

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of Warden and Burgesses held in the upstairs Selectman's Conference Room, 28 Main Street, Griswold, CT on Monday November 6, 2017 was called to order by Senior Burgess Timothy Sharkey at 6:15pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Peter Zvingilas Building Official, Jim Barnie, Tom Giard, Leona Sharkey, Linda Cote, Resident Trooper Russell Cote, William Dambach, Gerald Blonigen, Larry Laidley and Louis Demicco III.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE TEXAS SHOOTING.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 2, 2017.

Burgess Sorder made motion to approve the minutes for October 2, 2017 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

PUBLIC FORUM:

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Snowflake Festival Committee invitation.

Contact Phyllis Brown if anyone is interested in going.

2. Calls for service report for September 2017.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Burgess Sharkey noted that the generator is all hooked up and worked well during the recent storm.

Burgess Sorder wondered if anything had been done with the property at 38 Mechanic Street. She will ride by the property and see if anything had been done to it. Burgess Sorder also wondered if 108 or 104 North Main Street if anything had been done with that. Peter Zviniglas will check this out.

Burgess Krueger noted that the speed sign on East Main Street is slowing the traffic down.

Burgess Krueger also noted that he seen posts erected but no signs as of yet. Burgess Sharkey noted that all the signs are in but are waiting to put them up in case wording needed to be changed.

RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:

Trooper Cote was brought back October 27, 2017. He noted that to make gun permits easier residents can stop down anytime. He will be doing some second shifts as well. He is restarting the Facebook page. He also noted that the Toy Drive is 12/10/2017 9am-3pm at Target in Lisbon.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Louis Demicco III was present to describe what the procedure is when there is a storm such as the one we just had. He also had a bill for the boiler cleaning for the firehouse. Everything is running great! He noted that the treasurer caught an error with the bill from All-Gas & Equipment CO. That bill has been paid.

He also expresses concern with the firehouse being a shelter. If everyone is out on calls there would be no one there to man it and there needs to be someone there. He thinks that we need to work with the town and work on a plan for this for the future.

He noted that there is a Food Drive 11/12/2017 10am -6pm at the Town Hall, Toy Drive is 12/9/2017 and the Snowflake Parade is Sunday November 19 @ 2:00pm.

L. Demicco also stated that 2 new LED lights had been replaced in the front of the firehouse facing the pad.

Jewett City Savings Bank donated \$500.00 to the firehouse. It was used to refurbish the upstairs bathroom. It is now a unisex bathroom.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action on refunds in the amount of \$7.20 as presented by the Tax Collector.

Burgess Sorder made motion to accept the refunds in the amount of \$7.20 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

2. Discussion and possible action on Saveway Petroleum Inc. agreement rates.

Burgess Sorder made motion to approve the proposed rates for Saveway Petroleum Inc as presented, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

3. Discussion with Mr. William Dambach regarding no parking signs on Oak Street and possible action.

Mr. Dambach and Mr. Blonigen were present to express their concern with the No Parking signs on Oak Street. They both have lived on Oak Street for 35+ years and have never had a safety problem. Discussion was held regarding this issue. Mr. Dambach has measured the road and he measured other roads in the area that have not been slated to have no parking signs put up. Burgess Krueger explained the safety issue with this street and being able to get a firetruck down. Also it was noted that a dumpster is taking the place of 2 parking spaces down at the end of Oak St. That will be looked into. Burgess Sorder suggested tabling putting any signs up until we have discussion with the fire dept and other officials that have to do with safety. Burgess Sharkey also noted that the homeowners should be notified in advance of what is going on. Burgess Sorder made motion to table putting any signs up until a meeting is schedule with safety officials and come to a resolution, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgess Krueger abstained.

4. Mr. Tom Giard – Presentation regarding murals downtown,

Mr. Giard Chairman of EDC showed 3 renderings (pictures)of what Faith Satterfield (artist) could do with the downtown. It would be the sunflower theme. Mr. Giard noted that there are a number of grants out there for projects like this. He has no estimates at this time for the cost of this project. There would be an agreement with the property owners if they decided to do this.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bakery- Did not receive independent appraisal to date.

No response

2. Requested Signs – No written response to date.

Burgess Sharkey will call Todd Babbitt to hold the signs on Oak Street till further notice.

3. Letter regarding trooper contract for fringe/workers compensation rates.

No response

4. Housing Code research update.

Peter Zvingilas Building Official was present to discuss the Housing Code. Currently neither the town nor the borough have a housing code. He noted that the Fire Marshall is supposed to inspect multi-family rentals every year. The code requires inspections every time a rental comes up empty. It would be up to the landlord to pay for the inspections.

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There was discussion on that being a burden for the landlords. Having a code enforcement officer would definitely improve the conditions of the rentals but it would be an added cost.

Burgess Krueger would like to continue this discussion because it is needed for the Borough. Burgess Sorder wants to wait and see what Griswold is doing, if anything, with this project. Burgess Krueger made motion to table this item the next meeting when Warden Geer has returned for further discussion, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

5. Ethics policy update.

Burgess Sorder was unable to attend the Ethics training a few weeks ago. She talked with the chairman and was asked to wait til the Ethics changes were passed which they were.. She will be at the next meeting which is January 7, 2018. Burgess Sorder made motion to table until the February meeting unless she meets with the Ethics Committee before, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. Burgess Sorder will keep Burgess Laidley informed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Burgess Sharkey asked why the burned building on North Main Street is still standing. Peter Zvingilas will check with the owner about this problem.

Burgess Sharkey went to the meeting with the selectmen regarding and was told that as long as the fire police are state certified it is alright. He would like to contact the insurance company regarding the situation where alcohol is being served . Burgess Krueger made motion to contact the insurance company regarding drinking on the streets, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Also discussed putting crosswalks in certain areas. ie. JC Pizza, Dr. Goodwin's and making Tracey Avenue a one way street.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mike Minarsky mentioned that NO Parking ban is announced on Wolverine Radio.

He also noted that the new business assn. would like to see participation from the the local government.

Executive Ssession:

Burgess Sorder made motion to go into executive session and to invite Resident Trooper Cote in, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor. Motion arries.

Executive session went in at 8:04apm and came out at 8:23pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk