

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 5, 2019**

*The Regular Meeting of Warden and Burgesses held in the Griswold Town Hall, Main Meeting Room, 28 Main Street, Griswold, CT on Monday August 5, 2019 was called to order by Warden Timothy Sharkey at 6:15pm.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

*Clerk Valerie Pudvah read the roll call. **PRESENT:** Warden Timothy Sharkey, Burgesses Laurie Sorder, James Krueger, Laura Laidley and Heather Glover. A quorum was determined.*

**ALSO PRESENT:**

*Leona Sharkey, Larry Laidley, Linda Cote Treasurer, Louis Demicco III JCFD, Ken Sullivan JCDPU, Todd Babbitt First Selectman, Tina Falck Senior Center Director, and Resident Trooper Vaillancourt.*

**APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JULY 1, 2019**

*Burgess Sorder made motion to approve the minutes of July 1, 2019 as presented with 2 corrections, the first under **COMMISSIONER POLICE report**, Resident Trooper Vaillancourt name is incorrectly spelled and under **OLD BUSINESS # 7** the name of the credit check company is AVANTUS. Burgess Glover 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion with the corrections. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.*

*At this time Burgess Krueger asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the mass shootings in Texas and Ohio.*

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

*Larry Laidley noted that at the last, Ordinance Committee meeting Constables and the Blight issues were discussed up. Also, with the construction at Slater Avenue there are a lot of vehicles going the wrong way on Railroad Avenue. Lou. Demicco also mentioned that the light at Slater Avenue only lets 2 vehicles thru. First Selectman Babbitt is aware of the situation and has put a call into DOT.*

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**1. Calls for Service Report for June 2019.**

*Warden Sharkey questioned if **Narcotics** in the report is that for the town or the borough. Trooper Vaillancourt will check into that. Burgess Sorder suggested that a copy of these reports be given to the trooper before the monthly meeting.*

**COMMISSIONER REPORT:**

**NUISANCE-** *Burgess Krueger mentioned the town cut down the high grass on Palmer Avenue.*

**FIRE-** *Burgess Laidley noted everything is going good. Alarm system and keys are all set. Inspection went well.*

**POLICE-** *Burgess Sorder received a call noting that some of the missing equipment has been found and the borough will be getting it back.*

**BLIGHT-** *Burgess Glover is continuing to work on the previous problems. Warden Sharkey will be doing a ride-a-long with Jack Cipriano, blight enforcement officer. Warden Sharkey also sent to Todd regarding 28 Philips Street where weeds are coming across the sidewalk, noted that can be handled by the sidewalk ordinance. Also, there was discussion on North Main Street were a building is being supported by temporary supports.*

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**SENIOR CENTER REPORT:**

*Tina Falck asked for financial support from the borough for emergency situations until she can get the person/persons into the 211 system. Discussion was held and it was decided that maybe in the next budget season something like this could be added to it. Warden Sharkey suggested that she come to the board in March so that it can be added to the budget process. Burgess Krueger asked if the town has something for this. Todd Babbitt noted that there is a fund for eye glasses, which would like to re-establish this for an emergency fund, Burgess Krueger asked about the 211 system. Tina explained how the 211 system works.*

**RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:**

*Trooper Vaillancourt noted that he has been on the job for month, he is aware of the speeding on Russell Street and is now aware of the wrong way drivers on Railroad Avenue. He also sat on Palmer Avenue but no one went the wrong way! Burgess Krueger gave kudos to a State Trooper who made a stop/arrest on Palmer Avenue.*

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REPORT:**

*Ken Sullivan noted that the fence work on School Street has begun should be done in a weeks' time. The WasteWaterTreatmentPlant is running fine as well. The board is putting together a package with the town for the extension of the collection system.*

*Louis Demicco III noted that the boiler needs to be serviced soon. Also, noted that the town mowed along the fence line which helps keeps the shrubs and weeds down. They will be putting cameras up soon but have not decided where. Also the contract needs to be signed for the asphalt.*

**YFS REPORT:**

*NONE*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Discussion and possible action for COLLECTION CONTRACT with the Town of Griswold for a 3yr term beginning 7/1/2019-06/30/2022.**

*Warden Sharkey signed the Collection Contract the other day. Burgess Sorder wondered if there was anything different in it. Only that it is a 3 year contract.*

**2. Discussion and possible action on the purchase of a radar gun for Trooper Vaillancourt.**

*Burgess Sorder made motion to use grant money to purchase the radar gun for the resident trooper's use, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.*

**3. Discussion and possible action on draft Code of Ethics Ordinance:**

*Burgess Sorder explained that we received a notice back from the attorney regarding wording that we can put in the ordinances. Basically everything the Griswold Ethics Code is. This completely mirrors the town. It was brought up if there needs to be a borough resident on it, since the borough resident is a town resident. It was suggested that if a vacancy occurs then a borough resident if interested could do it but the person cannot be a board member. Burgess Sorder then made a motion for the Borough of Jewett City adopt /join with Griswold Ethics Code Ordinance and that this documentation from our attorney be included into the ordinance. Burgess Krueger 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Burgess Sorder thought that this should go to the Freemen at a Special Meeting. Burgess Sorder added to her motion that we have a **Special Meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 6:00pm** 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.*

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Update regarding Blight Ordinance.**

*Possibly next month we should be able to adopt the Blight Ordinance. Once that is done we will be able to set a Special Meeting to accept the ordinance.*

**2. Discussion on Attendance Policy.**

*The attendance policy would be for the monthly meetings, not any special meetings. Burgess Sorder feels there should be a process in place. This would begin in the next fiscal year. Burgess Glover feels that there will always be an emergencies. Discussion on what is an emergency. Burgess Krueger stated that we are borough officials and we don't just work the one day, it is the full month. Maybe the phone could make someone accessible if they cannot make the monthly meeting. He proposed 3 suggestions. Missed a monthly meeting, freedom of benefit of the doubt (2 free meetings), work for free and let the freemen decide. Warden Sharkey noted that it is in the charter that they (freemen) can do what they want with the pay. Burgess Laidley suggested everyone write something that would make us happy.*

**3. Update on credit check company for loans.**

*Burgess Sorder noted that she did not get far with Advantus. The bank suggested Birchwood Credit out of NH. The application was simple and seemed like a much easier company to deal with. The cost to the Borough would be a \$90.00 set up fee and a yearly fee of \$100.00. Burgess Sorder would like to table this item until next month, Burgess Sorder made motion to table this item until next month, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.*

**4. Discussion and possible action on request for troopers on Palmer Avenue to check for wrong way drivers.**

*Already discussed under Resident Trooper Report.*

**Any other business before the board:**

*Warden Sharkey noted that the fence on for the fire dept is buried with weeds. Since we cannot spray the town will take care of it.*

*Firehouse roof was inspected but no bill as of yet.*

*Met with the EDC about grants, would like to possibly purchase Altone's to make a parking lot. He met with Paul Brycki and Tom Giard regarding grants and small cities grants. Warden Sharkey met with JC Pizza Palace about a grant for their parking lot and if they could not get that they may be interested in the small business loan from the borough.*

*Burgess Sorder thanked Warden Sharkey for collaborating with the town and making things happen.*

**Public Forum:**

*Larry Laidley noted that it is hard to get people to serve on the boards and if there were an attendance policy you may not be able to get anyone.*

*Lou. Demicco III noted that Homecoming Parade is November 1, 2019.*

**Adjournment:**

*Meeting to adjourn made by Burgess Sorder, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.*

