

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**September 5, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of Warden and Burgesses held at the Griswold Town Hall, Main Meeting Room, 28 Main Street, Griswold CT on Tuesday September 5, 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 Bailiff Cathy Briody. Absent: Burgess Laura Laidley. A quorum was determined.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Louis Demicco III JCFD, Ken Sullivan JCDPU, Leona Sharkey Tax Collector, Jim Barnie and Resident Trooper Adam Chittick (6:50pm).

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 7, 2017 AND SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 24, 2017.**

Burgess Sharkey made motion to approve Regular minutes of August 7<sup>th</sup> as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Burgess Sorder made motion to approve Special Meeting minutes of August 24<sup>th</sup> as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Louis Demicco III noted that he had spoken to Scott Dawley of DEEP regarding the dam on Slater Avenue. The State is supposed to be making a V in the dam which will lower the water supply. It is supposed to be dredged all the way back. This should be happening next year. Discussion followed on the water supply and where to get it in case of a fire.

Jim Barnie spoke with Tom Holowaty Fire Marshall, regarding the dam and how inadequate it will be when the state does this. He noted that he thinks that this is a dumb idea by the state!

**CORRESPONDENCE:NONE**

**COMMISSIONER REPORT:**

Burgess Sharkey noted that the roof on the firehouse has been inspected and everything is in great shape. The bill was \$350.00 for the work that was done. L. Demicco also spoke about replacing pipes in the bathroom due to some leaks. L. Demicco also noted that the generator should be ready to go within the next 2 weeks. Chicken BBQ on 9/9/2017. Bike Night 9/7/2017 was discussed. Route 12 from Ashland Street to Slater Avenue will be closed off. The hours should be 5pm to at least 10pm. Alcoholic beverages was discussed since it is not allowed on the borough streets according to the Charter. Police coverage was also discussed.

Burgess Krueger noted that he spoke with First Selectman Skulczyck and Todd Babbitt Director of Public Works regarding No Parking signs for (Dey St., Wedgewood Dr., Oak St., Charles St., and Aspinook St.). Burgess Krueger would like to see Dey Street be made a one way street. Burgess Sorder mentioned that we should be having the quarterly meetings with

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the town so that this can be discussed. Burgess Sorder made motion to have a No Parking sign be replaced where the broken one was, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Burgess Sorder thanked Warden Geer for following up with the letters she had written to Peter Zvingilas regarding the cars on Mechanic Street.

Also, the house across the street is still open. Burgess Sorder made motion to have Public Works board up the window and place a lien on the property, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:**

Resident Trooper Chittick noted that the state has raised the fringe benefits to 107.53% Good news is that we no longer need to pay approx. \$19,000.00 for DWI grant shifts. The federal government will pay for that after we initially pay for it. Burgess Sharkey noted that this 107.53 is a breach of contract would like to contact the attorney about this. Burgess Sharkey made motion to contact the Borough attorney if this is legal to charge 107.53 %, Burgess Sorder added if this is a breach of contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion Burgess Sorder asked the borough secretary to write that letter.

Warden Geer asked if Adam could attend the 9/11 service on Monday. Refreshments will be served from 6:00-7:00 and the service begins at 7:00 it should be over by 7:30. Resident Trooper Chittick can switch his hours around if okayed by his commander .

No Parking signs were discussed again.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

Ken Sullivan noted that they have been doing some tree trimming. They had a car versus pole and they were able to keep the pole from going into the house. They are also shopping for grants for the flood wall.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Discussion and possible action on refunds in the amount of \$30.48 as presented by the Tax Collector.**

Burgess Sorder made motion to accept the refunds as presented 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**2. Discussion and possible action on grant with town cameras on Main Street, then branch off into other parts of the Borough.**

Warden Geer opened this up for discussion. He would like to see the streets safe for everyone. Burgess Sharkey noted that unless the cameras can zoom in on the faces or license plates that they aren't worth it. Jim Barnie noted that he has cameras at Pachaug River Commons ( 3 cameras about \$3500.00)he gets most of his intel from people looking out windows. Resident Trooper Chittick thinks that it would be a good idea if it is a good camera that can tell facial features, etc. and start with one camera and build on that. If the town is contributing and maybe grant money it would be a good idea.

Burgess Sorder suggested that Warden Geer come back with a complete proposal for the board to review and it would have to be a board decision.

Burgess Krueger noted that the cameras would add to the town and that they have become a lot more sophisticated.

**3. Appropriating \$10.00 per month X 6 months at Charlene's Diner and Deans Corner for Al Bascilicato.**

Warden Geer will check with the Treasurer about this. Burgess Sorder made motion to approve this pending approval from the Treasurer that money is available that we appropriate \$120.00 for Al Bascilicato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sharkey . All in favor, aye, motion carries.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Update on bakery.**

Mr. Marra is still working on the bakery and trying to get funding.

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**2. Mission Statement**

This project was given to Ryan Aubin, Recreation Director. The middle school students are the ones working on this. The statement should be no longer than 3 sentences max.

**3. Sign request letter sent to Todd Babbitt.**

Already sent

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Bike Night was discussed again and that public drinking is not allowed in the Borough.

Burgess Sorder noted that letter needs to be sent out that when these kind of events are scheduled the Borough needs to know about them. That way communication is open. Burgess Sorder would like a letter be sent to the Selectmen to be put on the agenda regarding events being held in the Borough and having more involvement.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

The radar sign is being placed on East Main Street.

Leona Sharkey noted that Mr. Marra contacted her regarding the bakery and maybe coming back for a loan through the borough. She told him that he would have to start the process all over again.

Leona also asked about the letter she is to write to the attorney regarding about the fringe benefits and that the letter did not come to the board it went to the First Selectman Office.

Leona talked about being proactive that the trooper working bike night reach out to business owners that there is a charter stating no public drinking.

Leona also noted that we should be proactive but there are other pressing matters besides putting up cameras.

Meeting duly adjourned at 7:40pm by Burgess Sharkey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk