

BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 4, 2020

6:15PM

Via Teleconference

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:15PM by Warden Timothy Sharkey.

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Warden Timothy Sharkey

Burgesses: Laurie Sorder, Jim Krueger, Laura Laidley and Heather Glover

ALSO PRESENT:

Linda Cote, Leona Sharkey, Louis Demicco III, James Barnie, Dana Bennett and Resident Trooper Vaillancourt.

MOTION made by Burgess Sorder to bring up under ANY OTHER BUSINESS discussion and possible action on the Suspense List presented by the Tax Collector, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. March 2, 2020- Public Hearing

MOTION was made by Burgess Krueger to approve the March 2, 2020 Public Hearing minutes as submitted, 2nd by Burgess Glover. Motion passes unanimously.

b. March 2, 2020 Regular Meeting

MOTION was made by Burgess Krueger to approve the March 2, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as submitted, 2nd by Burgess Glover. Motion passes unanimously.

c. April 22, 2020 Special Meeting

MOTION made by Burgess Krueger to approve the April 22, 2020 Special Meeting via teleconference as submitted, 2nd by Burgess Glover. Motion passes unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Calls for service report for February and March 2020

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

BLIGHT- Burgess Glover noted there was nothing new to report except she noted there is a lot of bulky waste backing up since bulky waste is closed. Warden Sharkey will check with T. Babbitt about the bulky waste.

FIRE/FIRE CHIEF- Louis Demicco III noted everything is running smoothly.

NUISANCE- Burgess Krueger asked the Fire Chief when the paving would start at the firehouse. L. Demicco III stated that it should begin when the weather is good. He thought this month (May).

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Burgess Krueger also noted wrong way drivers on Palmer Avenue and that the motorcycle traffic has started especially on East Main Street.

Burgess Krueger also questioned when the house at 119 North Main Street was coming down. Warden Sharkey stated he will check with First Selectman Babbitt regarding this issue. He thought that it had to do with asbestos and lead paint but with the coronavirus things have been put on hold.

POLICE- Burgess Sorder spoke with Trooper Vaillancourt today so they will report under Resident Trooper Report.

SENIOR CENTER- NO Report

RESIDENT TROOPER;

Trooper Vaillancourt noted that he and Burgess Sorder had spoken earlier. He mentioned that bike season is coming up and uniforms had been ordered thru the dept. not Jewett City. Also, spoke on the problems at the skate park. No Trespassing signs have been taken down as well as the orange snow fence that was ripped down. The Troopers will be making an effort to be more visible at the park and do extra patrols. Discussion was held on safe social distancing.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

L. Demicco III noted that everything is status quo. Discussion will be held on how things will be opened up in the future. Their drop box is working well. Burgess Krueger had a few questions regarding the Public Utilities minutes about writing off the uncollectable amounts.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion regarding change to Resident Trooper Contract.

Burgess Laidley wondered how it can be changed in the middle of the contract.

2. Discussion and possible action to appoint Costello Company LLC, to conduct the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 audit.

MOTION made by Burgess Sorder to appoint Costello Company, LLC to conduct 2019/2020 audit, 2nd by Burgess Glover. Motion passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding joint purchase with Town of Griswold for portable speaker system.

Warden Sharkey spoke with 1st Selectman Babbitt about this and T. Babbitt noted that he found one for around \$1,000.00. The shared cost would be \$500.00 each. Warden Sharkey suggested that it be discussed at the budget workshop. Burgess Sorder wondered if there was money in this year's budget to do it? L. Cote noted that there is money in the budget. Burgess Sorder noted that we wouldn't have to put it in next year, if we have the money in this year's budget so we could encumber it.

2. Update from the Monument Committee.

Burgess Laidley noted that she has been in contact with a company from Chicago, and they have been really great to work with.

Warden Sharkey noted that the town acted on the letter sent to them by the Monument Committee asking for donation. The BOS is in favor of making a donation but tabled it until they get a budget.

3. Update on Parking Ordinance

Trooper Vaillancourt has not noted any unusual parking during this time. Burgess Laidley brought up a car that is parking on the sidewalk on Ashland Street. She thinks the number is 75, 85 or 119 Ashland Street. There was discussion on the 3 parking notice violations. Leona will ask the company if they can make a proof for next month's meeting.

4. Upgrades to Fanning Park

Dantry & Associates, LLC bill came in at \$2100.00 for the upgrades and changes to Fanning Park. Dan Deguire, owner noted that the power washing for the monuments would be an additional \$450.00. It could be reimbursed thru LOCIP funding but it needs to be upfronted first.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Suspense List Recommendation

Burgess Krueger questioned what this is for.

Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector answered the question that this is for the 2014 Grand List bills for motor vehicle, personal property and motor vehicle supplemental that became due in 2015. They are still collectible for 15 years from the original due date and continue to accrue interest. They have been turned over to the collection agency.

MOTION was made by Burgess Glover to accept the Suspense list, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. Motion passes unanimously.

Burgess Laidley noted that cameras have been put up on Ashland Street.

Warden Sharkey noted that due to construction last year 9 flags were destroyed on the downtown streets. Tim had a discussion with Ken Sullivan regarding the flags since the State will be milling and paving Route 12 from 395 up to Plainfield beginning this week about when they should be put up and for how long. It was decided to hang the flags just before Memorial Day and then take them down because last year they took a beating.

Burgess Krueger asked if there were any needs that has arisen because of the virus. Masks are needed. Tim noted that there are 22 cases confirmed. 20 in the town and 2 in the borough.

Burgess Sorder questioned how the grant application is coming along for the flood wall. Still working on it, the date has been moved up few times. Everything is still a go.

MOTION to adjourn made by Burgess Glover, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting duly adjourned at 7:10pm.

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk