

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of Board of Warden and Burgesses held in the Main Meeting Room, 28 Main Street Griswold, CT. **September 4, 2018** was called to order by Warden Alan Geer ant 6:15pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Clerk** Valerie Pudvah read the roll call. Present **Warden** Alan Geer, **Burgesses** Timothy Sharkey and Laurie Sorder. Absent **Burgesses** Jim Krueger and Laura Laidley. **Bailiff** –vacant. A quorum was determined.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGINACE:**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Linda Cote, Leona Sharkey, Mike Minarsky, Lisa Coe, Doreen Coe, Louis Demicco III JCFD, Resident Trooper Russell Cote, Ken Sullivan JCDPU and First Selectman Todd Babbitt.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 2, 2018 REGULAR MEETING.**

Burgess Sharkey **made motion** to approve the July 2, 2018 minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Lou. Demicco just wanted to note that the parking on Ashland Street and Main Street in front of Dean's along the yellow line is still going on especially at night. It is very hard to get a truck through. Trooper Cote will keep an eye on that.

Mike Minarsky noted that the traffic on North Main Street is crazy! First Selectman Babbitt will move the speed limit sign that is now on East Main Street to North Main Street.

Also, someone driving a red motorcycle is blaring the music late at night up and down Main Street. Trooper Cote suggested getting a license number if possible.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Thank you card from Tim and Leona Sharkey for donation.
2. Letter sent to BOS regarding consolidation committee.
3. Letter of introduction from Troop E Commanding Officer  
LT. Todd Harbeck is the new Commanding Officer of Troop E, Montville
4. Invitation to Woodstock Fair.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

**Fire:** Burgess Sharkey turned the Fire report over to Lou. Demicco III. Mr. Demicco reported that the bathroom is going good. The wall in the middle has come down; they are waiting for the shower to come in. Everything should be completed with the month.

He also noted that in the training room (old pool room), the carpet was put in last week and is good to go!

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**Blight:** Burgess Sorder questioned the car on Balfour Street. First Selectman Babbitt noted that it has been taken care of.

38 Mechanic Street is still open; First Selectman Babbitt will have the Building Inspector check it out again.

**Police:** -

**Nuisance:** -

**RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:**

Trooper Cote noted that there has been 1 person arrested and another 2 to be arrested for the Wyre Wynd case. He has been put in for another grant and he should know by the end of the month if he will get it. This will give him another couple of shifts for the month.

Mr. Minarsky asked Trooper Cote if the activity log is FOI able. Mike noted that he gets surrounding towns activity logs from all over the state.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REPORT:**

Ken Sullivan noted that everything is going well. There was one outage so far because of a transformer blown on Ruszenas Street because of being over loaded. Hurricane season is upon us so the crew are trimming trees and gearing up for that.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Calls for service report for July 2018.

Once again the board is receiving them.

2. Bike Night event.

First Selectman Babbitt was present to speak on the event. Bike Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2018 between the hours of approx. 5-10pm. The borough was not informed of the event, by Ryan Aubin. Once again, drinking becomes an issue because the borough has an ordinance prohibiting drinking on the streets or sidewalks. Trooper Cote felt that there should be 2 troopers on that night. Trooper Cote will be working that night and he will tell the establishments that drinking on the streets is prohibited. The bartenders are the ones responsible for this. There was further discussion regarding drinking on the streets and sidewalks. Burgess Sorder thought that we could call Liquor Commission regarding this. Burgess Sorder **made motion** to provide overtime for Trooper Cote for Bike Night, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Ken Sullivan JCDPU would like to leave School Street open during this event in case of an emergency. He later decided to park his vehicles at the JCFH in case of an emergency. Burgess Sorder **made motion** to send a letter to Ryan Aubin requesting that the board be given prior notifications of any events that are to held in the Borough and that Ryan Aubin come to one of our meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Also, First Selectman Babbitt would like to be cc'd on this letter.

3. Mike Minarsky, small business loan request.

Mr. Minarsky was present to speak on his behalf. He noted that he has a co-signer now. Burgess Sharkey wondered if Old Business #2. has been approved yet. Burgess Sorder explained that the application is not available tonight, It is being in the process of being made. The attorney is putting together the application for us to use for the borough needs. Should have the application by next week, but the Board will need to approve it first.

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Mike told the board of what he would like to do. He would like to be more involved with schools, videos, etc. More would be accessible to the public all around the country to watch what is being streaming.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Update small business loan holder.

It is still in default for 4 months plus taxes. A letter was sent to 80 North Main Street but it was returned unclaimed. Another letter was sent to the P.O. Box. which would give him another 30 days which would bring him to the last week of September or the first week of October. Burgess Sharkey made motion to call in the loan after the 30 days, October deadline to start the process of default, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Burgess Sorder questioned the PRIDE grant that she rec'd in an email on from Miranda. The dollar amount does not appear correct.

Also, wanted to know if there has been an update regarding the Ethics committee. She will email Mr. Babbitt tomorrow regarding this.

She also wondered if we are eligible for grants. Leona stated the we are for STEAP grants and the Small City Grants. We should apply even if we get turned down. She asked Linda Cote if there is any money left in the LoCIP fund. Linda will check on that amount.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

**NONE**

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

Meeting duly adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie Pudvah, Borough Clerk