

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

The Regular Meeting of Board of Warden and Burgesses held in the Griswold Town Hall, Main Meeting Room, on Tuesday September 2, 2014 at 6:30pm was called to order by Warden Alan Geer for Open Hearing at 6:15pm.

OPEN HEARING:

Warden Geer called the Open Hearing to order at 6:20pm. Warden Geer noted that the owners of 50 Shades were unable to attend tonight's meeting and that they will try and attend the next meeting. Further discussion was held on various items within the borough.

Regular Meeting was called to order by Warden Geer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Valerie Pudvah read the roll call. Present: Warden Alan Geer, Burgesses John Connelly, Laurie Sorder, James Krueger, Timothy Sharkey and Bailiff William Czmyr were present. Also in attendance were: Ken Sullivan JCDPU, Louis Demicco III JCDPU, Linda Cote Treasurer, James Barnie, Larry Laidley, Bicentennial Committee and Robert Kowal.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR AUGUST 4, 2014 AND SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2014.

Burgess Sorder made motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for August 4, 2014, 2nd by Burgess Connelly. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Burgess Sorder made motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes for August 12, 2014, 2nd by Burgess Connelly. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Burgess Sharkey asked Louis Demicco III how the firehouse was coming along. Mr. Demicco stated that the ceiling is still being worked on because they are doing it in parts. Heating and A/C is all set just waiting for the electrician. Burgess Sharkey just noted that the Board should be invited down to see it when it is complete. Burgess Connelly noted that we did not get the Speed Enforcement Grant that Resident Trooper McCarthy was working on because we are not considered a rural area. Warden Geer noted that we are still working on a DUI Grant.

RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:

NONE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

New Business #4

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CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Uncas Health District regarding 12 Phillips Street.

The Town came in and cleaned up after the date set by Uncas Health and cleaned up the property. A lien will be placed on the property by the Town.

2. Letter from Department of Housing regarding Grant Application for Ashland Manor.

Warden Geer stated that the Town received grant money for McCluggage Manor but the Borough did not receive funding from the CDBG Small Cities program for Ashland Manor. Burgess Sharkey is concerned because this project is in the final phase and now it will be incomplete. In the future the board should check with Larry Wagner regarding what the town is applying for as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion to accept refunds in the amount of \$90.74, as presented by the Tax Collector.

Burgess Connelly made motion to accept the refunds, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

2. Discussion and possible action on estimate for annual inspection of the Jewett City Firehouse roof.

A bill of \$350.00 was submitted by C&M Roofing Co. LLC for annual inspection of the roof at the AA Young Volunteer Fire House. Burgess Sharkey noted that the company would come in to inspect the seams, plugged drains, snow on the roof, flashing etc. Burgess Sorder shared with the board that with the high school roof that the company that is installing the new roof is also requiring this to be done. It was explained to her that you have to maintain in order for the warranty to remain valid. Burgess Krueger thought since there is a warranty with the roof and it was installed properly that it would be the companies responsibility. Warden Geer would like to invite the contractor come down to explain to the board of what this annual inspection is needed for. Burgess Sharkey made motion to have Mike Brunelle from C&M Roofing Co. LLC come to one of our meetings to explain the \$350.00 charge for inspection of the firehouse roof, 2nd by Burgess Connelly. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

3. Larry Laidley, Chair for Bicentennial Committee to speak about events.

Larry gave a brief description of events that are planned. He is looking for input and guidance from the board on what might be a good idea for the celebration. He is also looking for a list for next year's Heroes Day of about 50 names (alive or deceased) local heroes (police, fire etc.). He noted that the fireworks are planned for August 1, 2015, rain date of August 8, 2015. Mr. Laidley noted that if we come up with a suggestion to please contact him. Warden Geer thanked Mr. Laidley for coming in this evening and discussing the Bicentennial Celebration.

4. Discussion regarding the hiring of a new auditor.

Ken Sullivan, Director of Jewett City DPU was present to give the names of the firms that they have interviewed since they no longer will be able to use Baude and Rolfe LLC. The firms that have been selected are Costello Co LLC and Cohn Reznick. He noted that Cohn Reznick has a little bit more municipal experience but both are qualified to do the work. Mr. Sullivan would reconvene here to evaluate the responses from each of these firms. Burgess Sorder made motion to approve this RFP to go out for auditing services, 2nd by Burgess Connelly. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Letter from Borough Attorney to Mr. Geo. Mattern regarding date of demolition for 2 Mechanic Street.

No motion needed to make October 31, 2014 the date for demolition since that was decided by the attorney.

2. Copy of Certified/Return Receipt Request letter of owners of 50 Shades for them to come to this meeting.

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Both Ms. Plair and Ms. Forster were unable to attend tonight's meeting but will try to attend another meeting in October or November.

3. Follow-up discussion on Dwyer Street regarding dryers, washers, refrigerators etc.

Warden Geer noted that the town attorney said not to remove off the private property until the cease and desist order is served.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Warden Geer asked Linda Cote, Treasurer how much money we have for the Bicentennial. Ms. Cote noted that we have approx. \$3,000.00 with this year's contribution.

Warden Geer noted that Leona Sharkey has put in for reimbursement from LOCHIP for the firehouse roof. Warden Geer stated that we should recoup at least \$14,000.00.

Burgess Sorder questioned if there was ever any mention from P&Z about the letter that should have been sent after the August 12, 2014 Special Meeting regarding input for new businesses that may want to come in to the Borough. Burgess Sorder read her motion from the Special Meeting of 8/12/2014 (**Burgess Sorder made a motion that a letter be sent to Planning and Zoning with a courtesy copy to the First Selectman stating that any Town board or commission having any discussion of possible changes, albeit regulations, business, etc. within the Borough of Jewett City limits that the Board of Warden and Burgesses be involved in the process**). Warden Geer will notify Leona Sharkey about this letter that should have been sent to P&Z. Discussion was held on the Borough Charter and the Town Zoning Regulations and if P&Z follows the Borough Charter. Warden Geer wanted to contact the attorney but Burgess Sorder suggested talking to the First Selectman before going to the attorney, so we can see what his take is on this. Mr. Laidley noted that he was on the P&Z board that when the regulations were redone, they tried to unify both the Town and Borough so they would mirror each other. Not everything like, setbacks would be the same. Burgess Sorder amended her previous motion since the letter was not sent out, to send a letter to the First Selectman to have a joint meeting to discuss zoning concerns within the Borough, 2nd by Burgess Connelly. All in favor. Motion carries.

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

Meeting duly adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Valerie Pudvah, Clerk