2017 for the Borough. She and Burgess Laidley will start working on the ethics policy..

PUBLIC FORUM:

Larry Laidley noted that Oak Street had no parking on the right side four or five years ago. Dey Street had no parking also on the right side.

L. Laidley also wondered who would be paying for the code enforcement ? taxpayer, apartment owner or the borough? Wanted to know how it will work. There are no answers at this time it will have to be discussed and explored.

Meeting to adjourn made by Burgess Sharkey, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Meeting duly at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk