

**Board of Warden and Burgesses
Regular Meeting
January 5, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of Board of Warden and Burgesses held in the Griswold Town Hall, Main Meeting Room, on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 6:15PM was called to order by Warden Alan Geer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Valerie Pudvah read the roll call. Present: Warden Alan Geer, Burgesses John Connelly, James Krueger, Timothy Sharkey and Bailiff William Czmyr, Jr. Burgess Laurie Sorder arrived at 6:25pm. A quorum was determined.

Also present: Resident Troopers Jason McCarthy, Adam Chittick, Leona Sharkey Tax Collector/Secretary, Linda Cote Treasurer, Ken Sullivan JCDPU, Ken Comfort JCFD, Michael Minarski, Shea Cavacini, Derek Whitcomb and Louis Demicco III (arrived @6:30pm).

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR 12/1/2014 AND SPECIAL MEETING 12/17/2014.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for 12/1/2014 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Connelly. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes for 12/17/2014 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Connelly. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgess Krueger abstained.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Burgess Sharkey asked Ken Comfort of the JCFD how things were coming along. Mr. Comfort stated that everything is coming along fine.

Burgess Connelly noted that the Toy Drive held by the Jewett City Fire Dept and the Resident Troopers was very successful.

Burgess Krueger thanked the Board and the Griswold highway department for the quick response for filling the potholes on Palmer Avenue.

RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:

Resident Trooper Adam Chittick was present to speak about the Borough of Jewett City Community Achievement Scholarship. The scholarship would be issued once per school year. This scholarship is open to a Borough of Jewett City resident/student that would like to further their education through college or a trade school. There are requirements that are necessary to apply for the scholarship such as community service, letters of recommendation also a 2 page essay. Discussion was held on whether it should be for a Griswold resident/student as well, since the pistol permit money is being used to offer this scholarship. Warden Geer would like to see if the Town would put ½ of the amount toward the scholarship of \$500.00. After more discussion it was decided to table this item for the next monthly meeting.

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Resident Trooper Chittick also noted that the speed sign on Brown Avenue is not working and will be taken down by the Town. Warden Geer would like to recoup the money spent on this item since it has never worked since it was purchased a couple of years ago.

Burgess Sorder questioned the Resident Troopers about the recent article about the use of the drug Narcan. Burgess Sorder questioned whether we were worse than the bigger towns such as Hartford, Bridgeport, Willimantic etc with the drug problem. Resident Trooper McCarthy noted that the drug Narcan has recently been used by the troopers because they have gotten first to the scene. Warden Geer noted that the drug has been used by American Ambulance in the past. Burgess Sorder is concerned about the negativity that it gives to the borough/town and the accuracy about the article in the newspaper.

Burgess Sharkey questioned if drug overdose calls have increased in the past year. The answer from the Resident Troopers was yes, but it is not just in this area, it is happening all over the country.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Ken Sullivan JCDPU, noted that the sewer rates will increase in April 1, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Discussion and possible action on letter rec'd from Luc-John Pentz-H.D. Segur regarding quote from insurance for upcoming fiscal year.
Burgess Sorder made motion to allow information to be given to Mr. Pentz of H.D. Segur for a presentation of what he can offer, 2nd by Burgess Connelly. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.
2. Copy of check rec'd from LoCIP for reimbursement of firehouse roof.
3. State Troopers Calls for Service Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and action on the hiring of a grant writing consultant.
Burgess Sharkey made motion to accept Larry Wagner & Associates as the grant writers, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

Burgess Sharkey brought up that on the corner of Phillips Street and North Main Street that there is garbage, tv etc. It was noted that at 55 Talcott Street there are appliances lined up. A letter will be sent out to the property owners letting them know that the property is to be cleaned up and also the Town, regarding the health hazard for these 2 properties.

Burgess Sorder mentioned that the No Parking sign at Ashland Street and Hill Street is still not there. Warden Geer noted that a letter has been sent to Todd at the highway dept. regarding this and to have this sign replaced.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Mr. Minarsky, Wolverine Radio, was present to speak about the drug problem in the area and what can be done to fix the problem immediately as a town. He questioned about having a constable program. Warden Geer said that a neighborhood watch program may be introduced again. Burgess Connelly noted that a neighborhood watch program was about 2 years ago, and that a lot of the people involved had they own agenda. Resident Trooper Chittick said that the neighborhood watch program can be a great program but certain guidelines would need to be established. Burgess Sorder stated that if anyone sees anything that it should be called in the Resident Troopers.

Mr. Minarsky noted that in his news broadcast all of the meetings are listed and the times.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None

Motion to adjourn, made by Burgess Sorder, 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Meeting duly adjourned at 7:15pm. Valerie Pudvah, Clerk