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Attest:

Laurie Pudvah

Borough Clerk

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 4, 2021**

The **Special Meeting** of the Board of Warden and Burgesses held via Teleconference Call on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 was called to order by Warden Timothy Sharkey at 6:15pm.

ROLL CALL:

CLERK Valerie Pudvah read the roll call.

PRESENT: WARDEN Timothy Sharkey, **BURGESSES** Laurie Sorder, James Krueger, Laura Laidley and Heather Glover.

A quorum was determined.

ALSO PRESENT:

Leona Sharkey, Linda Cote, Louis Demicco III, Tina Falck and Resident Trooper Rei.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 29, 2021.

MOTION made by Burgess Sorder to approve the Special Meeting minutes of March 29, 2021, 2nd by Burges Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING APRIL 5, 2021.

MOTION made by Burgess Sorder to approve Regular Meeting minutes of April 5, 2021, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgess Krueger abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Trooper service report of March 2021.
2. Western Union – no response as of today.
3. JCDPU allotment for the upcoming Fiscal year 2021/2022.

Burgess Sorder noted that this is revenue that the Borough usually receives from the JCDPU.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

BLIGHT – Burgess Glover noted that the house on the corner of Phillips St and No. Main St needs to have the grass cut. Warden Sharkey will check with the 1st Selectman to see if he will send out the highway crew to mow the lawn.

Burgess Glover noted that she was checking into 2 other properties regarding blight.

FIRE-nothing to report.

FIRE CHIEF-L. Demicco noted that he is getting 3 quotes for the bathroom downstairs at the firehouse. He also noted that the firehouse is having a stuffed chicken breast dinner on next Saturday, May 15th 4pm to 6pm. Tickets are available at the Jewett City Greenhouse or firehouse. Lou also mentioned that he has not received any notification regarding the Memorial Day Parade. They will not shut the streets down until he receives a letter from someone.

NUISANCE: Nothing at this time.

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POLICE: Burgess Sorder referred to the Trooper Report

SENIOR CENTER REPORT:

Tina Falck noted that they are continuing with the food box until the end of May. 6000 boxes of food have been given out.

RESIDENT TROOPER:

Trooper Rei noted that there has been an uptick in calls. All types (criminal, medical etc.). He expects it to continue with the weather warming up.

He noted that over 190 pounds of prescription medication was dropped off and disposed of during the Drug Take Back program a couple of weeks ago.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Director Ken Sullivan was unable to attend tonight's meeting so L. Demicco III spoke on his behalf. L. Demicco noted the letter was received for the grant for the retaining wall. Pretty much everything else is status quo. The sewer budget was passed at the last meeting with no rate increase at this time, but it is expected to happen.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Suspense List presented by Tax Collector, Leona Sharkey.

L. Sharkey noted that the total amount to suspend is \$2,991.67. She noted a variety of reason of why the names are on the list.

MOTION made by Burgess Glover to accept the Suspense List as presented, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

2. Annual Freeman Meeting discussion

MOTION made by Burgess Sorder to set the Freeman Meeting for May 19th at 6pm at the Griswold Town Hall with in- person attendance, 2nd by Burgess Glover. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

3. Appoint an auditor for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

Costello and Co. submitted a quote for the audit, and it is the same as last years. There were no other bids.

MOTION made by Burgess Sorder to appoint Costello & Co. as this year's Auditors, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

4. Discuss in- person meetings.

MOTION made By Burgess Sorder to begin in-person meetings in the town hall meeting room beginning in June 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

5. Memorial Day parade discussion.

Warden Sharkey noted that Ed Berdick oversees the parade this year and since he is new there maybe a few bumps. The invitations have not gone out and Tim does not know who had been invited to the parade and ceremony. The parade route should be the same as in the past.

OLD BUSINESS:

Warden Sharkey gave figures for the past 3 weeks. The average daily rate is 3.3%

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Warden Sharkey noted that at the last COVID meeting they are going to start giving booster shots in 3-6 months.

1. Landscaping bids for Fanning Park.

The board has received 4 bids for Fanning Park lawncare.

Merchants Lawncare, LLC \$45.00 per cutting x 30 cuts per season= \$1,350.00 per season

Valentine Lawn Solutions, LLC \$60.00 per service, after July 4th option to go every 2 weeks. Provides liability insurance.

DiRoma Landscaping \$95.00 per cutting

Dantry Landscaping \$45.00 per mowing

After discussion it was decided on Valentine Lawn Solutions, LLC.

MOTION made by Burgess Glover to accept Valentine Lawn Solutions, LLC quote, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Letters will be sent out to the other bidders thanking them for their proposals.

2. Attendance Policy.

Burgess Sorder noted that the 3 meetings need not be missed consecutively. Laurie explained how it would work to the board. It was suggested to change it from calendar year to fiscal year.

MOTION made by Burgess Sorder to send proposed policy to the Borough Attorney for review, then a final vote, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Burgess Sorder suggested including this for the Freeman Meeting Agenda.

3. Everbridge System

Tim, Laurie and Leona attended a ZOOM meeting to learn the system last week.

4. C & M Roofing for JCFD roof.

There is no problem with the roof and the warranty is good for another year.

6. Update on the monument

Burgess Krueger noted that it is still on track. Mercer Monument will bring the monument to Fanning Park about a week before Memorial Day and it will remain covered until the dedication.

This monument is dedicated to all members that have served during these conflicts that are listed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Warden Sharkey suggested taking a ride down to the dam, to see the light that was installed by the JCDPU.

It was suggested to send a thank-you letter to Ken and his workers for the great work that was done.

Burgess Krueger wanted to know if anything was going on with PURA (water)no decision has been made yet.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:05PM by Burgess Sorder, 2nd by Burgess Glover. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Submitted by Clerk Valerie Pudvah

- All Board members were sworn in by Valerie Pudvah, Clerk on 5/4/2021

