

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 1, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Warden and Burgesses held in the Main Meeting Room, 28 Main Street, Griswold, CT on April 1, 2019 was called to order by Warden Alan Geer at 6:15pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk read the roll call. Members present: Warden Alan Geer, Burgesses Timothy Sharkey, Laurie Sorder, Laura Laidley and James Krueger. Bailiff – Vacant. A quorum was determined.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Linda Cote Treasurer, Leona Sharkey Tax Collector/Sec'y, Ken Sullivan JCDPU, Louis Demicco III JCFD, Tina Falck Senior Center Director and Larry Laidley.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING MARCH 4, 2019.**

Burgess Sharkey made motion to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of March 4, 2019 as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Tina Falck was present to speak about the Community Clean-up Day which will be held Saturday April 27, 2019 7:00am to 1:00pm. Last year 37 tons of debris and trash was collected. There is no fee for the transfer station that day. Also, **NO** Hazardous waste or household garbage will be taken. It would be great if friends, family clubs or groups would get together and cleanup their yards and roads. There will be a group going around to pick up the debris if someone is unable to bring it to the transfer station. Trash bags and gloves will also be available at the senior center. The gathering place will be the Senior Center.

Tina left a flyer with a list of facts regarding the Senior Center.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

NONE

**RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:**

NONE

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

Ken Sullivan noted that there will be a Public Hearing on May 2, 2019 here at the Town Hall. There will be a rate increase of 9% for the sewer bills.

**YOUTH AND FAMILY/RECREATION:**

NONE

**COMMISSIONER REPORT:**

**FIRE-** L. Demicco noted that the bathroom project is all done. They are now working on the Members Room which is the Clean room (heating system). He noted the next functions that are happening at the firehouse and with the Recreation

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Dept. \*stuffed chicken dinner 5/18, LL Parade 4/28 , Night Light Parade 5/4 @ 8:10PM , Memorial Day Parade, Reason to Ride Bike Run 6/9, Great Griswold Get together 7/4-7.

There was also discussion on the rollers for the overhead door. He is waiting for quotes from Overhead Door. He is also waiting for quotes from Capital for the paving. He also has a quote for the alarm system. The high quote is \$3,765.00 with the fob system, the lower quote is \$865.00 where you punch in the code number. He noted that the current system works fine so maybe go with the lower quote.

**POLICE-** Burgess Krueger noted that the speed sign is working fine on North Main Street, no one likes the position of it. The next place for the sign will be Ashland Street, since there will be more traffic because Norman Road is closed. Jim will mention to Trooper Cote about the stop signs on Hill Street (4 way stop) and how the cars just slide thru without stopping.

**BLIGHT-** Burgess Sorder noted that the Blight Ordinance passed with changes. The goal is to adopt the blight ordinance for the Borough as well. Larry Laidley noted that the 12" grass height is a Pandora's box!

**NUISANCE-**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion and possible action on approving suspense tax list for GL 2013, as presented by Tax Collector, Leona Sharkey.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to approve the suspense tax list for GL 2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

2. Discussion and possible action on setting Tuesday, April 2, 2019 as a budget workshop.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to set April 2, 2019 at 6:00pm here as a budget workshop, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

3. Discussion and possible action on purchase of a new radar gun for Resident Trooper Cote.

Trooper Cote has been using the Lisbon Resident Trooper's radar gun since the one he has is outdated. The price of a new gun is \$2,895.00. The money for this will come out of the old pistol permit fund. Burgess Sharkey made motion to purchase this. Burgess Krueger questioned if anyone had heard of this before tonight. He would like to investigate this further. Burgess Sharkey noted that we pay for their phones, uniforms, insurance, etc. Warden Geer asked for a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion that was on the floor, Burgess Sorder 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgess Krueger opposed the motion.

4. Discussion and possible action with Senior Center Director, Tina Falck regarding the senior center.

Tina Falck had to leave to go to another meeting. Burgess Krueger spoke with her earlier and she has agreed to come to our meetings to share with us things that are up and coming with the center. Burgess Krueger made motion to have the Senior Center added to the agenda for future meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

5. Discussion and possible action to appoint a JCDPU rate payer to the CMEEC board.

There was discussion on this with Ken Sullivan and Lou Demicco. This would be a paid position if they attended the meeting. Meetings are held during the day (10-2pm), would have to be a rate payer, there are no term limits. The person cannot be a municipal person in the Borough or the Town. Ken Sullivan will get the details together and email Leona so she can put a notice in the newspaper for this position. The Borough will appoint (1) one person to this board. This item was tabled until next month's meeting.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Status with current small business loan holder.**

Linda Cote noted that everything is paid, as well as the attorney fees.

**2. Update regarding veteran monument.**

There was discussion on this project. Mercer Monuments gave a quote of \$9,700.00 for a 5' by 10' monument. Warden Geer noted that there is room for it at Fanning Park. There is \$2,183.00 in the account plus another \$1,000.00 from JCSVB. Warden Geer will approach the VFW for veteran's after the Vietnam War. Burgess Krueger suggested having a thermometer put up; where it can be seen showing the amount of money that has been raised. Warden Geer will keep us updated on this item.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

Warden Geer brought up flags that are put on veteran's graves in the cemeteries. He currently has 362 flags available. Would need another 2-3 boxes of 144 if we were to continue this. The flags are normally put in several of the Cemeteries ( Jewett City Cemetery on Anthony ST, St. Mary's Route 12, and Lily Pond Road, Pachaug Cemetery, Sheldon Road and Bethel Road Cemeteries). Larry Laidley noted that St. Mary's is cleaning both cemeteries, so we should check with either Carl Brown or the rectory to see if flags are still allowed. Burgess Sharkey noted that this is an expense to the borough as well as the cost of when the Young Marines are taken out to Surrel's for pizza for helping out with this. Ken Sullivan that we need to replace several of the flags for the street light poles but all the flags should be replaced to make it look nice.

Ken will tell Leona how many we would need for the street poles.

Burgess Sharkey suggested putting something in the paper about going to the Borough office to get a flag for their veteran.

Ken Sullivan stated that the 9% increase would be about \$8.00-\$9.00 as an increase for a single household,

Burgess Sorder mentioned that the parking on Burleson Lane is terrible. She would like verification from another source besides herself that it needs to be addressed. L. Demicco stated that it would be tough to get a firetruck down there. Warden Geer suggested having the Resident Trooper check this out and have the town look into this as well. He also thinks a letter from the fire dept. and or Ambulance Company would help out with this.

Burgess Sorder also wondered where the CMEEC investigation was at. K. Sullivan gave out a summary of that to the board members, he noted that indictments are pending.

Burgess Sorder noted the loan application is still on hold waiting for the credit check. Burgess Sharkey wanted to know if someone came in and asked for an application could we do it. The answer was yes.

Burgess Sorder is still waiting for the Ethics, should ask Duncan about this. Maybe for the May meeting.

Burgess Sorder wanted to know if Paul Brycki saw Ken Sullivan about the retaining wall at the WWTP, he has not. It was noted that if we were to have a discussion regarding this it would be a lengthy meeting and that a special meeting should be set up because this would be a long meeting.

Burgess Krueger asked about the bakery situation. No one knows anything at this time.

Burgess Krueger wanted to know how Eversource rates compared to JC rates do they offer the ability to switch with another provider. JC does not offer this. K. Sullivan noted that JC is 15-20% cheaper.

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**PUBLIC FORUM;**

L. Demicco III mentioned that Eggtopia is 4/6/2019.

Motion to adjourn by Burgess Sorder, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Meeting duly adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie Pudvah, Borough Clerk