

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 6, 2015**

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

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, Jr. A quorum was determined.

Also present:

Resident Troopers Adam Chittick, Jason McCarthy, Ken Sullivan JCDPU, Leona Sharkey Tax Collector/Secy, Linda Cote Treasurer, Ken Comfort JCFD, Robert Hanson JCFD, Jim Bernie Capital Improvement, Kevin Skulczyck First Selectman arrived at 6:35pm.

Warden Geer thanked everyone for their concern and sympathy in his time of need, also thanked Burgess Sharkey for taken over while he was away.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SPECIAL MEETING 2/24/2015: Burgess Sorder made motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes for February 24, 2015 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Connelly. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

REGULAR MEETING 3/2/2015: Burgess Sharkey made motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for March 2, 2015 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Connelly. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

SPECIAL MEETING 3/10/2015: Burgess Connelly made motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes for March 10, 2015 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

PUBLIC HEARING 3/16/2015: Burgess Sharkey made motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes for March 16, 2015 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Connelly. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

SPECIAL MEETING 3/16/2015: Burgess Connelly made motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes for March 16, 2015 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

SPECIAL MEETING 3/24/2015: Burgess Sharkey made motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes for March 24, 2015 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Connelly. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None

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COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Burgess Sharkey noted that he received a report from Robert Hanson saying that the air condition, and the ceiling are completed at the firehouse. The only thing left is the floor and making the restrooms handicapped accessible.

RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:

Trooper McCarthy noted that they are sponsoring a team for the Jewett City Little League and that the money will be coming out of the pistol permit monies.

Trooper Chittick noted that the speed sign was sent out and the laptop as well to be worked on. When it comes back it should be up and running and that Todd Babbitt will be able to put it wherever it needs to go.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REPORT:

Ken Sullivan noted that he had received a letter from DEP saying that they were in violation of a permanent Grade 4 operator. He sent them a letter explaining the situation and everything is all set. Mr. Sullivan has someone for the position but he won't be testing until 2016.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1.State Trooper Calls for Service Report- February 2015

Narcotics has been added to the list of calls.

2.Annual Allotment letter from Jewett City DPU.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.Motion to accept refunds in the amount of \$239.02, as presented by the Tax Collector.

Burgess Connelly made motion to accept the amount of \$239.02 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

2.Discussion and possible action to order an appreciation plaque for the JCFD.

Burgess Sorder made motion to have a plaque made for the JCFD in appreciation for the fundraiser that they did for the family on North Main Street, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

3.Discussion regarding letter from Attorney Forsyth for Resident Trooper Contract.

The Borough will now be able to sign their own contract and it is due to renew anytime.

4.Discussion regarding Resident Trooper budget for FY2015/2016.

Burgess Sorder noted that we can't really discuss until we know the State reimbursement. Treasurer Linda Cote noted that there is a \$12,000 increase. Warden Geer noted that he doesn't think the 100% will happen this year but to be prepared for next year.

5. Discussion on overtime for the Bicentennial Parade.

Resident Troopers Chittick and McCarthy stated that there will be 5 troopers for that day. The town is paying for three and the borough would be paying for them (Chittick and McCarthy) on bike patrol.

6. Discussion and possible action on proposal for audit services from Costello Company, LLC.

Leona Sharkey was present to speak on the audit services. Prices are the same as last year, she noted that Baude & Rolfe, PC may be interested in doing the audit services again. Burgess Sorder table until next month.

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7. Discussion on road named Fanning Court in the Borough.

Since the town owns the roads, then this would be up to the town.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Talcott Avenue 55A-C

Warden Geer spoke with Peter Zvingilas regarding the situation and Mr. Zvingilas went back and the junk is still there. Warden Geer believes another cease & desist was issued by Mr. Zvingilas.

2. Brown Avenue update.

The couch is gone!

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Burgess Connelly questioned if the Resident Troopers office was being cleaned and by whom? Resident Trooper Chittick that they are doing it themselves, not necessary to budget for cleaning.

Burgess Sharkey handed out a flyer from DANTRY LANDSCAPING. It was noted that they do Fanning Park. Burgess Krueger questioned if anything had been done with the One-Way street issue, especially Palmer Avenue.

Also, there is a large white car parked on Brown Avenue that extends into the street. The Resident Troopers will check into that.

Burgess Sorder wondered if there was follow-up with the Borough Attorney regarding the question posed by Clerk Valerie Pudvah about holding two positions in the May election. Ms. Pudvah has not received any clarification from the attorney.

Burgess Sorder also questioned if we know who owns the sidewalks yet and if there is any follow up with this issue? Leona Sharkey noted that she contacted the attorney for a legal opinion on how this should be handled. Burgess Sorder also questioned the money regarding the speeding tickets and if the Borough would be getting any money from this. The Resident Troopers did not know that Jewett City had it's own code. So the tickets have all been written with the Town of Griswold code. Trooper Chittick noted that it would have to go thru the Lieutenant to get the codes changed and to get the money back to the borough from the tickets.

Discussion followed on when to have a budget workshop. It was decided to have it April 14, 2015 @ 6:30pm. Burgess Sorder made motion to have a Special Meeting for the budget workshop on Tuesday April 14, 2015 @ 6:30, 2nd by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Leona Sharkey spoke on behalf of Ryan Aubin, Griswold Youth & Family, that they would like to hold a community yard sale at Veteran's Memorial Park. They would like to have the fee waived for that event.

Burgess Sharkey made motion to waive the fee for the Griswold Youth & Family yard sale. 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Resident Troopers

Burgess Sharkey made motion to go into executive session, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Board went into executive session at 7:00pm.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:45pm. No action taken.

Burgess Sorder made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Burgess Connelly. All in favor, aye. Meeting duly adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Pudvah, Clerk

