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**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 1, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of Warden and Burgesses held in the Griswold Town Hall, Main Meeting Room, on Monday June 1, 2015 at 6:15pm was called to order by Warden John Connelly.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

William Czmyr, Jr, James Barnie, Leona Sharkey Tax Collector, Linda Cote Treasurer, Alan Geer, Larry Laidley Bicentennial Committee, Ken Sullivan JCDPU, Louis Demicco III JCDPU, Martin McKinny, Luc-John Pentz H.D. Segur Insurance and Chris Wardrop USI Insurance. Robert Hanson JCFD arrived at 7:15pm.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR MAY 5, 2015:

Burgess Sorder made motion to approve the minutes for May 5, 2015 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Alan Geer and Larry Laidley were present to speak about the fireworks for the Bicentennial celebration. The date is August 15, the exact time for the fireworks has not been determined but the events that day will start around 4:00pm. Roads should be shut down around 7:00pm. Griswold Youth Center/Park and Rec is handling the events before the fireworks. Larry noted that the company that they hired for the fireworks is licensed in CT and that they are the ones that will be getting all the permits and will be in contact with the State Fire Marshall. Warden Connelly brought up who owns under the water and who controls what goes on, on the water. Warden Connelly will contact Scott Dawley from the State regarding this matter.

Also, there was discussion on having Fire Police from the local towns instead of using all State Police. The thought is that it may cut down on some of the cost, if there was a bigger pool of Fire Police available to us.

Mr. Laidley noted that the 5K race may not take place at this time, mainly because of the road closures that would close many of heavily traveled roads.

Burgess Sorder wanted to know for clarification from Mr. McKinny and Mr. Laidley if the reason for being here was to see if the State Troopers will authorize Fire Police to assist them during these events. Also, Mr. McKinny asked if the borough could subsidize some of the cost for the fire police. Discussion followed on how many buses will be needed for the fireworks. It was cited that there was only 1 for the parade and there could have been at least 3 used. Also, the cost of the buses, fuel, driver were also discussed.

Warden Connelly closed the Public Forum at 6:30pm.

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COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Burgess Laura Laidley was honored to have worked with the Young Marines the day that they put flags in the cemeteries for Memorial Day. Burgess Laidley thought it would be nice to send them a Thank-you card.
Burgess Sharkey noted that at the JCFD everything is working well.

RESIDENT TROOPERS:

None

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Larry Laidley to discuss possible amendment to the Peddlers/Vendors/Hawkers Ordinance.

Mr. Laidley had an issue the day of the parade with vendors having copies of the permit that was issued to them. Some of the vendors had photo copies of the original permit, wondered if that was the way it should be handled. He thought that Original copies should be issued to the vendor and anyone that works for that individual vendor. Leona Sharkey stated that they could be numbered and that a list kept so that any vendor could be checked off.

2. Discussion on appropriation of funds for sidewalk study.

It was discussed at the quarterly meeting about a road study by the town. It was thought that the borough could piggy back with the town for a sidewalk study. Burgess Sharkey questioned if we have money to do the study. Linda Cote said yes but which budget would it come out of? Leona stated that it would start this month. Warden Connelly entertained a motion for a sidewalk study. Burgess Sharkey made motion to appropriate \$5,000 for the sidewalk study, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

3. Discussion for police coverage for Bicentennial fireworks in August.

Discussed in Public Forum

Larry Laidley said they were hoping for 5 troopers or less, so they wouldn't need to have to hire a Sergeant. He would like to sit down with Resident Troopers Chittick and McCarthy and get their input and whatever number they come up with, sign a formal contract which will be sent to the barracks. Larry would like to have the official word by the 6/22(meeting) on whether they will be able to hire fire police.

4. Appoint police, fire nuisance and blight commissioners.

After much discussion , Burgess Sorder made motion for the board to appoint the following board members to the following commission, 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries,

POLICE - Burgess Timothy Sharkey

FIRE - Burgess Laurie Sorder

NUISANCE- Burgess Laura Laidley

BLIGHT - Burgess James Krueger

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Resolution sent to State of CT for STEAP opt-in request with response of receipt.

Leona Sharkey stated that we are now eligible. Leona will be getting further information to pass on as to when the application date will be.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

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Luc-John Pentz was present from **H.D. SEGUR INSURANCE** to speak about the proposal for insurance for the Borough of Jewett City and the Jewett City Sewer Treatment Plant. He would be the new broker if we went with H.D. SEGUR INSURANCE. He went on to explain about the company and what you could expect from the company if chosen. Mr. Pentz thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak to them tonight about the insurance.

Warden Connelly mentioned that Todd Babbitt (Griswold) did the necessary paperwork regarding accident studies for road signage in those areas. He wondered why the JCFD had not. He asked Bob Hanson about the road signs in the borough and if anyone has done the necessary paperwork for the signage. Burgess Sharkey noted that Jewett City uses a different documentation for road signs.

At this time Chris Wardrop from **USI INSURANCE** came in to speak about the insurance we currently have. He introduced himself to the board and to the audience. He spoke about the past 24 months and consistency that the board has had. He noted that they have hit every single mark that was set up for their timeline. James Barnie spoke about the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Sewer Treatment Plant. A Special meeting date was set for Monday, June 8, 2015 at 1:00pm for a presentation by Chris Wardrop, representative for USI Insurance. Mr. Wardrop thanked everyone for their time and for the past 2years.

Warden Connelly brought up the properties that he is still concerned about, 115 North Main Street, North Main & Palmer Avenue, Assmar property, Pleasant View and Talcott Avenue.

Burgess Sorder wondered if the new boundary had been set up by the Resident Troopers for the tax code. Burgess Sorder suggested putting that on next month's meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Louis Demicco III brought up an incident that happened at the Little League Field regarding a dog bite. The town knows about the bite. Discussion was held on having "No Dogs Allowed "at the field.

Louis Demicco III also brought up the parade for Memorial Day when State Troopers were all in one area and the traffic was going up and down Route 201. Bob Hanson noted that they have never had the problem as they did this year with the traffic.

Burgess Sorder made motion to adjourn, 2nd Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries

Meeting duly at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Pudvah, clerk