

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of Warden and Burgesses held in the Selectman's Conference Room, Second Floor, 28 Main Street, Griswold, CT on Monday July 10, 2017 was called to order by Warden Geer at 6:15pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Resident Trooper Adam Chittick, Linda Cote Treasurer, Leona Sharkey, Secy., Ken Sullivan JCDPU, Louis Demicco III JCFD, Mike Minarsky Wolverine Radio, Jim Barnie and John Connelly.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS JUNE 5, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 13, 2017 AND SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 20, 2017.

Burgess Krueger made motion to approve RM of June 5, 2017 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, motion carried. Burgess Sharkey made motion to approve SPM of June 13, 2017, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, motion carried. Burgess Sharkey made motion to approve SPM of June 20, 2017 with the correction of the date (2016) and Warden Geer noted that there is no Mrs. Marra, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Louis Demicco III noted that he has seen a lot of traffic going the wrong way on Palmer Avenue. Burgess Kreuger will speak to First Selectman Skulzcyck and Todd Babbit Director of Public Works to see if anything can be done about this. ie: more signage.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Troopers call for Service Report for May 2017.

Warden Geer noted that he had another correspondence letter re: drug activity. He asked Resident Trooper Chittick if that could be put on the regular activity for the monthly letter.

2. Letter of invitation from Chairman of Steering Committee.

Warden Geer noted that it is a free event on Saturday September 23, 2017 from 9am to 3pm.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

Warden Geer went over the letter that Burgess Sorder emailed to the board since she was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Warden Geer caught the board up with the results that he found out about Mechanic Street property. The date has been narrowed down to the 26th of July for Trooper Cote appreciation ceremony. Warden Geer would like to follow the Town of Griswold Code of Ethics.

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Burgess Sharkey noted that Louis Demicco III JCFD spoke with him about the bathrooms at the firehouse and try to make them level. L. Demicco spoke with the fire marshal about adding third bathroom/handicapped accessible. He also noted that the door came out great and the generator will be coming no later than the end of the month. He also had the boiler operation certificate which will be put on file. Burgess Sharkey asked if an appointment was made to look at the roof. He thought with the warranty they needed to check the roof at least once a year. Burgess Krueger noted that he and Burgess Sharkey and Sorder went to a meeting for CRISIS INITIATIVE. Warden Geer is concerned with the overtime with the trooper.

RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:

Resident Trooper noted that the speed sign can be moved anytime. He will try and follow up on the sign and get it moved to another location.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITES.

Ken Sullivan Director of Public Utilities thanked Alan Geer for providing water to his workers the day of the accident that took out power on Slater Avenue. He also did a quick update on the micro grid. There are a few last minutes questions that will need to be resolved. Ken also noted that he would like to have NO PARKING signs put in front of the office. JCDPU parking only 8am -5pm daily. Warden Geer noted that it is a state road, he will forward it to the State DOT.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Refunds in the amount of #237.67 as presented by the Tax Collector.

Burgess Sharkey made motion, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

2. Mission Statement.

Warden Geer thinks that the board should have a mission statement, **to serve and protect** for the residents and anybody visiting the borough. Burgess Krueger thinks that it is a good idea as well.

3. Propose borough attorney question.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to have the secretary send an email to the borough attorney regarding the legality of picking commissioners per the charter. No second. Motion fails. Burgess Sharkey made motion to rescind his first motion and to make motion to table the until the next meeting, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

4. Neighborhood crime watch program.

Warden Geer noted that a few years ago a crime watch was started. He would like to try the program again, since we are down to one Resident Trooper now. He would like to start with one neighborhood, appoint someone from the area as a captain and he/she would forward anything to Trooper Chittick. There would be training involved. Resident Trooper will reach out to Miranda Nagle regarding grants etc.

Warden Geer entertained a motion from the board, Burgess Krueger made motion to have Resident Trooper Chittick work up a plan for a neighborhood watch. Burgess Sharkey noted that he thought it was not a good idea, since the first one failed. Burgess Sharkey suggested tabling it until the next meeting.

5. Meeting with local business/property owners.

Warden Geer would handle putting together a meeting for comments from the public. Burgess Krueger asked if there was a business men's association. Burgess Sharkey made motion for Warden Geer get in touch with the local Griswold Business Association so he can discuss businesses getting together, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor. Motion carried.

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6. COMMITTEE TO RESEARCH VARIOUS POLICE OPTIONS.

Warden Geer suggested going out into the community to seek people that would be interested in serving on the committee. Burgess Sharkey suggested tabling this until the next meeting.

7. FORMING AN ETHICS COMMITTEE

Burgess Sharkey made motion for Burgesses Sorder and Laidley head up this committee, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding small business loan request from Mr. Marra for Olde School Bake Shoppe.

Warden Geer noted that the attorney was going to have one of his partners contact Mr. Marra.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Burgess Sharkey noted that he was contacted by the Sergeant regarding pistol permits. It would be between the board and the LT. to work out if we wanted to do pistol permits. If it was just Borough residents only we would need to contact the legal dept.

There was discussion on the town code for infractions.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Jim Barnie noted that the pistol permits bring in quite a bit of revenue for the borough. Also, he noted that Resident Trooper Chittick is a good screen for permits. He noted that a maximum time limit (15 minute) for parking in front of the JCDPU.

Leona Sharkey suggested putting a public notice through the media outlets that we are looking for people to serve on this ethics committee. Submit a letter of interest to the board.

John Connelly suggested the borough donate \$100.00 to the JCFD since they are asking for donations. L. Demicco III noted that the fire dept. receives enough money from the borough and that he thanks John for the thought but he would decline the offer.

Warden Geer is settling up with Linda Cote Treasurer regarding the amount for the flags.

Mike Minarsky thought that a Rotary Club should be looked into to help with fresh ideas.

Motion to adjourn, made by Burgess Sharkey, 2nd By Burgess Krueger.

Meeting duly adjourned at 7:16pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie Pudvah, Borough Clerk