

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 2, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of Warden and Burgesses held in the Main Meeting Room, 28 Main Street, Griswold CT April 2, 2018 was called to order by Warden Geer at 6:15pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Linda Cote, Jim Barnie, Louis Demicco III and Resident Trooper Russell Cote.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2018:

Burgess Sorder made motion to accept the meeting minutes of March 5, 2018 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Laura Laidley abstained.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Linda Cote, Treasurer, noted that she has the draft of the upcoming budget. Right now it is down to 2.95. Louis Demicco III noted that April 22, 2018 is the baseball parade. It starts at 12:30pm at the town hall. Trooper Cote noted that he will be available for it.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

- FIRE—none
- BLIGHT - Burgess Sorder noted that she spoke with Jack Cipriano, acting building inspector about the Mechanic Street property. Wondered if he was at the right property because he noted that it was safe and secure. Burgess Sorder will connect with him again regarding this property when she gets a call back from him.
- NUISANCE - Burgess Laidley noted that people have asked her what the clean-up policy is since there have been trees in the roads. The highway dept. should handle this type of complaint.
- POLICE- Burgess Krueger deferred to Trooper Cote regarding the Wyre Wynd situation and Mechanic Street vehicles. Burgess Krueger did ask Trooper Cote about the cars parking on Main and Ashland Street. He has issued 1 ticket for that violation.

RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:

Trooper Cote reported that he spoke with the owners of 135 North Main Street regarding the vehicles that are on the property. The owner said that he works on family members cars. He has 5-6 unregistered vehicles, he can have no more than 2. Trooper Cote gave him approx. 2 weeks to get everything cleaned up. Also, noted he cannot work on the cars at night time. Burgess Sharkey stated that it has been quiet there and noted that 2 cars were taken away..

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Trooper Cote gave an update on the Wyre Wynd vandalism. Three people were arrested in Norwich for the theft of the copper wire. It was determined that at least another 2 to 3 people will be arrested. He explained how they got in and took the wire.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES;

Louis Demicco III stated that everything is going well. Burgess Sorder asked about the assistance with the buy-in fees for Heritage River project. Louis Demicco explained how that works to the board and that everyone is happy.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion to re-adopt the Borough of Jewett City Fair Housing Resolution.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to re-adopt the Fair Housing Resolution, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

2. Discussion and possible action to write off credits over 3 years old, which totals \$75.66, so they can be kept in the general fund.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to write off the credits, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Housing code update.

Burgess Krueger has nothing at this time but would like to begin to explore other towns this month that have a housing code.

2. Ethics Update

Burgess Sorder went to the Ethics Committee Meeting on the 29th of March and spoke with them about merging with them and being part of that committee. There were concerns about a borough employee which is not a town employee. Talked about someone from the borough being on the commission, adding language to the code saying Town of Griswold and Borough of Jewett City. Suggestion was to talk to the selectmen about this. Another option would be to have our own commission or to have a borough resident be part of the commission and make it joint. Burgess Sorder would like to have discussion with the selectmen and see what they feel.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to have Burgess Sorder meet with the Board of Selectmen regarding the Ethics Commission, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Selectman Babbitt sent a message to the board asking permission to install a gate at the firehouse fence . He would like access to the playground, so a dump truck could get in and do maintenance ie. installing wood chips. There was discussion on this with the board. Lou. Demicco noted that he knows where it would be put and he has no problems as long as it is locked. Burgess Sharkey noted that it should be used for maintenance only and be locked at all times.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Linda Cote set a date for the budget workshop. It was decided Monday 4/16/2018 @7pm. Place to be determined.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Resident Trooper Contract.

Did not go into executive session because Sid Luther was unable to attend.

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

Meeting duly adjourned at 6:40 pm.