

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of Board of Warden & Burgesses held in the Main Meeting Room, 28 Main Street, Griswold, CT on February 4, 2019 was called to order by Warden Alan Geer at 6:15 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Valerie Pudvah read the roll call: Present: Warden Alan Geer, Burgesses Timothy Sharkey, Laurie Sorder and Laura Laidley. Absent: Burgess Jim Krueger.

ALSO PRESENT:

Leona Sharkey, Linda Cote, Louis Demicco III, Larry Laidley, Ken Sullivan, Jim Barnie and Todd Babbitt First Selectman.

APPROVE MINUTES:

REGULAR MEETING January 7, 2019.

Burgess Sorder made a correction for under Old Business Item 1 that her motion should have read "any future late payments regardless of 3 months or 1 month in late payment will result in the loan will be called in". Burgess Sorder made motion to approve the minutes with correction, 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

SPECIAL FREEMEN MEETING January 22, 2019.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to accept the Special Freeman Meeting of January 22, 2019 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

PUBLIC FORUM:

T. Babbitt noted that they have only received one response for the Small Cities administrator for the grant. Would like a subcommittee be set up and a couple of people be a part of it. No date has been set yet.

This will be added to any other business.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. CALLS FOR SERVICE REPORT- DECEMBER 2018

It was noted that there are no drug arrests in the report. Resident Trooper Cote will be contacted and see if it can be put in the monthly report.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

FIRE- Burgess Sharkey noted that he stopped into the firehouse to look at the bathroom and noted that it looks beautiful. He turned it over to Louis Demicco III for further update. Lou. noted that this is the upstairs bathroom and it should be finished next week. It was noted that it is and can be used as a shelter and that the bathroom is ADA compliant.

Mr. Demicco also had a bid that he gave to the board for the paving of the parking lot. It is \$20,000 less than other quotes received.

Burgess Sharkey questioned the security system at the firehouse.

POLICE- the locks have been changed at the Resident Trooper Office and the parking problem has been resolved. The speed sign has been moved to North Main Street.

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BLIGHT- It was noted that 36 Hill Street has a mattress and couch out front and that 8 Phillips Street has more than before!

NUISANCE- Burgess Laidley questioned the procedure if sidewalks have not been shoveled during a snow storm and the consequence if they aren't cleared off. Todd Babbitt noted that he works off of complaints and the landlords are billed if the town crew needs to go out and clear the walks.

RESIDENT TROOPER:

NONE

Warden Geer noted that locks have been changed at the Resident Troopers Office. Three or four keys have been made.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Ken Sullivan noted that he will not know the numbers for another 7-10 days for the increase. He is trying to keep it under double digits.

A lamp post that was hit will be installed next week. At least 7 light posts have been hit. Burgess Sharkey questioned the feasibility of moving the posts back further. Ken Sullivan noted that that would be very pricey.

YOUTH & FAMILY REPORT:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and action on whether to refund Nick Richard his \$100.00 donation made to the Borough for the addition of a veteran monument.

Leona Sharkey explained the situation and that there is money for a monument in a separate account but she does not know if he gave a check since it has been about 4years.

After much discussion it was decided to send Mr. Richard a letter asking for some kind of proof for this donation then we are fine with the refund.

2. Discussion and possible action on request from Ryan Aubin regarding Resident Trooper overtime.

There was much discussion on these events especially the May 4th- Great Get Together- parking, fireworks, floats etc. It was thought that if Mr. Aubin is expecting over 7000 people that they will need more than 3 troopers. Larry Laidley told them how many troopers he needed for the Bicentennial Event that was recommended by the Lieutenant at that time. We should get a recommendation from Trooper Cote or from the current Lieutenant. It was suggested that this be tabled until everyone can get together for a meeting to discuss this event further. Burgess Sorder would love to have Larry Laidley, representatives from the Town, Borough, Fire Dept. Trooper Cote and Ryan Aubin attend this meeting. Burgess Sharkey made motion that we table this item until we have everyone available and to approve overtime for Trooper Cote, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Status with current small business loan holder.

The owner was hand served about a week and half ago. He has 30 days from when he was served to be compliant. The Borough has not heard from him yet.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Warden Geer asked if Mr. Basilicato was taken care of yet. The check was delivered last week to Charlene's.

Burgess Sorder put in for discussion about the grant writer and possible action. Todd Babbitt noted that the RFP was put out to represent both the Town and the Borough. Only one firm has responded. No date has been set yet. Burgess

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Sorder and Burgess Sharkey would like to be part of this. Warden Geer made motion to have Todd set the meeting date, 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Burgess Sorder would like to be put on record that on Friday (2/1/2019) on SNSN radio, the Town's Third Selectman was on the radio and that he was very derogatory to the Borough of Jewett City. He said that the Borough decreases the property value in Griswold. Businesses won't come into Griswold because Jewett City is a black eye. The Borough board should be ashamed to take pay. Burgess Sorder noted that he said things that are not accurate. He did not say one positive thing about the Borough. Burgess Sorder feels that he should represent the Borough as well as Griswold since Jewett City residents are Griswold's residents. Burgess Sharkey heard it as well and said it was terrible.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Jim Barnie suggested that when everyone meets for the May 4th event that all 3 items be addressed at the same time.

MEETING TO ADJOURN:

Burgess Sharkey made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Meeting duly adjourned at 7:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk