

**Borough of Jewett City
Public Hearing
March 2, 2020**

The Public Hearing of the Borough of Jewett City was called to order on Monday, March 2, 2020 in the Griswold Town Hall, Main Meeting Room by Warden Timothy Sharkey at 6:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members present: Warden Timothy Sharkey, Burgesses Laurie Sorder, James Krueger, Laura Laidley and Heather Glover.

Also Present: Leona Sharkey Tax Collector, Linda Cote Treasurer, Ken Sullivan Director JCDPU, Louis Demicco III , Ken Comfort, Larry Laidley, Tina Falck and Todd Babbitt First Selectman.

Warden Sharkey opened up the meeting by having the Clerk read the call of the meeting.

The Public Hearing is to obtain citizens' views on the Borough's community development and housing needs and review and discuss specific project activities in the areas of housing, economic development or community facilities which could be a part of the Borough's Application for Funding. The hearing will also review and discuss the Borough's prior Small Cities projects including any currently open or underway. The Borough of Jewett City anticipates applying for the maximum grant amount of \$1,000,000 for Public Facilities under the infrastructure category for Upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Warden Sharkey opened the Public Hearing up for discussion and /or questions.

Peter Testa, from A&E Services Group LLC introduced himself as the grant writer for the Borough of Jewett City and is preparing the application for the Borough for the Department of Housing. The borough is applying for up to \$1,000,000 for the development of a flood wall at the wastewater treatment plant. The application is due by April 17, 2020. Peter noted that the application is coming along. As far as past activities, all the town's grants have been closed. There are no open grants, and there is no program income being generated.

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Warden Sharkey asked for any further questions. Leona Sharkey asked if Ken Sullivan, Director of JCDPU give a description of the project.

Ken Sullivan, Director gave a brief description of the project. He noted that it is an infrastructure project that will provide funding to create flood control measures at the Jewett City Wastewater Treatment Plant by constructing a concrete wall along the Quinebaug River on the westerly side of the property and raise the elevation of the access road from Wedgewood Drive into the wastewater treatment plant. The plans and specifications for the flood control measures have been developed and designed by CLA Engineers of Norwich CT a leading civil and structural engineering firm in CT. The project will be put out to public bid and addressed in one phase.

Ken noted that the flood wall will be approximately four hundred twenty (420') feet long by eight (8') feet high by sixteen (16') inches thick. The flood wall will be constructed of reinforced concrete and earthen berms to protect the footings. Stone and earthen berms will be placed along the outer face of the wall to prevent erosion and undermining of the footings. The elevation of the access road in the wastewater treatment plant will be raised and re-paved with bituminous concrete to prevent flooding. Manholes, catch basins, solar panels, fencing and light poles will be raised, relocated or modified as required.

Warden Sharkey asked for any further questions.

Burgess Sorder asked if the plans are complete and if we are meeting with the DEEP dam division? Ken noted that it has been difficult scheduling a meeting with everyone, but it should be next Monday up in Hartford. He noted that the DEEP division will have questions about where the water would go if the flood water can't come onto the property and if the dam in Taftville could hold the water? Ken noted that some of the questions will be difficult but that is why CLA Engineers will be present.

Burgess Krueger wondered if the \$1,000,000 grant would be enough for this project. Peter Testa noted that we have a budget of \$857,000. CLA has put in a 10% contingency. Should be less than a million dollars.

Warden Sharkey asked for any further questions or comments, hearing none the Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:10pm by Burgess Sorder, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Submitted by,

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk