

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 4, 2021**

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Attest:

Valerie Pudvah

Borough Clerk

The Regular Meeting of Warden and Burgesses held in the Griswold Town Hall, 28 Main Street, Griswold CT Monday October 4, 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 and Laura Laidley.

**ABSENT: BURGESSES** Heather Glover and Jim Krueger.

A quorum was determined.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Leona Sharkey, Linda Cote, Ken Comfort, Louis Demicco III, Ken Sullivan, Jim Barnie, and Temporary Resident Trooper David Goulart. Larry Laidley arrived 6:39pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**WARDEN** Sharkey wanted a motion to add an agenda item under New Business to add a NO PARKING sign on the western end of Pulaski Street.

**MOTION** by Burgess Sorder to add to New Business #4, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**APPROVE MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 7, 2021.**

Burgess Sorder made motion to approve the meeting minutes for Regular Meeting of September 7, 2021, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Municipal election date changes provided by Borough Clerk**

Valerie gave a brief description of the state new law starting January 1, 2022 requiring for Borough's that hold elections in May. They want the Borough's to hold elections on Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd numbered years. The legislative body may keep the May date with a three-fourths majority vote.

This is something that would need to be discussed at next month's meeting.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

**BLIGHT:** no report

**FIRE/FIRE CHIEF:** Burgess Laidley handed the report over to Fire Chief L. Demicco. L. Demicco noted that the bathroom project has started. The piping was laid today, he will explain the rest later.

**NUISANCE:** no report

**POLICE:** Burgess Sorder noted that the Troopers have been handling many calls. She would like to note the advantages we have with having the resident trooper program in the Borough.

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**SENIOR CENTER REPORT:**

*No one was present to give a report.*

**RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:**

*Temp. Resident Trooper Goulart noted the **DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM** hosted by Griswold PRIDE and CT STATE POLICE will be held October 23, 2021, between 10am-2pm at Griswold Town Hall.*

*He has seen increased MV activities.*

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REPORT:**

*Ken Sullivan noted all is good on the electric side. The Wastewater Treatment Plant the numbers are below permit.*

*The Diesel Ford F250 pickup truck has been ordered. They don't expect to get it until the Spring!*

*Pleasant View and Ashland Street ground water infiltration project should begin in the next few weeks.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022.**

*MOTION by Burgess Sorder to accept and approve the schedule of meetings for 2022 as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.*

**2. REPLACEMENT OF CONCRETE APRON FOR THE JCFD.**

*Warden Sharkey noted they are trying to get more quotes on this project. They received one from Mattern Construction, Inc for the 38" concrete apron replacement for \$21,360.00. They thought this was high.*

**3. OVERTIME FOR RESIDENT TROOPERS FOR TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT.**

*Discussion regarding complaints concerning speeders and a motorcycle rally on Route 12.*

***MOTION** made by Burgess Laidley to approve overtime for the Resident Troopers for traffic enforcement, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.*

**4. INSTALLING 'NO PARKING' SIGN ON PULASKI STREET.**

*The **"NO PARKING FROM HERE TO CORNER"** sign would be put on the western end of Pulaski Street, 25' from the intersection.*

***MOTION** made by Burgess Sorder for the Warden to send a letter to the First Selectman regarding the **NO PARKING FROM HERE TO CORNER** sign at the intersection of Pulaski Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. UPDATE REGARDING RESIDENT TROOPER INTERVIEWS.**

*Trooper John Martin was selected as the 1<sup>st</sup> shift trooper, currently he is on military leave until April, so Trooper Goulart will be here until Trooper Martin returns. Also, Trooper Tim Wengloski will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift trooper.*

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**2. WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PICKUP TRUCK.**

*Has been ordered, 6 months lead time.*

**3. MEETING WITH STATE DOH MIGUEL RIVERA ON GRANT FOR FLOOD WALL.**

*Ken Sullivan noted the meeting is for Tuesday, October 5, 2021.*

**4. FANNING PARK- ARBORIST FOR TREES.**

*Pepin Tree Service will round the trees and the cost is approx. \$800.00. Once they are shaped they will come back every 2 years to keep the shape. The funding will come out of budget that was already approved.*

**5. COVID UPDATE.**

*Warden Sharkey gave an update of the State positivity rates. Griswold rate has gone down from 68 cases to 46 cases.*

**6. JCFD KITCHEN PROJECT.**

*Lou. Demicco had 2 quotes for this project. Mattern Construction, Inc at \$8,396.00 and John Banker or Banker Home Improvements at \$3,575.86.*

*Lou explained what needed to be done for this project. (demo work, new floor and moisture barrier) Burgess Sorder suggested getting an opinion from the Borough attorney regarding if it may be a conflict since one of these quotes is from in house.*

**7. JCFD BATHROOM PROJECT.**

*Lou. Demicco noted that a barrier should be put on the wall (for water, moisture) it would be an added expense. The total project would be \$39,953.00.*

*Burgess Sorder questioned the previous approval for this project (\$38,830.00), there would be a difference of \$1,123.00.*

*MOTION made by Burgess Sorder to approve the \$1,123.00 for the waterproofing material for the firehouse as recommended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.*

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

*NONE*

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

*Kathy Robbins from Palmer Avenue wondered what could be done about the trucks parking in front of the gun shop on Route 12. Makes it very difficult to pull out onto Route 12. It was suggested that the NO PARKING sign be moved, mirror put up (check with Todd and the State). Trooper Goulart will talk with the owners about the trucks that are parking in front.*

*Louis Demicco III noted that the fence at the JCFD has been taken care of by the Town.*

*SPOOKTOPIA is coming up.*

*Homecoming parade will be held at the school this year.*

*Motion to adjourn at 6:52pm by Burgess Sorder and Burgess Laidley.*

*Respectfully submitted by,*



*Valerie Pudvah, Clerk*