

Board of Warden and Burgesses
Regular Meeting
October 5, 2020
Via Teleconference

The Regular Meeting of Board of Warden and Burgesses was called to order by Warden Sharkey at 6:15pm via teleconference.

Warden Sharkey asked for a motion to bring up under New Business 2 items, Mike Minarsky an event on Oct. 30, 2020 and Fire Chief Demicco purchase of 2 overhead doors for the fire station.

MOTION made by Burgess Sorder to bring up for discussion and possible action under **New Business #3** an event by Mike Minarsky for October 30, 2020, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor.

MOTION made by Burgess Sorder to bring up for discussion and possible action under **New Business #4** overhead doors for the JCFD, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Warden Timothy Sharkey, Burgesses Laurie Sorder and Jim Krueger

ABSENT: Laura Laidley and Heather Glover

ALSO PRESENT:

Linda Cote Treasurer, Ken Sullivan JCDPU. Louis Demicco III JCDPU/JCFD, Ken Comfort JCFD, Todd Babbitt First Selectman, Tina Falck Senior Center and Resident Trooper Rei.

APPROVE MINUTES VIA TELECONFERENCE FOR REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2020.

MOTION made by Burgess Krueger to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of Sept. 8, 2020, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Calls for Service report for August 2020.

No comment

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

BLIGHT- none

FIRE- none

Fire Chief- Fire Chief Demicco III noted that there was an accident with one of the fire trucks which took out the garage doors. The town insurance is taken care of the truck and the 2 middle doors. Also noted that while cleaning the rafters, they could see outside. That has been taking care of. Hopefully it will save on heat. Burgess Sorder wondered if the paving was going on at the same time. The paving will continue when the garage is all fixed.

NUISANCE- none

POLICE-none

SENIOR CENTER REPORT:

Tina Falck was present to speak on the FARM TO FAMILIES event that will be taking place this Saturday, October 10th from 8:30am to 12:00 or until the food runs out. There will be 570 boxes of food. Each box of food will contain 5lbs of vegetable, meat, dairy and a gallon of milk. It will be held at the Griswold Public Works Highway Garage. There will be a second event on October 31, 2020. Tina is looking for volunteers for both events. Example, unloading the truck, delivering the food. There is a need in the community for this kind of event. It is open to all.

RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:

Resident Trooper Rei noted that there will be a Drug Take Back event on October 24, 2020 10am to 2pm at the Griswold Town Hall.

He noted that we will see new faces in the area since there has been a new graduating class.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Ken Sullivan was present and noted that everything is good. Noted that he has a problem on Elm Street with a pipe that is sloped the wrong way. Very busy with the electrical at the new Senior Center, everything is good at the sewer treatment plant, all in all they are very busy!

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion regarding new Resident Trooper schedule.

Trooper Rei noted that everything is put on hold right now, pushed back till at least early December. The schedule was supposed to be a Statewide change for all Troopers, not just Resident Troopers.

2. Discussion regarding JCFD roof inspection.

Warden Sharkey contacted C&M Roofing regarding the accident the other week, the roof dropped 2½ inches, it was recommended that the roof be inspected. Warden Sharkey contacted the roofing company and they will have a crew out within a week to 2 weeks.

3. Discussion and possible action on event by Mike Minarksy.

Mike was present to speak about the event that he would like to put on October 30, 2020. He would like to capitalize on the Vampire lore that the town has. He noted that we are the VAMPIRE capital of the world! He would like to have 20-30 individuals dressed up like vampires walk the streets of Jewett City on Oct. 30th. Not to scare people, just to bring attention to the vampire history in the town. He would like to end up at the cemetery where the Ray family is buried. He is thinking about handing out brochures explaining the history of the vampire history in the town.

There was discussion about health issues (COVID 19) Mike has spoken with Pat McCormack from Uncas Health regarding this event. Members of the board think it would be a good thing for the borough, just worry about the timing of it. Tim stated that a Special Meeting can be called after they have a meeting with Pat. McCormack and then go from there.

4. Discussion and possible action on purchasing two overhead doors for the fire department.

Louis Demicco III explained the reason why he would like to replace the 2 doors. He felt this would be beneficial to replace the other 2 doors at this time. He would like the \$5,000.00 that is in the budget to use for replacement of the 2 doors and the fire dept. would take care of the rest. After further discussion regarding the roof, doors, insurance and structural problems, **MOTION** made by Burgess Sorder to approve up to \$5,000.00 for the request of 2 doors for the JCFD, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Final notice letters sent to owner of 81 Brown Avenue.

There has been no response from the owner of 81 Brown Avenue, so the Borough will have the Town go over and clean it up and put a lien on the property.

2. Update on the monument project.

Burgess Krueger updated the board with the amount of \$10,500.00 for the monument. That includes granite, foundation, installation and includes a \$500.00 allowance for the lettering. Each emblem for the branch of the service will be \$75.00. He is not sure if they will be brass or sand blasted in. Jim thought it was a good idea for Todd Babbitt to contact Graham regarding the foundation, etc. Todd will reach out to Graham. It was noted that there are 5 branches of military service not 4 as previously stated.

Warden Sharkey noted that if a special meeting was needed, he will set it. It would be great if the wording was ready to go for the monument if a special meeting is called.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Todd Babbitt gave a COVID 19 update. So far there are 26 cases and 14 are in the borough. There has been an increase in the past 2 weeks especially in Norwich. There was testing at 3 sites in Norwich and First Selectman Babbitt is working to get testing done in Griswold. Todd noted that 3 children, ages 6, 7 & 8 have also tested positive, not from the same family.

Burgess Sorder brought up Public Comment back in the meetings. There was discussion on that. Todd noted that the person does not have to have video, they just must identify themselves. It was decided to do public comment at the beginning of the meeting.

Louis Demicco III noted that the fire dept. got a Unit Citation for the rescue of a person that had his foot stuck underneath a boulder back in the beginning of the year. Ken Comfort explained that he put in for a Unit Citation for the Jewett City, Griswold, Lisbon, Taftville fire departments that helped. In August he found out that they had received the award and several members who helped went and received the award in September. The board is very proud of all the members of the dept. that helped with this rescue.

Todd updated the board on 119 North Main Street. After the asbestos is removed this week, the building will be brought down and foreclosure proceedings will begin on the property.

Todd wanted to know about the roofing inspection. If there was a fee for the roof inspection,(\$350.00) the insurance company will cover that, it can be reimbursed if he gets the invoice. Warden Sharkey thanked Todd for that.

No further business, motion to adjourn.

MOTION to adjourn at 7:30pm by Burgess Krueger, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk