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**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

Received For Record At Jewett City, CT

On: 2/13/2021 At: 4:32 PM

Attest:

Laurie Pudvah

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Warden and Burgesses held via Teleconference Call on February 1, 2021 was called to order by Warden Timothy Sharkey at 6:16pm.

ROLL CALL:

CLERK Valerie Pudvah read the roll call.

PRESENT: WARDEN Timothy Sharkey, BURGESSES Laura Laidley and Jim Krueger

ABSENT: BURGESSES Laurie Sorder and Heather Glover

A quorum was determined.

ALSO PRESENT:

Linda Cote-Treasurer, Louis Demicco III- Fire Chief, Leona Sharkey- Tax Collector, Larry Laidley and Dana Bennett.

APPROVE MINUTES VIA TELECONFERENCE FOR SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 30, 2020 AND REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 7, 2020.

MOTION made by Burgess Krueger to approve Special Meeting of November 30, 2020, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

MOTION made by Burgess Laidley to approve Regular Meeting of December 7, 2020, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Resident Trooper Calls for Service report for November 2020.

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

BLIGHT- NONE

Warden Sharkey noted that Ashland Street has been cleaned up.

FIRE-Burgess Laidley noted that the project at the firehouse is 95% complete. Laurie also noted that the boiler has been cleaned and is running well.

FIRE CHIEF- L. Demicco III noted the alarm system on the doors will be done next week, also the electrical box needs to be fixed. Lou also noted that the dumpster will be moved to the right side, off the driveway.

NUISANCE- Burgess Krueger noted the only nuisance is the snowstorm right now.

POLICE-NONE

Warden Sharkey noted that he authorized the Resident Troopers OT for the snowstorm that is ongoing.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT:

NONE

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RESIDENT TROOPER REPORT:

NONE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Ken Sullivan was not at this meeting, but he had spoken with Tim earlier and he noted at this point there were no power outages to speak of.

L. Demicco III noted everything was good with both the sewer and electric plant.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSSION ON THE UPCOMING BOROUGH ELECTION

Warden Sharkey noted that there is a new name on the ballot. No further discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. COVID UPDATE

Warden Sharkey noted as of last Friday there were 39 cases in the hospital and 6 cases are in critical care at the William W. Backus Hospital. Two weeks before there were 35 cases in the hospital and 7 in critical care.

Burgess Krueger asked where one is to get the vaccine if they are 75 and older?

Warden Sharkey noted that the Senior Center Director is working on that. Walgreens has about 80 vaccines a week. Dodd Stadium is also doing them by appointment. Further discussion on how to get vaccines closer hereto Jewett City/Griswold. Warden Sharkey also noted that there has been a shortage of the vaccine and that is the biggest problem.

2. JEWETT CITY WATER COMPANY INCREASE UPDATE:

There was a 3-day hearing last week regarding the increase in water rates. Basically what came out of the meeting is that they are a business and they have the right to raise rates. Letter from the attorney noted that if we sued them the cost would be great if we went to trial.

Burgess Krueger questioned if the JC Water Co. applied for the stimulus package.

Burgess Laidley questioned if it was feasible for the borough to buy the water company in the future.

Warden Sharkey noted that it is in the Borough Charter that we can purchase the company, but it would be expensive and taxes would go up. He also noted that the piping is in rough shape.

3. MONUMENT UPDATE:

The monument is going on as planned. Burgess Krueger figures the arrival date will be a week or 2 before the dedication date which hopefully will be Memorial Day.

Thank-you cards were also discussed. The cards will be sent out to everyone that donated time, involvement, or monetary donation.

4. HOLIDAY CARDS:

Leona noted that at least 60 holiday cards were sent out to the Borough Business's.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Appointment of Rosalyn C. Dupuis as the new Tax Assessor.

MOTION made by Burgess Laidley to appoint Rosalyn C. Dupuis as the Tax Assessor, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Burgess Krueger wanted to know the progress on the house on Phillips Street. Warden Sharkey will check with the First Selectman.

Burgess Krueger also mentioned the possibility about making Fanning Park handicapped assessable. Warden Sharkey noted that there is not enough room for that, he will check with the First Selectman on this as well.

MOTION to adjourn by Burgess Krueger at 6:40pm, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Meeting duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by



Valerie Pudvah

- No audio for this meeting