

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 5, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of Board of Warden and Burgesses held in the Griswold Town Hall, Main Meeting Room, 28 Main Street, Griswold CT on Tuesday July 5, 2016 was called to order by Warden John Connelly at 6:15pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Richard Throwe JCDPU, Louis Demicco III JCDPU, Ken Comfort JCDPU, Ken Sullivan JCDPU, Leona Sharkey Tax Collector/Secy, Linda Cote Treasurer, Larry Laidley, and Resident Trooper Adam Chittick. Ryan Aubin arrived at 6:50pm.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING JUNE 6, 2016.

Motion made by Burgess Sharkey to approve the minutes of June 6, 2016 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Burgess Sharkey noted that 27 Mechanic Street is all cleaned up.

Burgess Laidley noted that she had a few complaints regarding fireworks in the area for the the 4th of July holiday.

Burgess Krueger wondered if anything had been done regarding the dip in Route 12 near Belvedere Avenue and 104 North Main Street? Warden Connelly said that he will get on that. Warden Connelly also brought up going right on red coming out of Slater Avenue.

Warden Connelly asked Resident Trooper Chittick if he knew if Resident Trooper McCarthy's replacement had been selected yet? Resident Trooper Chittick suggested that someone had been selected today, but he does not know who it is and that person had not been notified yet.

RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:

Resident Trooper Chittick noted that the speed sign will be placed on Pleasantview Street , near the hill. He is waiting for help from Todd Babbitt to install it. Burgess Sharkey asked if they getting reports now and Trooper Chittick said yes. Burgess Krueger asked Trooper Chittick if there had been a rash of robberies lately? He had a large item stolen recently and wondered if robberies had increased.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC UTILITES:

Ken Sullivan noted that the substation is 5-6 weeks out, also the transformer is close to 6 weeks out.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Ryan Aubin, Director of Youth & Family Services regarding vendor permits.

Discussion was held on this matter, decided to table this item until Ryan could be here. Ryan Aubin arrived at 6:50pm. Ryan explained that there was one vendor (Balloons Inc.) that was on the sidewalk blowing bubbles, harassing the people as they were arriving for Youthtopia. The State Police were called for this vendor who has a veterans permit which he is not a veteran. Burgess Sorder had a problem with the wording in his letter with "exclusive vendor" and does that not discriminate against other vendors that may not have had bad experiences? Ryan noted that there are not that many novelty vendors out there. He noted that there could 20 vendors outside the park. Burgess Krueger questioned the EIN number to issue a permit, but Leona Sharkey stated that a lot of the vendors do not have a tax ID Number such as Tupperware. Burgess Krueger recommended that we do away with the 5year permit. Burgess Krueger made motion to end the 5 year permit and then require each vendor to apply yearly to get a new permit per event renewable each year, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. See attached letter from Ryan Aubin.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible action to clarify Resident Trooper overtime authorization.

Resident Trooper Chittick thanked the board for the donation to the DARE Program this year. He noted that he wished he had started earlier than this year. He also noted that at the concert last week he had at least 10 of his students come up to him and talk. Warden Connelly asked about a press release for the DARE graduation. As far as the overtime goes he says that the state sees only "black and white". He said that whenever OT is required be preapproved first. Burgess Sorder wondered if an emergency or if the trooper was working on an ongoing case would that be acceptable. Warden Connelly asked if it was decided that the Resident Trooper not go out of the Borough? Burgess Sorder does not remember that. Example the meeting at the high school for the gun range. He does not have a problem with that but Trooper Chittick noted that the Resident Trooper program is being monitored by the state like it never has been before. Burgess Sorder suggested that we enlist the aid of Sid Luther from **AGNELLO INVESTIGATIONS** (consultant) as to how to word OT to be acceptable to everybody. Burgess Krueger suggested Trooper Chittick make a list of all upcoming events that a trooper would need to be at for overtime.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and appointment of Auditor for FY 2015/2016.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to hire **COSTELLO COMPANY LLC** as the Borough auditor, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Warden Connelly noted confusion with the Griswold Tax Collector pay from the Borough. He also questioned the secretarial work that will be done on Friday afternoons, at \$8,000 per year. He noted that that is a lot of money for a part-time position for maybe 156 hours. He thought that this position may be paid hourly. Burgess Sorder suggested that this be brought up in executive session under contract and salaries. Warden Connelly noted that this be put on next month's agenda.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

None

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PUBLIC FORUM:

Ken Comfort brought up 140 North Main Street and the house at the intersection of Ashland. Warden Connelly suggested talking to the building inspector. Burgess Sharkey thought there was a lady still living at North Main Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Memorandum from Borough Attorney Forsyth.

Warden Connelly wondered if the Jewett City DPU members could go into speak. Yes they can.

Leona Sharkey noted that there is no information for this at this time. So it will go on the next month's agenda.

Motion to adjourn made by Burgess Krueger, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Meeting duly adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk