

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 7, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Warden and Burgesses held in the Griswold Town Hall, Main Meeting Room, on Monday July 7, 2014 at 6:30pm was called to order by Burgess Timothy Sharkey.

**OPEN HEARING: 6:15PM**

Resident Al Cormier of 5 Lincoln Square was present to ask the Board to consider creating an ordinance for Recreational Burning, as he has had issues with a nearby resident. He had spoken with the Deputy Fire Marshal about a neighbor on Slater Avenue that was doing a lot of burning. Deputy Fire Marshal Tom Holowaty had addressed the problem per Mr. Cormier's calls, which was more than once and also had them extinguish the fire on one occasion; however, it is still an issue in the area. Burgess Sharkey noted that this was discussed at a meeting last year with burning in the same area. Burgess Sorder noted that we should speak to the Deputy Fire Marshal and the Health Dept. regarding the situation with the burning since this was addressed at this meeting. Resident Linda Cote was present to speak about the empty house at 50 Lenox Avenue, which is next door to her. The lawn is overgrown and there is standing water, which is attracting mosquitoes. It was suggested that the board let the Town know of the problem so that maybe the highway crew can mow the lawn, and also to inform the Health Dept. to see if it is an issue.

Louis Demicco III was present to let the board know that the rope on the flag pole had been burnt, portable restrooms had been tipped over and then put back upright. The Resident Troopers were notified of the problem. He also spoke on the firehouse shelter and that everything is going well. The only problem that they have encountered so far is the handicapped bathroom, which will be a huge issue. They received a quote from Carboni James Plumbing & Heating Inc for \$11,500.00 which does not include demolition, just to put everything in and to connect to the sewer line. They are going to get a few more quotes for this project. Burgess Sharkey asked how the air conditioning and heating system is coming along. Mr. Demicco said it was all coming along fine.

Louis Demicco III asked if the Town could contribute for the shelter since it will be used by residents of Griswold, not just Jewett City. Burgess Sorder noted that this was brought up before regarding the roof at the JC Firehouse at the Capital Improvement Committee. It was semi addressed, but because the Borough residents approved it through the taxes, it is still up in the air. Burgess Sorder noted that any requests be put into the Capital Improvement Committee around September or October. 2014.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk read the roll call. Members present; Burgesses Timothy Sharkey, John Connelly, Laurie Sorder, absent Warden Alan Geer, Burgess James Krueger and Bailiff William Czmyr. A quorum was determined.

Also present: Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector/Secretary, Linda Cote, Treasurer, Louis Demicco III, JCFD, James Barrie, Capital Improvement Committee, Ken Sullivan, JCDPU, and Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman.

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**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR JUNE 2, 2014:**

Burgess Connelly made motion to approve the minutes of June 2, 2014 Regular Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sorder, All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT:**

Burgess Sharkey noted that the firehouse roof is complete.

**RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:**

Resident Trooper Boulanger was injured during an arrest. Trooper Miller is covering in Trooper Boulanger's absence. Burgess Connelly noted he was supposed to be at the meeting.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REPORT:**

Ken Sullivan noted that everything is running well but there will be a sewer rate increase as of January 2015.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Motion to accept refunds in the amount of \$16.54 as presented by the Tax Collector.**

Burgess Connelly made motion to accept the amount of \$16.54, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Discussion and set date to hold Special Freemen Meeting for 2 Mechanic Street per Borough Attorney.**

Leona Sharkey spoke on behalf of the Borough Attorney. He wanted it noted that he suggested to have a Special Freemen Meeting to bring to the people and ask them if they agree with the decision of the board to go forward with the destruction of the property at 2 Mechanic Street. He would draft the legal notice and the agenda for this. Leona Sharkey also noted that one of the owners said they are willing to take the property down. They would like to be done with this ongoing issue and could they be notified of the date and time of the scheduled meeting so one of the members could be present. Discussion was held on the earliest date and time to have the Special Freemen Meeting.

Burgess Krueger arrived at 6:40pm.

Burgess Sorder made motion to set the Special Freemen's Meeting for July 24, 2014 at 6:30 pm, and to also have the Borough Attorney present, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Connelly. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Burgess Sharkey asked if the attorney mentioned anything about us going with the same ordinance that the Town has for the Blight Ordinance. He thinks it would be in the best interest if the ordinance mirrors the Town ordinance.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

NONE

Motion to adjourn, made by Burgess Sorder 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Connelly.

Meeting duly adjourned at 6:42pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie Pudvah, Borough Clerk