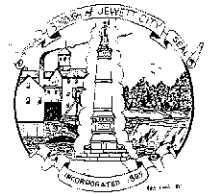


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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Warden & Burgesses held in the Main Meeting Room, 28 Main Street, Jewett City, CT on February 3, 2020 was called to order by Warden Sharkey at 6:15 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Motion to appoint Leona Sharkey, Borough Secretary as Acting Clerk was made by Burgess Sorder, second by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

ROLL CALL:

Leona Sharkey, Acting Clerk read the roll call. Members present: Warden, Timothy Sharkey, Burgesses Laurie Sorder and Laura Laidley. Absent: James Krueger and Heather Glover. A quorum was determined.

ALSO PRESENT:

Linda Cote, Resident Trooper Chris Vaillancourt, Louis Demicco III, Ken Comfort, Tina Falck, and Larry Laidley.

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 6, 2020:

Burgess Sorder mad a motion to approve minutes, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Larry Laidley stated he is against the inclusion of 12 inches of grass being included in the Blight Ordinance.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **Calls for service report December 2019** - There was no discussion or questions from the board. Trooper Vaillancourt noted he had received a copy.
2. **Final Notice letter regarding tenant parking on Oak Street** - Warden Sharkey spoke to the First Selectman, Todd Babbitt and Resident Trooper Vaillancourt regarding the ongoing issues with parking the wrong way. The resident trooper will start to ticket and tow should they not comply.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

1. **Blight** – Burgess Glover is absent. Warden Sharkey spoke regarding some of the blight concerns and stated that 119 North Main Street, 20-22 Talcott Avenue, 50 Lenox Avenue, and 17 Palmer Avenue have all complied with letters sent out regarding clean up. Warden Sharkey also stated that the owner is working on 135 North Main Street health concerns regarding bed bugs and rat bites. Warden Sharkey also stated he spoke to the First Selectman and was informed that the Building Official is supposed to be coming back to his office in town hall and will be able to work more on their blight concerns.

2. **Fire** – Burgess Laidley stated there was work done to the garage doors and attention needed for generator. Will defer to the item under new business.
3. **Nuisance** – Burgess Krueger is absent.
4. **Police** – Burgess Sorder stated she spoke with Warden Sharkey regarding the speed sign and no data collection report is available yet. Trooper Vaillancourt will be on vacation soon and when he comes back, he and Warden Sharkey will work with the company on how to compile the data and create reports. Burgess Sorder also commended Warden Sharkey for being proactive with regards to blight and sending the homeowners letters to get it all cleaned up.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT: Director, Tina Falck stated Senator Somers will be at the Senior Center on Friday, February 7, 2020 to provide legislative updates. Director Falck stated the community breakfast was very successful and that the time change was received much better, as was the addition of pancakes to the menu. Director Falck stated the next one will be held February 29, 2020 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and will consist of eggs, sausage and pancakes. Director Falck stated that she would like to implement a summer lunch program and that Third Selectman, Jared Picco is working with her on this matter. Director Falck stated that she would like to have some of the veterans take part in the Honor Flight, which provides free trips to Washington D.C. to see historical monuments and other historical places. The next flight is scheduled for May 2, 2020 and she is working with Congressman Courtney to make it happen for the next flight. Director Falck stated the next Community Cleanup will be in April after earth day and they will be looking for volunteers to adopt streets/roads for the event, and that once again they will have a contest for the kids to design a logo for the event.

RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT: Trooper Vaillancourt spoke regarding the change with the issuance of the pistol permits stating that the process has begun to transition this duty to the Town of Griswold, but that the Resident Troopers are still handling them until the transition is complete. Trooper Vaillancourt also spoke about Charter/Ordinance enforcement. He stated that he spoke to a Resident Trooper in Mansfield and they give out citation tickets that are made specifically for the municipality and that the money collected for those citations also comes back to the municipality and not the State of Connecticut, which is a benefit.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES: Louis Demicco, III, Chairman for the JCDPU Commissioners spoke in Director Ken Sullivan's absence stating that things are going well. Mr. Demicco stated construction has begun for the church on School Street, but that the traffic and parking is good. Mr. Demicco stated that after the Trooper Vaillancourt spoke with business owners regarding the upcoming construction and traffic concerns that everyone has been great. Mr. Demicco stated that Warden Sharkey met with Director Ken Sullivan about applying for grant money for the possible construction of a flood wall at the Waste Water Treatment plant. Warden Sharkey stated he was at the required training for the application and that Miguel from Department of Housing was very impressed with the project and that it is shovel ready.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion and possible action to adopt Town of Griswold Blight Ordinance and Blight Ordinance Violation Form.** Warden Sharkey stated he was told by the First Selectman that the appeals committee is now formed with 1 alternate and that we need the enforcement of the blight ordinance. Burgess Laidley stated she was okay with the way the ordinance is written with the exception of the 12" high grass, as she feels this needs to be removed. Discussion was had regarding the ordinance and making changes to conform to the needs of the Borough. Burgess Laidley made a motion to table this item until next month's meeting, second by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

2. **Discussion and possible action on adopting a Borough Parking Ordinance.** Warden Sharkey stated that to have an additional level of enforcement of the ordinances he researched other towns and they have what is called a parking ordinance where their police departments or resident troopers can provide a Municipal Citation to where they are fined and the money comes to the Borough and hopefully also deters them from repeating the offense. Warden Sharkey he provided a sample in the meeting packets from the Town of Mansfield. Burgess Sorder suggested that she has the Police Commissioner and Warden Sharkey work together on this to come up with something that is applicable to the Borough needs. Burgess Sorder made a motion to table this item to allow the Police Commissioner and the Warden to draft a parking ordinance based on the Borough's needs, second by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.
3. **Discussion and possible action on quote for generator at the Jewett City Fire Department.** Fire Chief, Louis Demicco, III stated that there is a flashing red light on the generator and he called AC/DC, the company who installed the generator questioning the light. The company suggested that it needs a tune up. Chief Demicco stated that it still runs through its cycle every morning from 7-8 a.m. he stated that the quote provided is a maintenance contract with level A covering the first 6 months for \$450.00 and level B covering the next 6 months for \$295.00, which would be the annual cost. Chief Demicco stated there is money left over in the Borough budget from the garage doors that would cover this cost, as the garage door fix came in under original quote. Treasurer, Linda Cote will check account. Burgess Sorder made a motion to approve a level A maintenance contract now not to exceed \$500.00 and the remainder to be covered in the upcoming fiscal year, second by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.
4. **Discussion and possible action on adoption Resolution Relating to Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant Applications by SCCOG.** Warden Sharkey explained that SCCOG is applying for a grant for regional services in Human Resources, Code Enforcement Official and Grant Writer. He stated one of the grant requirements is that all member towns must adopt this resolution in order for SCCOG to apply. Burgess Sorder made a motion to adopt the Resolution Relating to Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant Applications by SCCOG and read the entire resolution, second by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Blight properties update – Letters sent to property owners.** Warden Sharkey stated he covered this under blight, but that 50 Lenox Avenue, 20-22 Talcott Avenue, 18 Palmer Avenue, and 119 North Main Street are all cleaned up. There has been no response from 6 Mechanic Street or 103-105 North Main Street.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Burgess Laidley stated that she has sent out e-mails to the members of the subcommittee for the Fanning Park Monument with no response to date. Burgess Laidley also stated she has reached out to monument companies to gather prices. Burgess Laidley also stated that she needs to know if the monument is being erected by the Borough of Jewett City or will it be coming from an organization such as the VFW or American Legion.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Larry Laidley stated again that he feels the grass height should be removed from the blight ordinance and that there should be a public hearing to adopt the ordinance.

Acting Clerk Sharkey explained how the process works and that there will be a public hearing and vote after the board approves it to go forward.

Larry Laidley also informed Senior Center Director, Tina Falck that Westerly, RI has a Westerly Warm Center that does lunch programs and may want to reach out to them as to how to get the program off the ground.

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Burgess Laidley stated that the Groton and Norwich Public Schools also offer those programs and that Director Falck may want to reach out to them as well.

Burgess Sorder made a motion to adjourn, second by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Meeting duly adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leona Sharkey".

Leona Sharkey, Acting Clerk

Public Hearing March 2, 2020

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