

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 2, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Warden and Burgesses held in the Griswold Selectman's Conference Room on Monday June 2, 2014 was called to order at 6:30pm.

OPEN HEARING: 6:15PM

Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector/Secretary noted that she had heard from Chris Wardrop, Liability Insurance Agent. Mr. Wardrop gave her finalized numbers and the increase for the Borough insurance was going up 3.4% and that Jewett City DPU would be going up 7.6%. Leona noted that we are still paying less and have better coverage than with the previous insurance company.

Warden Geer passed around Thank-You cards from Carol Seaman's family and First Congregational Church in Griswold.

Warden Geer also discussed the selling of mini bikes out of BESTWAY on North Main Street. Problem is that they are being stored inside the store. Warden Geer alerted the Fire Marshal and Al Gosselin, Uncas Health regarding the situation.

Discussion was held on the quarterly meeting between the Board of Selectmen, Highway Dept, and the Board since there was a mix-up in dates for the past meeting. The next meeting is set for June 24, 2014 @ 1:00pm.

Discussion on making Tracy Avenue a One-Way road, it was noted that it would help the businesses in the area.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk read the roll call. Members present: Warden Alan Geer, Burgesses Timothy Sharkey, Laurie Sorder, Jim Krueger, John Connelly and Bailiff William Czmyr, Jr. A quorum was determined.

Also present: Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector/Secretary and Ken Sullivan, JCDPU

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR MAY 5, 2014 AND ANNUAL FREEMEN MEETING FOR MAY 22, 2014.

Burgess Sorder made motion to accept the Regular Meeting minutes for 5/5/2014 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. Motion carries.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to accept the Annual Freeman minutes for 5/22/2014 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. Motion carries.

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Burgess Sharkey noted that the firehouse roof is nearly complete, should be completed by Wednesday of this week weather permitting.

Board of Warden and Burgesses

June 2, 2014

Page 2

RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:

NONE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Ken Sullivan noted that last week there was a drop out in voltage, it was not the due to any problems with us, it was CL&P. They had massive problems, so any problems that we had, were fed to us through the lines.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank-you cards for Carol Seaman.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action on covering lunches for Al Basilicato to two restaurants for \$60.00 to each restaurant.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to fund the lunches for \$60.00 to both restaurants as long as the Resident Troopers agree, since it comes out of the pistol permit account, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. Motion carries.

2. Motion to accept refunds in the amount of \$6.58, as presented by the Tax Collector.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to accept the refund in the amount of \$6.58, as presented, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Copy of letter sent to homeowners of 38-44 Mechanic Street regarding unsecured property with no response date.

Warden Geer noted that a certified letter was sent, and was received but so far have had no response from the owners yet. Warden Geer advised that we send this to the Building Inspectors Office and see if he can make some progress with this.

2. Discussion and motion to accept or reject Small Business Loan Application and send to Borough Attorney for review.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to send this application to the Borough Attorney for the loan for Mr. Wood, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. Motion carries. Burgess Sorder questioned the amount of the loan and how much is available.

3. Request was sent to Borough Attorney to move forward with Court Injunction to have 2 Mechanic Street demolished, as it was not done by May 15, 2014 per the order.

Warden Geer noted that it is in the works with the Borough Attorney and waiting for the next step. Burgess Sorder questioned if we were able to get a letter from the Fire Marshal, for Ken Sullivan, JCDPU. Leona Sharkey noted that the Fire Marshal would not do a letter because they are not allowed to do an inspection on a 2 family building, without probable cause. Burgess Connelly asked if Albert Gosselin could do anything about this matter. Ken Sullivan asked if he could be kept up to date with any information that is given to us, because he needs to know if and when it will be demolished to turn off the power etc. Discussion followed on when or if the building was ever a two family house.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Warden Geer noted again that the meeting between the BOS, Highway Dept. will be 6/24/2014 @1:00pm. Burgess Sharkey noted that the Town received insurance money from the accident that occurred over the winter in front of the gas station on Main Street. The Borough of Jewett City sign was knocked down, and since it hasn't been replaced the money should go to the Borough.

Board of Warden and Burgesses

Regular Meeting

June 2, 2014

Page 3

Ken Sullivan also noted that Altone's was vandalized and the meter box was ripped off the building and taken. Burgess Sorder questioned the DPU meeting minutes regarding tie in fee increase. Ken Sullivan noted that the tie in fees did not increase but the permit fee did increase \$25.00.

Robert Hanson, JCFD, arrived at 6:50pm.

Burgess Krueger asked if the JCDC has hired new personnel, for the replacement for the Class 4 position. Discussion was held on the flushing of the hydrants. Burgess Sharkey noted that we want all 70 hydrants tested, and that we want representatives present when this is being done.

Burgess Sharkey asked when we should apply to the Capital Improvement Committee for the firehouse parking lot. Burgess Sorder suggested writing a letter to Brian Baker around the beginning of September or October for when they start discussion on projects.

Discussion was held regarding the skateboard park and the feasibility of closing it.

Motion to adjourn, made by Burgess Sharkey, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carried.

Meeting duly adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Pudvah, Borough Clerk