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BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 2, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Warden and Burgesses held in the Griswold Town Hall Meeting Room held on April 2, 2012 was called to order at 6:15 pm for the Open Hearing by Warden John Connelly

OPEN HEARING:

Warden Connelly called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

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

Also present at the meeting were Linda Cote, Treasurer, Ken Sullivan, Tom Blumie, Resident Troopers McCarthy and Chittick and Alison Shea from the Norwich Bulletin.

APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING FOR MARCH 5, 2012 AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES FOR MARCH 26, 2012.

Burgess Sorder noted a correction for meeting minutes for March 5, 2012 under New Business there is no name for the burgess that 2nd the motion. Burgess Laidley said that he 2nd that motion. Burgess Sorder made motion to accept both sets of minutes with the correction for March 5, 2012, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

CORRESPONDENCE;

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Make a motion to accept refunds in the amount of \$27.11 as presented by the Tax Collector.
Burgess Laidley made motion to accept the refunds in the amount of \$27.11 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.
2. Discussion on proper protocol at Borough Meetings i.e. cell phones.

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Burgess Sharkey made motion to have all cell phones turned off during the Open Hearing and Regular Meeting, also after a decision has been made the Warden is the contact person to notify anyone of any decision, etc that has been made, finally Warden Connelly noted proper protocol should be followed when discussing any topic. Burgess Sorder 2nd that motion. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgess Sharkey also motioned to have anyone using a cell phone be escorted out of the meeting by the Bailiff, 2nd by Burgess Sorder.

3. Ken Sullivan to speak about "Time of Use Rates."

Ken Sullivan Director of the JCDPU was present to speak on "Time of Use Rates." This could be a wonderful plan if people participate. It would save the customer at least 5-10% off their utility bill. There will be informational meetings with the public to answer any questions they may have regarding how this plan works.

4. Make a motion to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to accept the Fair Housing Resolution, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

5. Make a motion to adopt the Fair Housing Policy Statement.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to adopt the Fair Housing Policy Statement, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

6. Make a motion to adopt the Title VI Equal Opportunity Statement.

Burgess Laidley made motion to adopt the Title VI Equal Opportunity Statement, 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

7. Make a motion to adopt the Affirmative Action Policy Statement.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to adopt the Affirmative Action Policy Statement, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

8. Make a motion to adopt the Certified Resolution of the Governing Body.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to adopt the Certified Resolution of the Governing Body, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

9. Discussion and motion to accept or reject Budget for Fiscal Year 2012/2013, as presented by Treasurer, Linda Cote.

Discussion was held on the budget. Treasurer Cote noted that there is \$170,000.00 in unassigned funds, but \$34,000.00 will need to be taken out for the water bill from last year. Burgess Sharkey stated that he would like to hold back on the Veterans Memorial Park fund. Last year the check was handed over but there were no requests or anything saying where the money was going. This year Linda would like to receive any bills that are to come out of that line item. Burgess Sharkey asked about the firehouse if they need any repairs done do we have the money for that. Also the Resident Troopers will be short \$4000.00 because of the difference in pay. Linda will add \$5000.00 to the line item for the Resident Troopers. Burgess Sharkey questioned the fire hydrant fees.

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10. Make a motion to set May 23, 2012 at 6:30pm as the Annual Freeman Meeting to vote on the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Budget.

Burgess Sorder made motion to set **May 23, 2012 @ 6:30pm** the time and date for the **Annual Freeman Meeting, 2nd** by Burgess Laidley. Motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Tabled until next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Warden Connelly will personally deliver the paperwork for 31 Lenox Avenue to Richard Duda.

Burgess Laidley suggested we invite the servicemen and women from the USS Miami to any event regarding the monuments. Apparently 20 or so years ago the Town adopted a submarine and according to Geo. Kennedy we still have it. Larry will get more information from Geo. Kennedy.

Warden Connelly wondered why the fence on Water Street has holes in it. He wondered if the fire department did that for training. Ken Sullivan stated that the JCDPU does not own it, he thinks the State of Connecticut does.

Also, we have not heard anything regarding the STEAP grant, will check with the Town Planner on this.

Ken Sullivan also noted that someone is interested in purchasing the JCDPU building and several others. First thing to do would be to check with the Borough Attorney.

Discussion was held on the article in the newspaper regarding the Masse Insurance renovation

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

Meeting duly adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,