

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES  
REGULAR MEETING  
10/7/2019**

The Regular Meeting of Warden and Burgesses held in the Griswold Town Hall, Main Meeting Room, 28 Main Street, Griswold, on Monday October 7, 2019 was called to order by Warden Sharkey at 6:15pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

Clerk Valerie Pudvah read the roll call. Present: Warden Timothy Sharkey, Burgesses Laurie Sorder, Laura Laidley, Jim Krueger and Heather Glover. A quorum was determined.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Linda Cote, Leona Sharkey, Ken Comfort. Resident Trooper Vaillancourt and Jim Barnie (6:35pm).

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL FREEMEN MEETING SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 AND REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 3, 2019.**

Burgess Sorder made motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes of September 3, 2019 as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgess Glover abstained.

Warden Sharkey made a correction to Regular Meeting minutes of September 3, 2019 on #4 under Old Business that it should say the **Town Ordinance Committee** is looking at the drinking ordinance, also it was decided to wait until the **Town Ordinance Committee** looks at the current language. Sharkey also added **to see if it better to update the Borough drinking ordinance or adopt the Town Drinking Ordinance if they adopt one.** Burgess Krueger approved the minutes with the corrections, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgess Glover abstained.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

NONE

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**1. Calls for service report for August 2019.**

It was noted that Leona will make a copy of this report for the Resident Troopers.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT:**

**BLIGHT-** Burgess Glover noted that 12 Phillips Street once again is in violation. Also, 135-137 North Main Street is in violation.

**FIRE-** Burgess Laidley noted that the firehouse has been power washed, the members room is almost done, and Bob's Furniture donated \$1,500 for furniture.

**NUISANCE-** Burgess Krueger noted that Main Street is a nuisance. Warden Sharkey noted that possibly November that the road will be done. Jim also questioned when the gas would be turned on. It was noted that the school already has it.

**POLICE-** NONE

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**SENIOR CENTER REPORT:**

Tina Falck was unable to make tonight's meeting.

**RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:**

Resident Trooper Vaillancourt updated the board about residents that they have had complaints about.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REPORT:**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Discussion and possible action on debit card for the Borough of Jewett City.**

It was noted that whenever a purchase was needed, a personal card would have to be used. If the Borough had one, it would be tax exempt for purchases.

Motion was made by Burgess Sorder to authorize the debit card for the borough of Jewett City. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**2. Discussion and possible action on overtime for Resident Troopers for Youth Center/ Recreation Commission events.**

Discussion was held on the minimum hours that the troopers would receive even if it were a 2 hour event. Burgess Krueger wondered why we are discussing this again when we have been through this before. Burgess Sorder noted that if the trooper is on then it would be okay to work one of these functions. Warden Sharkey suggested sending an email back to Ryan that Yes, if they are scheduled for work that night and are available.

**3. Discussion and possible action to fix the lights in Fanning Park.**

Warden Sharkey noted that 2 spot lights are smashed and would like the Jewett City DPU get a price to have them replaced.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Discussion on credit check company application.**

Burgess Sorder noted that everything has been approved but not an official approval. Once that is done we will be all set.

**2. Discussion on radar sign repair and upgrade.**

No longer is blue tooth used it is now WiFi. It can read the speed, how many cars, etc. It cannot read license plates though. It has a lot of capabilities that can be utilized.

**3. Weeds on fencing on Water Street.**

The Town highway men cut back the brush and sprayed with a solution that will stop the weeds from growing. Part of the fence is at a 30 degree angle, the highway department will see if it can be straightened up.

**4. Discussion regarding crosswalk on East Main Street.**

Warden Sharkey spoke with Rick Chapman from the State DOT regarding the situation on East Main Street. It is not a simple fix. Everything needs to be ADA complaint. Studies have shown that a crosswalk does not slow down speeders.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

- 53 Green Avenue- No Parking sign- for the firetrucks and snowplows to make the swing.
- Jewett City Pizza Palace parking lot project- might be available for Small Cities Grant.
- Oct 22-24 seminar to receive certificate. If you don't have the certificate you cannot apply for grants.
- Housing code. Warden Sharkey is working on that.
- No Parking signs on Burleson Lane and Ashland Street.
- paving for the firehouse parking lot may begin in the spring.

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**PUBLIC FORUM:**

- Leona asked if they will be painting the crosswalk in front of the Post Office because a resident told her she would paint it herself!

Linda Cote noted that letters were sent to all the businesses that they would have to pay for the overtime for State Troopers for town functions.

-Ken Comfort brought up that speeders have been blowing through the stop signs at Russell Street and Ash Street.

Motion to adjourn,

Meeting duly adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk