

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES**

**Regular Meeting**

**September 8, 2020**

**Via Teleconference**

The Regular Meeting of Board of Warden and Burgesses was called to order by Warden Sharkey at 6:15pm via teleconference.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT: Warden** Timothy Sharkey

**Burgesses:** Laurie Sorder, James Krueger, Laura Laidley and Heather Glover.

A quorum was determined.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Linda Cote, Louis Demicco III, Tina Falck and Resident Trooper Vaillancourt.

**APPROVE MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 3, 2020 AND SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 12, 2020.**

**MOTION:** Burgess Krueger made motion to approve the Regular Meeting of 8/3/2020, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sorder.

All in favor, aye. Motion carries

**MOTION:** Burgess Krueger made motion to approve the Special Meeting of 8/12/2020 with the following corrections. **Burgess Glover was not at the Special meeting and to note that residents are not allowed to be in and or to listen to Executive session.** 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgess Sorder abstained.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Calls for Service report for July 2020.
2. Notice of public comment from SECCOG for Transportation Improvement Programs

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

1. BLIGHT- None
2. FIRE- None
3. FIRE CHIEF- L. Demicco III noted that when they get a new truck the garage door may need to be raised but they are trying to keep it the same height. A panel can be put in if necessary, like in the past.
4. NUISANCE-Burgess Krueger talked about the fireworks that have been going off lately in the borough.
5. POLICE- Burgess Sorder noted that the Resident Troopers did the bike patrol and it went very well.

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**SENIOR CENTER REPORT:**

Tina Falck, Director noted that they are continuing the free monthly dinners for the seniors. They are working on a Flu Clinic, and a foot care clinic. Tina noted that the relocation of everyone at 135 No. Main Street (fire) is complete.

Burgess Sorder asked about the COVID-19 Clinic and how that went. Tina noted that it went very well, and several seniors took advantage of it.

**RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:**

Resident Trooper Vaillancourt noted that the bike patrol was very productive and will do it again. In regard to the firework problem, they had 2 instances one on Ashland Street and the other on Brown Avenue. He noted that the radar sign has been moved to Slater Avenue from East Main St. Also, he signed up with the DEA at the request of PRIDE for the prescription drug take back event that will be held in October at the town hall. Burgess Sorder questioned if the 2 problems he had with the fireworks if that was before or after this past weekend. Resident Trooper Vaillancourt noted that it was few weeks back. There was further discussion on the fireworks. It was noted that if neither of the Resident Troopers are on duty, anyone can call 911 and someone will be sent out. Burgess Krueger wondered about the courtesy tickets and how that was going. Trooper Vaillancourt noted that 2 have been issued so far.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

Ken Sullivan was unable to attend tonight's meeting so Louis Demicco III explained the JCDPU Borough Service report for July 2019-June 2020 is a report that comes out yearly.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Discussion and possible action regarding NPDES Permit for JCDPU.**

L. Demicco explained that this is an application to renew its existing permit for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. It is reviewed every 5 years and that is why it is brought before the board tonight. Lou can answer any questions tonight or call/email Ken at the office. Burgess Sorder questioned if it needs to go to the public, is it enough as the borough or does it need to go a Freeman meeting. L. Demicco noted that it has always been done at a borough meeting.

**2. Discussion and possible action regarding letter from Alan Geer regarding Veteran's Home.**

Warden Sharkey noted that there have been discussions at least once a month regarding the veteran's home. Tina noted that she received a phone call from Senator Murphy's office regarding if there are any veteran's living at the home? She knows of at least 3. Tina talked about the Community Action Team that used to meet on Fridays that would help find solutions to the problems but since COVID-19 hit everything has stopped. It seems that no one knows who oversees the home. Warden Sharkey noted that he had heard that Reliance House was in charge. It is very difficult to get in touch with anyone at the residence.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Letter from Atty. Forsyth regarding Mr. Geer's letter regarding Carely Avenue.**

Warden Sharkey gave a copy of the letter from Atty. Forsyth to the First Selectman.

**MOTION:** Burgess Krueger made motion to accept the letter from Attorney Forsyth stating that the Borough of Jewett City is not responsible for roads and sidewalks, that it is the Town of Griswold's responsibility to

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maintain and to handle any situation with the roads and sidewalks. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Glover. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

It was directed to have the secretary send Alan Geer a copy of the letter.

**2. Discussion and possible action on lack of response from owner of 81 Brown Avenue.**

Warden Sharkey has not received a response from the owner of 81 Brown Avenue. A second letter will go out with a 15day deadline. After that the lien process will start.

**MOTION:** Burgess Sorder made motion to send a second letter to the property owner, if we do not get any response, then the lien process will be started. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Glover. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**3. Discussion and possible action on monument fund raising.**

Burgess Krueger would like to have the American Legion and VFW get involved in this project. He would like them to take the lead with the project since it is geared for veterans and for them to help secure funds for the monument. After much discussion with the board it was decided to have a joint meeting with the Am. Legion and the VFW representative.

**MOTION:** Burgess Krueger made motion to partner with VFW and Am. Legion in this project and to allow their input and guidance with this project, Burgess Sorder not comfortable seconding the motion until we meet with the representatives of the VFW & American Legion. No second, motion dies.

Warden Sharkey suggested that Jim set up a meeting and we can move forward from there.

Burgess Sorder suggested reaching out to them and check their availability for this Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Warden Sharkey suggested the usual time of 6:15pm.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

The board would like to congratulate the Resident Troopers for their one-year anniversary!

It was noted that Surrell's had been broken into over the weekend.

Discussion on the stolen vehicles in the town and borough.

**MOTION** to adjourn by Burgess Sorder, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Glover. All in favor, meeting duly adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk