

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 1, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Warden and Burgesses held via Teleconference Call on Monday March 1, 2021 was called to order by Warden Timothy Sharkey at 6:15pm.

ROLL CALL:

CLERK Valerie Pudvah read the roll call.

PRESENT: WARDEN Timothy Sharkey, **BURGESSES** Laurie Sorder, Jim Krueger, Laura Laidley and Heather Glover. A quorum was determined.

ALSO, PRESENT:

Linda Cote- Treasurer, Louis Demicco III- Fire Chief, Leona Sharkey- Tax Collector, Ken Sullivan-JCDPU- Director, Tina Falck-Senior Center Director, Resident Trooper Rei and Dave Vieaux.

APPROVE MINUTES VIA TELECONFERENCE FOR REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2021.

MOTION made by Burgess Krueger to approve the Regular Meeting of 2/1/2021, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgess Sorder abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Resident Trooper Calls for Service report for January 2021.

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

BLIGHT – NONE

FIRE – NONE

FIRE CHIEF- L. Demicco III noted that the project is 99% complete. The alarm company needs to come back for a sensor that fell off the wall! He noted the boiler was just cleaned and is working great. The town is going to put the dumpster near the baseball field side in the Spring on gravel and not on the parking lot.

NUISANCE – Burgess Krueger complained about the snowplows, throwing snow on shoveled sidewalks!

POLICE - Burgess Sorder spoke about the parking ban and being more aggressive this year. A few residents have had their cars towed, she noted that the Resident Troopers were very good about telling residents that the cars needed to be moved. She also mentioned that a resident got the license plate number of a vehicle going the wrong way on Railroad Avenue and forwarded that to the Resident Troopers.

Trooper Rei mentioned that it was a very busy month with pistol permits, snow, parking ban and towing vehicles so the plows can get through.

Warden Sharkey mentioned a couple of complaints he received regarding the parking ban.

Burgess Laidley questioned if there is a public parking that can be used for residents to park cars while the ban is in effect and if could be advertised. Warden Sharkey noted that at the Youth Center on Ashland Street there is parking that was made a few years ago and up by the skate park in the parking lot.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT:

Tina Falck noted that they have been busy helping everyone get appointments for the COVID vaccine.

She also mentioned that United Way will be back in town the week of March 8th with around 500 boxes of food next week, not sure of the date and time yet.

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RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:

Given earlier under Police report.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Director Sullivan noted everything is running well at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding SECCOG Code Enforcement Officer.

Warden Sharkey explained that SECCOG is trying to help towns out that have part-time officers by hiring a code/zoning/building/blight officer and to work 152 hours per month. The pay would be between \$35.00-\$40.00 an hour. Tim is not sure if it would be full time or part time. Warden Sharkey thought it would be a good idea to have the help and that he/she being impartial and not from our town.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding electronic sign and Everbridge System.

Warden Sharkey introduced Lauren Hoover from the Everbridge System to explain the system. Lauren explained how the system works to the board members. It is a software program for local, public safety and service communications delivering maximum community impact. Lauren noted that it is browser based and that no hardware needs to be installed. Residents can opt in; all they must do is text their zip code. The fee for this system is \$3,600 annually with a one-time setup fee of \$288.00. It takes about 2 weeks to get the system up and running. This will be discussed during the budget session. The electronic sign at the GFD was between \$25,000 - \$28,000, so the Everbridge System would be much cheaper and able to reach more people.

3. Discussion regarding light for the dam behind the Youth Center.

Warden Sharkey explained that years ago that the dam and park were lit up for a short period of time. Tim spoke with Ryan regarding this and he said that the light was burnt out. Ken and his crew went down and checked it out and decided the fixture needed to be replaced. Ken Sullivan noted that the fixture that is there will need to be replaced and a high-power LED flood light bulb would need to be ordered. He noted that in the end, it would be lit up rather nicely. Warden Sharkey thought it would be nice to have colored bulbs/changing color for the future. Ken noted that there will be no charge for the fixture and the bulb.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding setting a date for the budget workshop.

Burgess Sorder asked if we can meet in person for this workshop. Burgess Krueger wondered why? Leona noted that it could be done the same as the Board of Finance where both can be done in person and virtual. Warden Sharkey thought we could try it and see how it goes. Discussion was held on a date. Linda Cote is waiting on the water company and the police figures. It was decided to have the budget workshop on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 6:30pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. COVID update

Warden Sharkey noted the cases are going down and are contributing that to the people that are getting the vaccine.

2. Discussion regarding possible attendance policy.

There was discussion on how many meetings that one misses and still get paid. Warden Sharkey suggested that an ordinance be created stating that have missing 3 meetings you don't receive a check. Burgess Sorder will draft an ordinance that will be brought before the board for discussion. Then move forward with it.

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3. Grant update

Warden Sharkey has not heard a thing from anyone. Money is there but everything is slow right now.

4. Thank you, cards.

Burgess Krueger noted that all the cards have been mailed out.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Jim brought up the Memorial Day Parade and if the parade is canceled the Memorial Day ceremony will still go. That means the memorial dedication will still go on that day.

Tim brought up 20 violations for sidewalks that the town went out and cleared. The ordinance says 6 hours after a storm but they were given 48 hrs. Fees were waived for the elderly but were told that they would need to find someone in the future.

Tim also mentioned the Ryan Aubin, Youth Center Director would like to make the skateboard park into a bike and scooter park as well. Tim reminded him that there is an ordinance for the skate park, and it is not cost effective to change it. It would be cheaper to fix the gate that was damaged a few years ago that is allowing people to get in there.

Adjournment:

Burgess Krueger made motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Meeting duly adjourned at 7:26pm.