

**Borough Warden and Burgesses  
Regular Meeting  
November 4, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of Warden and Burgesses held in the Griswold Senior Center, 22 Soule Street, Griswold, on Monday November 4, 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, James Krueger, Laura Laidley and Heather Glover. A quorum was determined.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Linda Cote, Leona Sharkey, Larry Laidley, Ken Sullivan, Louis Demicco III and Resident Trooper Rei.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 7, 2019.**

Burgess Krueger made motion to approve the October 7, 2019 minutes with the correction under Commissioner Reports -Nuisance - that Main Street is a (road surface) nuisance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. After the meeting Burgess Glover noted that the word "compliant" under Old Business Item 4 is spelled wrong.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Larry Laidley noted that it would have been nice if the residents on Ashland Street, Pleasant View Street were notified that the roads were going to be shut down for paving. Also, the raised structures on Ashland Street were not all painted orange he noted at least 15!

Burgess Laidley noted that on 134-136 Slater Avenue there are some wires lying on the ground, not sure if they are phone lines, cable lines, not power lines though.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**1. Calls for Service Report for August 2019.**

Burgess Krueger questioned if any of the traffic citations (15) were for speeding on East Main Street. Since we had the meeting with the residents on East Main Street voicing their concerns about the speed on that road. Trooper Rei noted that they did some enforcement on East Main Street but did not have a way to determine if the citations helped or not.

**2. Letter of request for signs to First Selectman.**

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT:**

**BLIGHT-** Burgess Glover noted that the blight on Philips Street is getting and higher and higher. There are also problems with Ashland Street, and the house the end of Palmer Avenue/ North Main Street & Philips Street/No. Main Street. L. Sharkey explained the situation with that property. The First Selectman and blight officer are aware of these problems.

**FIRE-** Burgess Laidley noted that the boiler was cleaned, and the small (clean)room is complete.

**NUISANCE-** Burgess Krueger noted that the First Selectman/Public Works Director did an excellent job with the culvert on Fairview Avenue very quickly. Also spoke about the pot holes on Brown Avenue, it was noted that there are quite a few potholes on Ashland as well that need to be fixed. Warden Sharkey noted he spoke with First Selectman and everything had been turned over to Eversource. Also, a resident mentioned to him that the sign at Continental Realty that blocks the view when you try to pull into traffic. That sign has been grandfathered since the 60s.

**POLICE-NONE**

**SENIOR CENTER:**  
**NONE**

**FIRE CHIEF:**

Louis Demicco III noted that there are a few events coming up. There is the Food Drive 11/9/2019, Toy Drive 12/14/2019, both of these will be held at the Griswold Town Hall. He also spoke about the Snowflake/Light Parade which will be held on 11/16/2019 and certain roads will be shut off. Homecoming Parade is 11/22/2019 and roads will be closed for about an hour.

**RESIDENT STATE TROOPER:**

Trooper Rei noted that the radar sign is back and will be going on East Main Street. He noted that the drug take back with Griswold Pride netted 160lbs of prescription medication. He noted that the funding will not be available for the DUI grant money through the DOT. Warden Sharkey suggested that we have money for overtime maybe the resident troopers could do some DUI spot checks as long as the board is okay with it.

Burgess Sorder asked if there had been any requests for the Resident troopers for the parades that are coming up. There was discussion held on this. Louis Demicco explained to the board he will do what he can do with the man power he will have. Warden Sharkey noted that no one has come to the board asking for troopers at the parades.

Burgess Krueger wondered about Ash Street and Russell Street that was discussed at last month's meeting. Trooper Rei said he has been parked after dark and haven't seen any real problems.

**JEWETT CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

Louis Demicco III noted there were no power outages during the recent storm that we had. He noted everything is running smoothly. He did note that Ryan called to say that they needed 500 light bulbs for the snowflake lights. Louis stated that if Ryan hasn't gotten the lights to the JCDPU by Wednesday they probably will not be going up because of the road construction on Main Street and the holiday on Monday.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Discussion and possible action on submitting an RFP for a grant consultant.**

Warden Sharkey asked for a motion to hire a grant consultant, Burgess Krueger made motion to approve submitting the RFP for a grant consultant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**2. Discussion regarding lease renewal for trooper office.**

The rent has gone up \$10.00 a month at the trooper office. It was noted that there is no evacuation plan for the Resident Trooper's office so Fred Marzec and Tom Holowaty are working on that.

**3. Discussion and possible action on holiday recognition cards for Borough businesses.**

Burgess Sorder thought it would be nice to send holiday cards to the businesses in the borough. She thought that maybe with the borough seal, pictures of the board members. Motion was made by Burgess Sorder to approve up to \$100.00 to send holiday cards to all businesses in the Borough of Jewett City, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laura Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Update regarding lights in Fanning Park.**

Lights are all set at the park, removed the lights from the ground and are now on the pole. A thank-you card will be sent to the JCDPU for doing this.

**2. Update on grant seminar.**

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Warden Sharkey gave an update on the seminar for grant writing. It is a week and half course put into 4 days and very extensive. Burgess Sorder thanked Tim for putting in his time because it will allow us the opportunity to apply for that grant.

**3. Update regarding small business loan application and credit check.**

Burgess Sorder said the only thing not on the application is an application fee. A \$50.00 non-refundable application fee needs to be added. She thinks if that is added it should be good to go. A short training session needs to be done for it as well.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

Warden Sharkey noted the radar sign is back. It now has its own Wi-Fi. It will be able to track speed, time of day etc, but it does not take pictures of license plates.

Paving at the firehouse is held up until the spring.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Larry Laidley noted that people are not stopping at the crosswalks, especially for the children crossing the streets to get to the school. He also, is amazed at the amount of staff that parks in the visitors parking at the school, where the parents are supposed to be parking.

Motion to adjourn made by Burgess Krueger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Glover. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.  
Meeting duly adjourned at 7:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk