

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 6, 2017**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

Clerk Valerie Pudvah read the roll call. Present: Warden John Connelly, Burgesses Timothy Sharkey, Laurie Sorder, Jim Krueger, Laura Laidley and Bailiff Dominic Scavoni. A quorum was determined.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Resident Trooper Chittick, Linda Cote Treasurer, Leona Sharkey Tax Collector, Ken Sullivan JCDPU, Louis Demicco III JCFD, Ken Comfort JCFD, Mike Minarski Wolverine radio, Dane Minarski, Alan Geer, Larry Laidley, and Duncan Forsyth Borough Attorney.

Burgess Sorder made motion to bring up JCFD service contract for discussion and action for the boiler under Old Business, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, Motion carried.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2017.**

Burgess Sharkey made motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2017 a presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgess Krueger abstained.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Alan Geer was present to discuss putting flags on the graves of the veterans with the Young Marines. He presented the board with a bill for 6 gross at \$1,080.00. He suggested setting up a Go Fund Me page but they charge a percentage, so it was decided not to do that. Mike Minarsky suggested he could set up a page to get the word out about donations for the flags on his web site. Mr. Geer noted that he would pay the difference of the balance collected. Burgess Sorder suggested talking about this in the budget workshop. Linda Cote noted the workshop is for next year's budget. Mr. Geer basically wants the borough to order them, pay for them and then reimburse the borough. Any remaining flags would stay with the borough.

Louis Demicco III noted that there is a tree that is getting ready to fall near the 3<sup>rd</sup> baseball field. It was noted that the Tree Warden should be contacted regarding this matter.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Troopers Call for Service Report for January 2017.  
No discussion.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT:**

Louis Demicco III shared with the board that the firehouse is 95% set. He noted that the doors are good but the only thing that should be replaced is the header on the second door in the hall. He received a quote for this job from one

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person. He suggested that the bathrooms are still not handicapped assessable and the generator will need to be replaced soon. Burgess Sharkey suggested he get some numbers together for the budget workshop.

**RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:**

Resident Trooper Chittick was present he noted that the speed sign is still working well. The Drug Take Back day was very well received they had 55lbs of drugs taken back. Burgess Sorder wondered if this benefited the entire town why are just the borough residents paying. Is it fair that the borough is paying for something that the town residents' are using. Burgess Laidley thought the email meant that Griswold Pride wanted a conversation and to see what they were looking for. Burgess Sorder thought maybe it was meant to clarify these roles since second and third hand does nobody any good. Burgess Sorder also noted that it was taken into consideration if the trooper was doing regular time or overtime.

Burgess Sorder suggested the secretary send an email to Miranda Nagle (GRISWOLD PRIDE) to set something up.

Jim Barnie arrived at 6:45pm.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITES:**

Warden Connelly noted that they did a good job during the blizzard regarding no power outages. Ken Sullivan discussed the micro grid that he brought up last month. He noted funds are available but time is running out to apply for the grant. This would help keep a gas station, pharmacy, senior center, town hall, ambulance bldg, and Eastern Bank open. It was noted that this grant would come from the Dept. of Energy. Warden Connelly wondered if there would be competition for this grant. L. Demicco noted that someone from the town was supposed to be at the meeting tonight. Mr. Sullivan suggested that someone from the board talk to First Slectman Skulzcyck because we need to act on this as soon as possible. Warden Connelly noted that he will attend the next Board of Selectmen meeting for this, then meet together after that. He would like someone else there with him.

Warden Connelly asked Mr. Sullivan about the decorative polls and if the town pays for the repairs and replacement. Yes the town does.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLY WAIVING THE 1-DAY VENDOR PERMIT FEE FOR MR. MINARSKY OF WOLVERINE RADIO FOR THE HILLFEST PARTICIPANTS TO BE HELD MAY 27, 2017.**

Mr. Minarsky was present to discuss waiving fees for the vendors for the HILLFEST EVENT on 5/27/17. He stated that he has a lot of vendors and bands coming from out of town. This is going to be a different type of event like it will be kid friendly and adult friendly. He thought it would be nice to extend the olive branch for these vendors. Burgess Sorder questioned the price of the vendors permit. It is \$25.00. She also questioned about insurance, if they have it we would need verification of it. Larry Laidley has had a lot of experience with this matter and wondered about security (if the borough will be paying for it) and if the vendors are food prep certified. Mr. Minarsky has already checked into security, fire police and ambulance. The hours of the event should be 2-9:30pm.

Burgess Krueger wondered why we set up a permit fee for the vendor at \$25.00 why we are going to waiver these? The vendors should be making a profit on their wares. The fee shouldn't be too much of a hardship. Nothing against this event but there are guide lines for these events. If it was a nonprofit event that would be different but it isn't. Mike noted a lot of the vendors do not want to pay for the permit. Alan Geer noted that for a Veteran there is no charge for a permit. It was decided not to waive the fees. No action taken.

**DICUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET A DATE FOR A BUDGET MEETING FOR FY 17/18.**

Linda Cote stated that she has not rec'd anything from the State Troopers yet for their budget. Table this item until the April meeting.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**DISCUSSION WITH BOROUGH ATTORNEY DUNCAN FORSYTH REGARDING FOLLOW UP ON LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO ESTABLISH PLANTS OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY AS WELL AS ORDINANCES REGARDING COMMISSIONERS.**

Attorney Forsyth noted that in Chapter 231 of the Public Acts of 1893 it gave legislation authorizing municipalities to establish plants for manufacturer of gas and electricity. He did additional research and found out that the public act had been codified, that duties and responsibilities of both municipal body and commissioners hadn't changed at all. He noted that in #2 the Commission is required on the first day of September of each year to "render to... the warden and burgesses a detailed statement of its doings and of the business and financial matters. Attorney Forsyth said the statute says "shall" not may, not could but "shall". In #3 if the board needs additional information from the Commissioners, they would have to comply and provide any additional information to them. Item #4 would not be practical to do this and has not been the practice. He noted that transparency is very important, noting what has happened in the past. Item #5 says the board would direct the Commissioners with regards to operation, control management or repair, etc. If as the board certain things should be put in place with regard how the utility should be run. Any ordinance would go to a borough meeting. Attorney Forsyth noted that he would be happy to help in draft any ordinances. Burgess Sharkey asked in #2 **first day in September of each year to render to warden and burgess a detailed statement**. Could that be an audit or is that separate. It does not say. It could be. If the board decided it was not adequate, you would default to #3. Further discussion followed. The board thanked Attorney Forsyth for coming tonight.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR THE JCFD SERVICE CONTRACT:**

Burgess Sorder asked L. Demicco III the terms of the proposal from Saveway. L. Demicco stated that it was only until July. He isn't sure if JCFD needs to buy oil with the town,, but thinks we do because the oil comes out of the town budget. Is there any cost to us to maintain a contract with them. Burgess Sorder asked if they wanted the boards approval in case they need to contact them in case of emergency.

Burgess Sorder made motion to approve JCFD to call Saveway for their boiler needs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Laidley. Burgess Sharkey abstained. All in favor, aye,. Motion passes

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS :**

**NONE**

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

L. Demicco wanted to address Burgess Kreuger about the door. He noted that the door is sound, and is very heavy. Everything works on it, it is the header that needs to be replaced. There used to be a window and the header was from the original window. Over time water has gotten in it, but the door itself is fine. L. Demicco invited anyone to sit in on any of their meetings.

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

Motion adjourned at 7:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,