

**BOROUGH OF JEWETT CITY
ANNUAL FREEMEN MEETING
MAY 29, 2019**

Warden, Timothy Sharkey called the Borough of Jewett City, **Annual Freeman Meeting** held on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, Griswold Town Hall, Main Meeting Room, 28 Main Street, Jewett City, CT to order at 6:00p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken by Valerie Pudvah, Clerk. Present: Warden Timothy Sharkey, Burgesses Laurie Sorder and Laura Laidley. Absent Burgess James Krueger. A quorum was determined.

ALSO PRESENT:

Treasurer, Linda Cote, Ken Comfort, Louis Demicco III, Tax Collector Leona Sharkey, Ed Berdick, Larry Laidley, Logan Sharkey, Resident Trooper Matthew Rei and Norwich Bulletin reporter John Barry.

CALL OF THE MEETING:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FREEMEN AND ALL PERSON QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN THE BOROUGH OF JEWETT CITY THAT A BUDGET MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019 AT THE GRISWOLD TOWN HALL, 28 MAIN STREET, JEWETT CITY, CT AT 6:00PM . THE PURPOSE OF THE SAID MEETING IS TO CONSIDER AND VOTE ON THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 AND TO ESTABLISH A MILL RATE AND A PERIOD FOR COLLECTION. THE QUESTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. SHALL THE BOROUGH OF JEWETT CITY APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$776,863 FOR THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020? YES OF NO

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Present Fiscal Year 2019/2020 budget to the Borough Freeman for discussion and to vote to accept of reject the budget.

Warden Sharkey opened the meeting up for discussion. Larry Laidley asked if the budget was for 2 resident troopers or 1? Warden Sharkey stated it was for two (2). Ken Comfort questioned the \$611,344 figure. Linda Cote stated that, that is the revenue figure. The budget figure is \$776,863. Linda noted that \$165,519 was coming-out of surplus. Sharkey asked for any further discussion. L. Laidley asked what the proposed mill rate would be after everything is done. The proposed mill rate will be 3.5. Warden Sharkey asked for any further discussion, hearing none, entertained a motion to close discussion. Burgess Sorder made motion to close discussion, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Ken Comfort made motion to accept the proposed budget, 2nd by Linda Cote. Show of hands vote was taken to accept or reject the budget.

**VOTE UNANIMOUS –BUDGET PASSED
10-0**

2. Motion to authorize the Warden & Burgesses to set a mill rate and collection period for taxes upon approval of the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget.

Larry Laidley made motion to accept, 2nd by Ken Comfort. Warden Sharkey asked for any discussion. Leona Sharkey, Tax Collector just noted that the collection period normally is July 1st and Jan 1st but because the bills are combined(town and borough) we are looking at an August collection since the town is not able to have a referendum in time for a July collection.

Burgess Sorder put on record that the **mill rate** would be set at **3.5**.

Warden Sharkey asked for a vote. Vote was taken by a show of hands to accept the **mill rate of 3.5** and a **collection date of August 1, 2019**.

**VOTE UNANIMOUS
10-0**

Burgess Sorder made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Meeting duly adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk