

Board of Warden and Burgesses
Regular Meeting
August 3, 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, Jim Krueger, Laura Laidley and Heather Glover.

A quorum was determined.

ALSO PRESENT:

Leona Sharkey, Linda Cote, Louis Demicco III, Ken Sullivan, Alan Geer, Tina Falck, and Resident Trooper Rei.

Approve minutes for Regular Meeting June 1,2020.

MOTION made by Burgess Krueger to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2020, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

MOTION made by Burgess Krueger to approve Special Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2020, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Correspondence:

1. Calls for service report for May and June 2020.
Burgess Laidley questioned if any of the stolen vehicles had been recovered. Trooper Rei was unaware of any in the Borough.
2. Thank you letter from Superintendent of Schools Sean McKenna.

Commissioner Report:

1. **Blight** - Burgess Glover noted that Phillips Street is piling up again.
2. **Fire**- Burgess Laidley everything is good.
3. Chief Demicco III noted that the driveway will be done in late August/ September.
Also the end bay needs painting. A member has volunteered to paint it.
4. **Nuisance**- Burgess Krueger noted that cars are still driving the wrong way on Palmer Avenue, also noted that vehicles have been speeding going up the hill on Palmer Avenue and it is a very dangerous curve.

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5. **Police-** Burgess Sorder noted that the bike uniforms are in. The Resident Troopers will get together and figure when they will start the bike patrol.

Senior Center Report:

Tina Falck was present and noted that they have done student meals (29) and are delivering those to homes. Still are doing the Senior meals and grocery deliveries.

Wednesday the 5th UCFS will be doing COVID testing 9am to 11am. Appointment is necessary but no script is necessary.

Tina also noted that some of the residents of 135 No. Main St., fire will be returning to their apartments on Tuesday. Others will stay at the Comfort Inn for a while longer.

Resident Trooper Report:

Trooper Rei noted that the bike uniforms are in.

Department of Public Utilities:

Ken Sullivan noted the wastewater treatment plant is running well. They are doing some tree trimming in advance of the impending Tropical Storm Isaias. Burgess Sorder noted that we are lucky to have the JCDPU.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion regarding new blight ordinance violation properties located at

- a. 28A-F Tracy Avenue- no correspondence from the owner but the dumpster has been emptied.
- b. 97 North Main Street and 46 Palmer Avenue - the owner has spoken with Warden Sharkey and has requested the town go in and clean it up and to send the bill to her.
- c. 81 Brown Avenue - the owner lives in New York and has not heard from him yet.
- d. 103-105 North Main Street - the owner who lives in New Jersey has asked for another 2 week extension.

Burgess Krueger noted that Tim and Leona did a great job with the letters that went out to the property owners regarding the blight ordinance.

2. Discussion and possible action on letter received from Alan Geer regarding a basketball hoop.

Alan Geer was present to speak about his concern involving the basketball hoop on Carely Avenue. He noted that he thought it was a safety issue since the kids are playing in the streets. Also, pedestrians have to walk around the basketball hoop into the street to get around it. Al Geer would like a letter stating the Borough and or Town not be liable in case of injury. After discussion it was decided that the Warden would call the borough attorney and speak to him about this matter.

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MOTION made by Burgess Sorder to have the Warden contact the borough attorney regarding this matter, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

3. Discussion and possible action to put the radar sign on Slater Avenue.

Warden Sharkey noted that the sign had been recently vandalized while it was on East Main Street. He and Trooper Vaillancourt worked on it and hopefully they will have it working soon. They also noted that the battery needed to be charged, then the sign will be put on Slater Avenue in the vicinity of Surrrell's.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on the monument project.

Jim has set a meeting date for this Thursday, at 6:30pm at the gazebo for the members. Al Geer also volunteered to help with this project. Burgess Sorder questioned what the goal is for the project. They would like to raise between \$12,000 to \$15,000 for a monument. There was discussion on the fundraising and with how everything is going with the pandemic it may be difficult to get people to donate for this.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Burgess Sorder asked L. Demicco about a chicken fundraiser. It has been postponed at this time. Warden Sharkey authorized overtime for the Resident Troopers for the storm that is coming. Ken Sullivan explained what would happen in the storm if a line were to go down.

Meeting duly adjourned at 7:06pm

Burgess Laidley made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Burgess Glover. All in favor, aye.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk