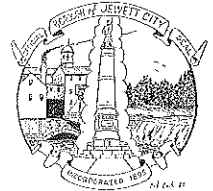


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**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 7, 2020**

Received For Record At Jewett City, CT

On: 12/9/2020 At: 8:00 AM

Attest: Valerie Pudvah

Borough Clerk

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Warden & Burgesses held via Teleconference Call on December 7, 2020 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, Jim Krueger, and Laura Laidley.

**ABSENT:** **BURGESS** Heather Glover. A quorum was determined.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Linda Cote-Treasurer, Louis Demicco III- Fire Chief, Ken Sullivan-JCDPU Director, Tina Falck- Senior Center Director, Leona Sharkey, Resident Trooper Matt Rei and about 5 interested town/borough residents.

**APPROVE MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING 10/26/2020 AND REGULAR MEETING 11/3/2020.**

**MOTION** made by Burgess Krueger to approve the **Special Meeting of 10/26/2020**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**MOTION** made by Burgess Krueger to approve the **Regular Meeting of 11/3/2020**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Resident Trooper Calls for Service Report for October 2020.

**COMMISSIONER REPORT:**

1. **BLIGHT-** Burgess Glover was not present to give a report. Warden Sharkey noted a letter was sent to a resident on Ashland Street.
2. **FIRE-** Burgess Laidley thanked the fire dept. for participating and the rec. department for the parade on Sunday night. Laurie also noted the house decorating contest that is going on. She noted that you can go to the ECPPA website for all the houses that are in the contest.
3. **FIRE CHIEF-** Louis Demicco III noted that a car had made skid marks all over the parking lot. The doors are still on back order, hopefully next week they will be in.
4. **NUISANCE-** Burgess Krueger noted that there is nothing major just a car that was making a loud noise on East Main and North Main!
5. **POLICE –** Burgess Sorder talked to Resident Trooper Vaillancourt previously about the Toy Drive and was wondering if it was still being held. Resident Trooper Rei confirmed that the drive is this weekend, Saturday 12/12/2020 at TARGET between 9am to 4pm. They will be teaming up with Ryan at the Youth Center.

**SENIOR CENTER REPORT:**

Tina Falck noted that 28 families were provided with a Thanksgiving Day meal, also 193 homebound seniors were provided with hot meals on Thanksgiving Day.

378 boxes of food were given out on Friday 12/4/2020 provided by United Way by the food distribution. There will be another food distribution this Thursday, in the town hall parking lot. She is looking for help to distribute this and greatly appreciates any help that she can get.

**RESIDENT ROOPER REPORT:**

Trooper Rei noted that the training is complete and he will be back in the Borough.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REPORT:**

Ken Sullivan noted that with the last wind storm, a tree went down in the McKenna Avenue area, which consisted of 3 separate wires, power was back by 11pm that night.

Ken noted that they received a one-million-dollar grant from the governor for funding to perform flood control at the Jewett City WasteWater Treatment Plant. He thanked everyone that helped getting this grant.

Louis Demicco III was able to get back on, and he noted that they are having the Toy Drive this Saturday 10am to 6pm. This donation will go to help Ryan and his group.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Discussion and possible action to appoint an individual to the commission seat for the Jewett City DPU.**  
Burgess Sorder questioned if it was advertised, Leona Sharkey noted that it was.  
**MOTION** by Burgess Sorder to appoint Louis Demicco III to the position of Commissioner on the JCDPU, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.
2. **Discussion regarding two donations received for the monument.**
  - A. A check was received from the Griswold Senior Center in the amount of \$100.00.
  - B. A donation from Tina Falck and Todd Babbitt  
Warden Sharkey suggested that Thank-you cards be sent thanking them for their donation.
3. **Discussion and possible action on request or ordinance revision regarding roosters and chickens in Borough to the Board of Selectmen.**  
Burgess Sorder noted that she had received a phone call from a resident regarding a rooster that was making a lot of noise in the Borough. There was discussion on this. Warden Sharkey noted that roosters are not allowed but up to 6 chickens are. He read section 10.10 of the Zoning Regulations. Burgess Krueger explained the procedure of how chickens work and their transition period. It was decided to have Tim talk to Todd Babbitt about this.
4. **Discussion regarding water rate increase case.**  
The Jewett City Water Company wants to raise the rates 40.5%. It is due to monthly operational costs and payroll. Burgess Krueger wanted to know if they applied for any stimulus funding. Warden Sharkey did not know if they did. Burgess Sorder thought it would be a good idea to have the Borough Attorney weigh in on this. Burgess Sorder made motion to contact Attorney Forysthe regarding the water rate increase, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries
5. **Discussion and possible action on holiday cards for business owners.**  
Too late now to make cards with less than 2 weeks left, so it was decided to buy cards. **MOTION** made by Burgess Sorder to allow up to \$150.00 for Christmas cards to be sent out to the local business owners. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. COVID update**

Warden Sharkey noted that between 11/29/2020 – 12/6/2020 there has been 28 new cases in the town/borough as of 11am today. Three of them are under 18.

**2. Monument update**

Burgess Krueger noted everything is ready to go. Burgess Krueger thought the monument should be erected as near to Memorial Day as possible since that should be the dedication day.

Burgess Krueger also brought up the possibility of making Fanning Park handicapped accessible to people in wheelchairs. Discussion was held on that possibility.

**3. JCFD update**

Lou Demicco gave his report under Commissioner Report.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

Warden Sharkey acknowledged the CDBG grant that was given to the JC Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of 1 million dollars for the floodwall. The process should start shortly, it has been long overdue. Burgess Sorder thanked everyone that was instrumental in getting this award for the Borough.

**Meeting to adjourn.**

**MOTION** to adjourn by Burgess Sorder, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Meeting duly adjourned at 7:01pm

Respectfully submitted by,



Valerie Pudvah, Borough Clerk