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**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 5, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of Warden and Burgesses held in the Griswold Town Hall, Main Meeting Room, on Monday July 5, 2015 at 6:15pm was called to order by Warden John Connelly.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Valerie Pudvah read the roll call. Members present: Warden John Connelly, Burgesses Timothy Sharkey, Laurie Sorder, James Krueger and Laura Laidley. Absent Bailiff Donald Moretti. A quorum was determined.

ALSO PRESENT:

Leona Sharkey Tax Collector, Linda Cote Treasurer, Jim Barnie, Larry Laidley, Ken Sullivan JCDFU, Kevin Skulczyk First Selectman, Resident Trooper Jason McCarthy and Bulletin Reporter Jaclyn Diaz.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

SPECIAL MEETING 5/26/2015 Burgess Sharkey made motion to approve, 2nd by Burgess Sorder.

ANNUAL FREEMEN 5/27/2015 Burgess Sharkey made motion to approve, 2nd by Burgess Sorder.

REGULAR MEETING 6/1/2015 Burgess Sharkey made motion to approve, 2nd by Burgess Sorder.

SPECIAL MEETING 6/8/2015 Burgess Sharkey made motion to approve, 2nd by Burgess Sorder.

SPECIAL MEETING 6/17/2015 Burgess Sharkey made motion to approve, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. Burgess Sorder abstained. All in favor, aye. Motions carried.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Larry Laidley had a list of Heroes that he gave to the board for Heroes Day.

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Burgess Sorder noted that she went to see Robert Hanson of the JCDF since she is now the fire commissioner. They spoke about the ambulance now being housed at the firehouse. They also spoke about communication between them be sent out at least a month before each meeting regarding any concerns or questions. Mr. Hanson also spoke about renovations that the fire dept. hoped to do.

RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:

Burgess Sorder questioned if the code had been changed to 211 for the Borough tickets. Trooper McCarthy will check with the Master Sergeant regarding that. Also, the radar unit was discussed and if it is ever going to be used. Trooper McCarthy will check will Trooper Chittick regarding this matter. It was noted that the highway department was very supportive in putting this item back up if it works. It was suggested that this be put on the agenda for next month's meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Police reports for the months of May and June.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and action to accept refunds in the amount of \$2.80, as presented by the Tax Collector.

Burgess Sorder made motion to accept the refunds in the amount of \$2.80, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding DRAFT Blight Ordinance.

Discussion was held on this item. It was noted that the Borough Attorney recommended that the current blight ordinance be amended. Burgess Sorder noted that it is a pretty strong ordinance, she would like to get a copy of the town ordinance and compare them. Everyone decided that this should be tabled until next meeting so that they can go over it again. After more discussion it was decided to have a Special Meeting on July 15, 2015 @6:00pm. Burgess Krueger made motion to have a Special Meeting on July 15, 2015 @6:00pm to continue this discussion and to have the Town of Griswold's Blight Ordinance sent to the board prior to the meeting. The motion was seconded by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

3. Discussion and possible action on repealing Sidewalk Ordinance per Attorney Forsyth's advice.

Leona Sharkey noted that since the borough does not have a public works dept. (since the receivership), the town enforces the ordinance, there is no need for the borough to have a sidewalk ordinance. Burgess Sharkey made motion to repeal the ordinance, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

4. Appoint Evelyn Spagnolo as the Assessor for the Borough of Jewett City effective retroactive to July 1, 2015.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to appoint Evelyn Spagnolo as the Assessor effective July 1, 2015, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

Burgess Sharkey asked if we had heard anything regarding 55 Talcott Avenue. Leona Sharkey noted that it is in the attorney's hands.

Warden Connelly spoke about the beaver problems at Burlison Lane. He noted that there isn't a qualified person in the state that could trap the beavers and move them to another location. First Selectman Skulczyck noted that he will try and contact DEP regarding this matter.

Burgess Sharkey also asked about the contract for the Resident Troopers and how much it will go up in the next contract. Linda Cote noted that rumor has it going to 85%, which would be about an extra \$55,000.00.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Burgess Krueger wanted to know where we stood regarding painting arrows on the one-way roads. It was discussed previously about painting an arrow on the road, but we need to purchase the decal for it. Also we need to check with the highway dept. to see if they have a sprayer to do this. Todd Babbitt was supposed to get prices for the stencils. Burgess Sorder made motion to table until next month, when we get an actual cost for the stencil and to see if the town has a sprayer. Burgess Krueger noted that it would be money well spent, to help prevent any possible accidents. Burgess Sorder expressed concern about kids/adults jumping off the dam wall on Ashland Pond. Worried about the safety and liability regarding this matter. Warden Connelly noted that a gate was put up 2 to 3 years ago by the state. He has noted that he has seen more kids there since the youth center opened up over there. Burgess Sorder said that she has spoken to the Ryan Aubin and he has shown her cameras that can see into the park. Burgess Sharkey wondered who owned all of that. Burgess Sharkey stated that a letter should be sent to the state regarding the situation, make

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them aware of the problem. First Selectman Skulczyk stated that the kids are hopping the fence and going in. Warden Connelly said they can also walk down the access road to get in. He noted that he has spoken to Scott Dawley regarding the problem. He also stated that a bigger gate, more signs, and a chain link fence will be installed. Burgess Sorder made motion to send a letter to DEP explaining their concerns and ask for added protection (security) around the dam, 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Warden Connelly stated that the appointed alternate to SECCOG would be Timothy Sharkey. Warden Connelly entertained a motion to appoint Timothy Sharkey as the alternate member to SECCOG, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Also, ordinance for SECCOG, Warden Connelly made motion to approve the Borough of Jewett City joining Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

PUBLIC FORUM:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Burgess Sharkey made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. Meeting duly adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk