

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

The Regular Meeting of Warden and Burgesses held in the Griswold Town Hall, Main Meeting Room, 28 Main Street, Griswold, CT on Monday June 5, 2017 was called to order by Warden Alan Geer at 6:15pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Jim Barnie, Ken Sullivan JCDPU, Fire Marshall Fred Marzec, Resident Trooper Adam Chittick, Selectman Steven Merchant, Selectman Martin McKinney, Todd Babbitt, Linda Cote Treasurer, Leona Sharkey, Ken Comfort JCFD, Louis Demicco III JCFD, Stuart Norman Jr., Michelle Demicco, Sean McKenna, John Connelly, Christopher Wardrop USI Insurance Agency, Dominic Scavoni, and Karl Mara.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING MAY 9, 2017 AND ANNUAL FREEMEN MEETING MAY 22, 2017.

Burgess Krueger made motion to approve the Special Meeting of May 9, 2017 and Freeman's Meeting of May 22, 2017, Warden Geer added to the minutes of May 9th under Old Business #1. **At no cost to the Borough 2nd** by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries

PUBLIC FORUM:

Warden Geer introduced Mr. Karl Marra owner of Olde School Bake Shoppe at 31 Main Street. He recently took over the business from Guiliano's and the former Arremony's. He noted that he has been in the business for over 30 years. He and his father were in business together in Bridgeport CT. He thought that the bakery would be up and running by now but he has ran into many problems within the building. He would like to get a small business loan through the Borough for \$50,000 to update the interior. He noted that the electrical, walls, floors and plumbing all have major issues also defective equipment needs to be replaced. Warden Geer asked if he was getting any help with the landlord. Burgess Sorder noted that a decision cannot be made at this meeting for his request. He needs to start with the application and the board will go from there. Burgess Sorder suggested having a Special Meeting for this item.

Chris Wardrop from USI Insurance Agency was present to state that there was a slight reduction in the government rate and a slight increase in the JCDPU because of the installation of the new transformer. He would be more than happy to get onto the agenda in the future to talk more in depth about the insurance and rates.

Burgess Sorder made motion to move OLD BUSINESS Item #1, 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the MicroGrid project with the Board of Selectmen, Jim Barnie, Ken Sullivan, Sean McKenna and Frank Everett.

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There was confusion on what type of meeting this was between the boards. Discussion was held on what needed to be done in order to get the MicroGrid going. Ken Sullivan noted he thought that the application was late already; Burgess Sorder thought that it was a revolving application. There were a number of questions that were discussed, example. how far would it go up Route 138 (Slater Avenue), up to the schools, above or below ground, who would do the design, the cost of the project, and time frame. It was noted that a conceptual design would answer most of the questions. The company they used before would be used to do the conceptual design. Burgess Krueger asked if other towns have already done this. Mr. Barnie noted that several had. Burgess Sorder suggested that the secretaries set up a round table meeting for the Selectmen, Borough board, Education, JCDPU and any other interested parties to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Troopers Call for Service Report for April 2017.

Warden Geer and Burgess Sharkey met with the Lt. and will try and get drug arrests in the report.

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Burgess Sharkey asked Resident Trooper Chittick where the radar sign will be placed next. He noted it will be put on Slater Avenue within the next couple of weeks.

Louis Demicco III had an invoice for bi-yearly inspections for the boiler. He also wanted to know if he could use the remaining money from the generator (\$21,500) to fill the tank (approx. \$500.00). The board said that would be okay.

Burgess Krueger questioned if the insurance was secured for the header work, all set.

Burgess Krueger noted that he had looked at the two blighted properties (Mechanic Street (cars)and Talcott Avenue(debris). He sent letters to Peter Zvingilas regarding these two cases.

RESIDENT ROOPOER REPORT:

Resident Trooper Chittick noted that he would like to do a bike safety program. He is working with Ryan Aubin about donating helmets.

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Ribbon cutting will be in June or July for the new transformer.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. APPOINT POLICE, FIRE, NUISANCE AND BLIGHT COMMISSIONERS

POLICE	James Krueger
FIRE	Timothy Sharkey
NUISANCE	Laura Laidley
BLIGHT	Laurie Sorder

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Louis Demicco noted that there was an arrest made at the skate park due to the cameras.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Ken Comfort was concerned about Brown Avenue, Russell Street and Ash Street. The stop sign doesn't seem to stop the cars. Warden Geer noted by the Little League field is also a bad stop area. Burgess Sharkey noted that a few years ago the town had reflectors, they had put in for a grant for it. The GFD had a different computer system were they were able to mark all their calls for accidents and able to get the grant money. L. Demicco III noted that they needed to get caught up with the reporting which was done in January but need to wait 2 years before they can apply for the grant.

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John Connelly noted that the business sign at Brown Ave onto East Main Street makes it hard for people to pull out. Warden Geer brought up the Fair Housing training it was thought that you only had to attend 1 meeting but comes to find out that 2 meetings need to be attended. It may or may not affect chances for a grant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Burgess Sorder made motion to go into Executive Session, 2nd by Burgess Krueger, at 7:33pm. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

The board came out of executive session at 7:56 pm. No action taken.

Burgess Sharkey did ask that we have the Borough Charter made for every member of the board. May be put on the Special Meeting agenda.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Meeting duly adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk