

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of Warden and Burgesses held at the Griswold Town Hall, Main Meeting Room, 28 Main Street, Griswold CT on Monday August 7, 2017 was called to order by Warden Alan Geer at 6:15pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Valerie Pudvah , Clerk read the roll call. Present: Warden Alan Geer, Burgesses Timothy Sharkey, Laurie Sorder, Jim Krueger and Laura Laidley, Bailiff Cathy Briody arrived at 6:18pm. A quorum was determined.

ALSO PRESENT:

Leona Sharkey, Linda Cote, Jim Barnie, Louis Demicco III, Ken Comfort, Larry Laidley, John Connelly, Ken Sullivan and Resident Trooper Adam Chittick.

Approve minutes of the Special/Regular Meeting July 10, 2017.

Burgess Krueger made motion to approve the minutes of July 10, 2017 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

PUBLIC FORUM:

John Sullivan of 105 East Main Street was present to express his concerns regarding Palmer Avenue and the speed on East Main Street. He noted that cars are going the wrong way on Palmer Avenue and that a lot of traffic goes up that street for a one way road. He thinks that more is going on down there than just connecting to North Main Street. Would like to see the speed radar sign put near the church on East Main Street.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1. Trooper Call for Service Report for June 2017.**
- 2. Complaint filed by ZEO, Peter Zvingilas against 25 Mechanic Street.**
Litigation is pending .
- 3. Letter of support for signage in front of JCDPU.**

The Resident Trooper will try and enforce the 30 minute rule that is posted now.

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Burgess Laidley expressed her concern with the condition of Slater Avenue and the sidewalks. Hopes that the Jewett City Water Company will repair any damage to the road and sidewalks, her concern are the children that will need to walk there once school begins also the elderly that are trying to get to the bank. Warden Geer will talk to the First Selectman regarding this matter.

Burgess Sorder suggested that pictures be taken of the damage so far.

Burgess Sharkey noted that he contacted C&M Roofing regarding the inspection of the firehouse roof. Louis Demicco III JCFD noted that someone was on the roof last week. Hopefully it was someone doing an inspection.

Burgess Sorder noted that the house across from 25 Mechanic Street is open. There is a For Sale sign out front. The door is open and someone should be made aware of the situation. It is 30A-D Mechanic St.

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Burgess Krueger noted that he will connect with Resident Trooper Chittick to have the radar sign put on East Main Street. Right now it is on Slater Avenue but since the road is being torn up it can be moved to East Main. Trooper Chittick noted that any resident that sees cars going the wrong way or speeding to try and get the license number and make and model of the car. He will be able to follow up with that information.

RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:

Resident Trooper Chittick noted that the first meeting of the Jewett City businesses went very well last week. He also stated that he has been talking to the LT about neighboring troopers may join together for a show of force in certain target areas.

JEWETT CITY DEPT. OF PUBLIC UTILITIES;

Ken Sullivan noted that their board voted to approve the approx. amount of \$16,000.00 for the flood prevention wall at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Ken Sullivan also noted that they will not be applying for any grants for the Micro Grid They will do it themselves. Burgess Sorder questioned how much it will be for the JCDPU to take on themselves? K. Sullivan stated that about \$75,000 to \$100,000. It would be broken up over 2-3 years.

NEW BUSINESS;

1. Refunds in the amount of \$7.20 presented by Tax Collector.

Burgess Sorder made motion to accept the amount of \$7.20, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

2. Aspinook Street Signage.

Warden Geer has taken several complaints about signage on the curve of Aspinook Street. The resident would like a SLOW sign or a BAD CURVE sign. Presently there are no signs posted. Burgess Sorder thought that this would be another place for the radar sign for at least a month. Warden Geer would like a letter sent to the town (highway) asking for a two signs (one in each direction) for signage on Aspinook Street. Burgess Sharkey noted that the ONE-WAY sign on North Main Street going up Palmer Avenue has been spray painted. Should be replaced or cleaned up. Burgess Krueger also noted that there are signs missing on the east side of Mechanic Street (there is a void between signs). It was also noted that Wedgewood Drive parking should be on one side, the west side.

3. Veteran's Monument

Warden Geer would like a monument either at Fanning Park or Veteran's Memorial Park to honor those who have served in other conflicts after the Vietnam War. Jewett City Savings Bank has a foundation grant that A. Geer will apply for. There is approx. \$2800.00 in the borough coffers for such an expense.

He has received one estimate for around \$10,000.00. It was suggested to look around for other prices.

4. Traffic light at Slater Ave, Main St and South Main Street.

Warden Geer contacted DOT, Electrical Division and noted that JCWC severed a loop. The time has been cut down from approx. 30 seconds to 15 seconds.

