



# Borough of Jewett City



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**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 2, 2021**

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Attest:

*Laurie Pudvah*  
Borough Clerk

The Regular Meeting of Warden and Burgesses held in the Griswold Town Hall, 28 Main Street, Griswold CT Monday August 2, 2021, was called to order by Warden Sharkey at 6:15pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

**CLERK** Valerie Pudvah read the roll call.

**PRESENT:** WARDEN Timothy Sharkey, BURGESSES Laurie Sorder and Jim Krueger.

**ABSENT:** BURGESSES Heather Glover and Laura Laidley

A quorum was determined.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Leona Sharkey, Linda Cote, Jim Barnie, Ken Comfort, Louis Demicco III, Ken Sullivan, Trooper Matt Rei and Trooper Ryan Meaken.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVE MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING JULY 6, 2021**

**MOTION** made by Burgess Krueger to approve the meeting minutes with the correction under Executive session, (MOTION made by Burgess Sorder to authorize the Warden to sign the 2-year Resident Trooper Contract with the possible addition of another Resident Trooper). Seconded by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Warden Sharkey read the letter from Jewett City Savings Bank donating \$3,000 for the completion of projects at Fanning Park (see attached).

A letter of thanks will be sent to JCSB.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

**BLIGHT**-Discussion will be under #7. Burgess Krueger also mentioned Palmer Avenue, No. Main Street and Phillips Street. Warden Sharkey will discuss No. Main Street with the First Selectman.

**FIRE**- None

**FIRE CHIEF**- Louis Demicco III noted that fireworks are going to be held on 8/6/2021, cones will be used on the left side of the street for no parking, T. Sharkey also noted that No Parking signs were dropped off by Trooper Guplart and were given to Todd. Also, the road race is Sunday starting around 9am and Route 165 will be closed off.

**NUISANCE**- None

**POLICE**- Burgess Sorder introduced Trooper Ryan Meaken as the new Resident Trooper but noted that he will be leaving for another position with the State for blood hound training.

**SENIOR CENTER:**

None

**RESIDENT TROOPER:**

None

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

Ken Sullivan noted everything is fine on the electrical side. Today there was an outage on McKenna Avenue, lasted about 4 hours.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Discussion regarding letter sent to Jewett City Savings Bank for Fanning Park.**  
Under Correspondence
2. **Discussion and possible action to renew lease for Resident Troopers office to begin October 1, 2021, at \$550.00/month.**  
Linda Cote, treasurer noted that there was an increase of \$25.00 a month.  
**MOTION** by Burgess Sorder to renew the lease for Resident Trooper office at \$550.00 a month, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.
3. **Discussion and possible action to authorize overtime for the Interim Resident Troopers for the Fireworks to be held on Friday, August 6, 2021.**  
**MOTION** by Burgess Sorder to authorize overtime for the Interim Resident Trooper for the Fireworks for Friday, 8/6/2021 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.
4. **Discussion and possible action to authorize overtime for the Interim Resident Troopers for the concert on Saturday, August 7, 2021, to be reimbursed by the Griswold Youth and Family Services/Recreation.**  
**MOTION** by Burgess Krueger to approve authorization for overtime for the Interim Resident Trooper for the concert 8/7/21 with reimbursement by the GYFS, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.
5. **Discussion and possible action to authorize payment of \$1631.60 annually for four (4) years to help fund a Planner III/Recovery Coordinator through the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.**  
Warden Sharkey explained that SECCOG wants to bring in a Senior Level 3 planner, who would help towns spend the Coronavirus money. Warden Sharkey noted that we know where the money will be spent (Resident Trooper and Wastewater Treatment Plant).  
**MOTION** by Burgess Sorder that we do not participate in the program SECCOG is offering with the Senior Level 3 planner, to discuss the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.  
Burgess Sorder asked if we could join in later, if we wanted to, Warden Sharkey said yes.
6. **Discussion and possible action on purchase of a new pickup truck for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.**  
Ken Sullivan, Director noted that the truck has seen better days. He would like to get a truck with a plow since they do plow the facility if there are funds available. Also, he would like to do a pipe lining job on Pleasant View, also a 2<sup>nd</sup> pipe lining job. In total it would be around \$200,000 for the projects.  
Warden Sharkey explained the guidance for using the funds, which are broad band, wastewater treatment plants, infrastructure, and capital. The money will get sent back in 4 years if it is not used.  
Burgess Krueger asked how old the truck was and how many miles. It has over 200,000 miles on it, and it was purchased used around 2005.  
There was discussion on buying an electric truck.  
Burgess Sorder asked if funding another Resident Trooper come under this, Warden Sharkey stated yes.  
**MOTION** by Burgess Sorder to approve the purchase of a new pickup truck for the Wastewater treatment plant with the Coronavirus recovery funds with prices and review next month, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.  
**MOTION** by Burgess Sorder to approve up to \$25,000 for preliminary work for the pipe lining project, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. This would be the ARPA Funds.

7. **Discussion and possible action regarding memorandum from Borough Attorney regarding Blight Ordinance.** There was general discussion on how we can help the people that cannot afford or are physically able to fix their houses.

Warden Sharkey suggested tabling this issue until next month when there is a full board.

**MOTION** by Burgess Sorder to table this till there is a full board, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye.  
Motion carries.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **COVID update**

Warden Sharkey noted that between July 11-24 there have been 10 new cases. He also gave stats regarding tests in the last 2 weeks and on the state's numbers.

2. **Letter for third trooper request.**

Warden Sharkey spoke with M/Sgt Blanchette III and he said there is testing for 2 permanent Resident Troopers and the possibility if a third one.

3. **Discussion regarding cost projections for resident trooper program.**

The board will get a figure before making a decision on a third resident trooper.

4. **Discussion and possible action regarding electrician quotes for Fanning Park.**

**Motion** by Burgess Sorder to have JRM Electric LLC do the work for Fanning Park, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. This will be covered by the donation from JCSB.

5. **Borough Facebook page update.**

- Burgess Sorder noted that there are 202 members as of this date.
- Would like the board approval on able to shut any controversial items off.
- Keep it non-partisan.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

- Burgess Sorder thinks that the firehouse project could be done with the Coronavirus relief funding and if so, can the money that was appropriated be returned to the general fund?

Warden Sharkey spoke with Jen Gauthier, and she said we can.

Put on next month's agenda

- Burgess Krueger reported on about cleaning of the granite around Fanning Park, plus the snowblowers have really messed it up. There is rust all around the perimeter of the park.
- Burgess Krueger also brought up the parking on Palmer Avenue and East Main St.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

NONE

Presentation of plaque to Trooper Matt Rei.

Meeting to adjourn made by Burgess Sorder, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk

