

**Borough of Stonington
Board of Warden and Burgesses
Regular Monthly Meeting - April 8, 2019**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Warden Jeff Callahan called the monthly meeting of the Borough of Stonington Board of Warden and Burgesses to order in Borough Hall at 7:00 p.m. Present were Burgesses Robert Scala, Amanda Barnes, Michael Adair, Amy Nicholas and Shaun Mastroianni. Also present was Tiffany Cook, serving as Clerk-Treasurer.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by Burgess Scala, seconded by Burgess Adair, the minutes of the regular meeting held March 18th, 2019 were unanimously approved.

3. REPORT OF ADMIN ASSISTANT

Received telephone property taxes from Town: \$610.24

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Requests:

St. Mary's May 18-19 Lady of Fatima Processions; SBMA June 1 Art Walk; Stonington Free Library June 1 Volunteer Fair; LaGrua Center June 22 Concert for Music Festival; St. Mary's July 25 Blessing of the Fleet 5k Run; St. Mary's July 28 Blessing of the Fleet

Other:

Stonington Free Library : support request letter for FY 19-20; Rich Ward: Playground update; Stonington Police Department: acknowledging receipt of Blessing of Fleet & 5k& Lady of Fatima Process; Stonington Ambulance Corps supporting request letter; Borough School Condominiums: letter regarding removal of sidewalks for powerline project

Outgoing: None

5. REPORT OF CLERK TREASURER

Absentee Ballots were made available to Borough residents on April 5; Election process is moving along

6. REVIEW of BILLS/YTD FINANCIAL REPORT

Bills for period ending April 4 totaled \$28,088; YTD Net Income is \$302,168; Reserves equal approximately \$308,000.

7. WARDEN'S REPORT

1. Finalized draft FY2019-20 budget
2. Worked with zoning officer and chair of P&ZC on revisions to zoning regs
3. Attended Climate Change Task Force meeting
4. Met with medical insurance consultant
5. Continued preparing for CRS verification visit in June 2019
6. Borough Clock – nothing to report

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

a. Streets

1. Adjusted cross walk on Summit Street
2. Put away snow clearing equipment and prepped spring cleanup equipment
3. Repaired catch basin at Harmony and Main

b. Fire & Emergency Management

There were Eleven Alarms in March 2019, they were as follows:

- 1) 3-3-19 4:36pm Box 29 Stonington Commons (broken sprinkler pipe)
- 2) 3-4-19 7:31am Wires down IFO 268 North Main St. (large tree limbs down)
- 3) 3-4-19 12:04pm Box 29 Stonington Commons (recharging sprinkler system)
- 4) 3-6-19 2:52pm Structure Fire 37 Shawondassee Dr. (chicken coop burned up)
- 5) 3-8-19 9:21am Odor of propane 45 Water St. (nothing found)
- 6) 3-8-19 1:11pm Wire down 11 Lindberg Rd. Lords Pt. (Phone or cable wire)
- 7) 3-16-19 1:50pm Fuel spill 522 Stonington Rd. Shell station (faulty nozzle shut off)
- 8) 3-19-19 3:10am CO Detector activation 2 Bradley St. (faulty detector)
- 9) 3-19-19 7:21pm Fire Alarm activation 1 Broad St. (burned popcorn in microwave)
- 10) 3-25-19 9:16am Water emergency 53 Church St. (swimming pool water being pumped onto Church St.)
- 11) 3-30-19 1:58am Fire Alarm activation Velvet Mill (water flow alarm)

Chief Hoadley talked about the aging box alarm system in the Borough and the need for several large buildings, like the Velvet Mill, to install a radio alarm box.

c. Parks, Trees & Rights of Way (Barnes)

Nothing to report except that the plane tree on the corner of Cliff and Denison was pruned and cabled by Bartlett.

d. Public Buildings

Half the cost of the generator for Borough Hall has been paid and the remaining half will be paid when it is installed in June

e. Sidewalks

Letters were sent to residents about needed repairs; there are some Borough-owned walks to be repaired

f. Police and Public Affairs

During the month of March 2019 there were 43 incidents in the police report for the Borough including 9 Vehicle - Red Tagged, 5 Check Building/Business, 5 Animal Control, 4 Parking Complaints, 4 Fire Related Calls, 3 Medical Assists, 2 Burglar Alarms 2 of which were false and 2 Accidents. There was one incident each of 911 Misdeal, Suspicious Activity, Disturbance, Larceny, Assist Citizen, House Check, Water Emergency, Motor Vehicle Complaint, and Harassment.

Also, the speed monitoring at High and Main has been initiated by Stonington Police

g. Utilities & Sanitation - No Report

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Stonington Ambulance Corps representative thanked the Board for the Borough's contribution to the new first responder vehicle and also noted that the Ambulance needs to be replaced, likely 6 months from now at the estimated cost of \$225,000. They are asking for a 1 year/1 time contribution to the fund for this essential purchase.

Pam Mola asked about the storm drain outfall at the end of Cross Street. Warden Callahan stated that Sue and Roger are checking it frequently to make sure the pipe is not clogged.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. In consideration of the FY 2019-20 budget, Warden Callahan moved to bring the draft budget to the annual meeting. Burgess Mastroianni seconded. During discussion \$1,000 was restored to line 312 and line 311 was reduced by \$1,000. Chief Hoadley explained that part of the reason that line 305 is increasing is the need to buy new airpack bottles. We are buying a few each year. Warden Callahan discussed line 108, Health Insurance, and efforts to contain costs. We have a small and aging group of employees, making it difficult to get favorable rates. He has met with an insurance consultant and is looking at other insurance options. The proposed capital improvement plan also was discussed. After discussion ended, the Board voted unanimously to bring the proposed budget and CIP to the annual meeting on April 27th.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. The Board considered six requests to use Borough property, as follows: 1) St. Mary Church, Lady of Fatima processions on May 18 and 19, Burgess Scala moved to approve and Burgess Nicholas seconded; 2) Stonington Borough Merchants Association ArtWalk to be held on Water Street on June 1st Warden Callahan moved approval on condition that insurance requirements are verified, Burgess Nicholas seconded ; 3) Stonington Free Library to conduct a Volunteer Fair on June 1st on Wadawanuck Square, Burgess Mastroianni moved approval and Burgess Adair seconded; 4) La Grua Center Music Concert on Wad Square on June 22, Burgess Barnes moved approval and Burgess Scala seconded; 5) St. Mary Church, Blessing-of-the-Fleet 5k Race on July 25, Warden Callahan moved to approve, with a second from Burgess Barnes; and 6) St. Mary Church, Blessing of the Fleet procession on July 28,

Burgess Scala moved approval and Burgess Nicholas seconded. After all six requests had been moved, seconded, and discussed, the Board voted unanimously to approve them.

- b. In order to recognize and toast the contributions of retiring burgesses Scala and Adair, Warden Callahan moved, in accordance with SBO-08, that a temporary alcohol use permit be granted for Borough Hall following this meeting. Burgess Scala seconded the motion. The request was approved unanimously.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Burgess Scala, seconded by Burgess Mastroianni, adjournment of the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m. was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tiffany Cook, Clerk-Treasurer
May 15, 2019