Burgess Sorder made motion at this time to recess so that we can honor former Resident Trooper Russell Cote for his time served with the Borough of Jewett City, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Meeting went into recess at 6:54pm.

Warden Geer reconvened the meeting at 7:15pm.

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mission Statement

Warden Geer read what he had for a mission statement. It was considered too lengthy. Burgess Sharkey suggested having the school children, youth service members and/or Griswold Pride draw up a statement, have a contest and offer a \$50.00 savings bond for the winner. Warden Geer will speak to Ryan Aubin about this. The board will do the judging. Burgess Sharkey made motion to award a \$50.00 savings bond to the child that makes the mission statement that we accept. Burgess Krueger 2nd the motion. All in favor, aye. Motion carried.

2. Borough Attorney question.

Burgess Sharkey made motion for the secretary email the borough attorney, with the question "if it was legal for the warden to chose the commissioners" since it has always been precedent to start with the senior burgess down. 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All-in favor, aye. Motion carries.

3. Neighborhood watch program.

There was discussion on a new watch program in the Borough of Jewett City. Resident Trooper Chittick will give it another try since the first one did not really get off the ground. His LT is supportive of the program, first needs to be VETED thru the powers that be. There will be guidelines approved by the agency. Also training for the people involved with the program. More eyes in the community the better. The ball park/skate park would be the first area that the watch will be used. Trooper Chittick noted that once it is approved there will be a general meeting with the community to see if there is interest. Miranda Nagle from Griswold Pride said that it would be a good tie in for the outreach part of it. Look to see if grant money could be used for signage. Burgess Sharkey wondered if we can pick and choose who is on the watch program. Warden Geer thought that we should allow Trooper Chittick go and make sure that we can do this. Burgess Sorder would like Trooper Chittick report back to the board about how to proceed.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to table the Neighborhood Watch Program until we hear back from Trooper Chittick, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

4. Research on various police options.

Warden Geer would like to set up a committee for different ideas to come up with ideas for our police options. Burgess Sharkey noted that we have already had this done thru the consultant, Sidney Luther. Warden Geer thought that the general public may have different ideas. Burgess Sorder thought it would be a good idea for him (Sidney Luther) to come and talk about the work that he has done and his findings. Burgess Sharkey noted that if he came it would be in executive session, since it may talk about contracts. Burgess Krueger suggested having the Regular Meeting of October 2, 2017 to have Mr. Luther come to the meeting if he is available.

5. Mr. Marra (Bakery)

Borough Attorney Forsyth spoke with Mr. Marra regarding a co-signer for the business loan. Mr. Marra said he will be handling this himself.

Burgess Sorder made a request that if Warden Geer receives information regarding borough interests, ie. bakery that he email the board of any updates so that they are aware of everything.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Burgess Krueger made motion to reimburse Al Geer and Laurie Sorder for the expense they had for tonight and for the businessman's meeting. Burgess Sharkey 2nd the motion. All in favor, Laurie Sorder abstained. Motion passed.

Burgess Laidley just wanted to let everyone know that she checks her email everyday. Will not answer text messages or phone calls after 8pm.

Burgess Sorder suggested that we go back to mailing the packet for the meetings. She made motion to have any correspondence within time constraints be mailed to members, 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Burgess Krueger wondered who was the town animal control officer and if we have one. We go thru NECCOG now. He also wondered if there was anything that could be done when it snows and the plows throw it all back on the sidewalks. Warden Geer thought a courtesy letter be sent to the highway dept and the State DOT regarding this matter.

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Burgess Sorder wanted to make sure the new business assn. is on their own. They can come before this board for help, questions but they are a separate entity and they will take care of their own minutes and anything else.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Jim Barnie questioned if the new Jewett City Business assn. will be reaching out to Griswold Business Assn. Warden Geer said that it will be strictly the borough but Burgess Sorder didn't think that it would ' exclude input from the Griswold Business Assn.

Louis Demicco III noted that the firehouse is having a chicken bbq on 9/9/2017 Hours: 4:30-6:30pm. He also noted that Main Street, Soule Street, and Route 12 will be closed for the Sunflower Stroll on August 12, 2017. Hours will be 2pm to 11pm the latest. There was concern about alcohol on the streets as well. Also, the carnival will be coming next week for 3 days, 17th, 18th and the 19th.

Burgess Sorder expressed concern over the fact that the board is not told of these events. A letter should be sent to the Youth Services, Economic Development and other committees asking them to inform the board of any proposed events, especially when roads are being closed.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Burgess Krueger.

Meeting duly adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie Pudvah, Borough Clerk