

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of Warden and Burgesses held in the Griswold Town Hall, Main Meeting Room, 28 Main Street, Griswold CT on September 3, 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, and Laura Laidley. ABSENT: Burgess Heather Glover. A quorum was determined.

ALSO PRESENT:

Leona Sharkey, Linda Cote, Tina Falck, Larry Laidley, Deirdre Jodoin, Ann Marie Jodoin, Kevin Larson, Karen Sedgewick, Renee Chabotte and Resident Trooper Rei.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 5, 2019.

Burgess Sorder made motion to approve the minutes of August 5, 2019 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

PUBLIC FORUM:

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Service Report for July 2019

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

BLIGHT- *Warden Sharkey updated every one of the blighted properties, noted that 117 No. Main Street has gotten a permit to fix the porch.*

Burgess Sorder wondered if there was any movement on the Blight Ordinance. Warden Sharkey spoke with First Selectman Babbitt and they are waiting on a third letter to come in for the Appeals Committee.

FIRE- *Burgess Laidley noted that shelves have been put up at the firehouse.*

NUISANCE- *Burgess Krueger noted that the grass had been cut on Palmer Avenue/North Main Street.*

POLICE- *Burgess Sorder noted that the new radar gun has been purchased with the grant money. Also, there has been talk about one of the resident troopers providing the DARE program at the school. Warden Sharkey stated that it is free through the state.*

SENIOR CENTER REPORT:

Tina Falck noted that Frank Quinn with the First Congregational Church in Griswold has contacted her about having a free breakfast since there is need in the community. The breakfast would be free, and held on the last Saturday of the month. It would be a 1year pilot program. They received approval from the selectmen to have the breakfast at the senior center.

Tina also noted that they are wrapping up Rental Rebates, and are starting on fuel assistance.

Matt's Mission is this Saturday 9/7 as well as the dedication for the 9/11 memorial at the GES. The seniors will be providing hot dogs and refreshments to all who come.

Walk to end Alzheimer's will be on 9/14 at Ocean Beach and a group of seniors are going to walk.

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Dr. Kolker will be at the center 9/5 between 12pm to 1pm discussing the Opioid addiction and finding alternative ways to treat chronic pain .

The Secret Lives of Owls will be on 9/19 starting with dinner at 4:30pm and then the presentation of owls.

Meeting with the construction manager next week for the new senior center, hopefully break ground in September.

RESIDENT TROOPER:

NONE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Warden Sharkey spoke with Ken Sullivan and he noted that the fence is up around the electric division. Waste Water Treatment Plant is running well and they are going to start tree trimming next week.

NEW BUSINESS;

1. Discussion and possible action on refund in the amount of \$214.01 as presented by Tax Collector.

Burgess Sorder made motion to approve the refund in the amount of \$214.01 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

2. Discussion and possible action on petition received from East Main Street residents regarding speeding.

Karen Sedgewick and other residents of East Main Street came to express their feelings about the speeding on East Main Street and what could be done about it. They discussed having more police patrols, a crosswalk in front of the church since there is a daycare at that site, school zone sign, blinking lights and a camera that actually takes license plate numbers. Warden Sharkey will check with Rick Chapman from the State DOT and the First Selectman to see about what can be done.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on credit check company.

Burgess Sorder will clean up the application and meet with Warden Sharkey and then send it in upon approval from the board. The cost to the applicant would be (individual 24.00+2.50) (joint 48.00+2.50) stated on the application. The cost to the borough for the agreement with the Borough would be an initial \$90.00, for a physical inspection then an annual fee would be \$100.00 which would be billed in February. The credit checks would be done by the company.

Burgess Laidley made motion to enter into an agreement with Birchwood Credit to provide credit check for the Borough, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

2. Weeds on Water Street

Warden Sharkey spoke with First Selectman Babbitt and he will have the Highway crew clean it up next week. There is a section where the fence has collapsed, will wait to see what the highway crew thinks and then will decide what to do.

3. Inspection on firehouse roof

The bill for the roof is \$350.00

4. Drinking Ordinance

Warden Sharkey noted that the Ordinance Committee will be looking at this at their next meeting. After much discussion it was decided to wait until the Ordinance Committee looks at the current language.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Burgess Sorder wondered when the paving would start at the firehouse- October .

Warden Sharkey mentioned that a homeless man was camping out in the Walgreens parking lot. That has been taken care of and Walgreens will be putting up NO LOITERING signs.

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PUBLIC FORUM:

Larry Laidley just wanted the troopers to know that Railroad Avenue is a one way road and that the construction company that is doing work down on South Main are parking their equipment the wrong way. Trooper Rei has already spoken with them and will do it again.

Motion to adjourn made by Burgess Krueger, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Meeting duly adjourned at 6:58pm.

Submitted by

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk