



Borough of Jewett City



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BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 5, 2021

Via Teleconference

Received For Record At Jewett City, CT

On: 4/18/2021 At: 8:00 AM

Attest:

Wassie Prusak

Borough Clerk

The Regular Meeting of Warden and Burgesses was called to order at 6:16pm by Warden Sharkey.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: WARDEN: Timothy Sharkey

BURGESSES: Laurie Sorder, Laura Laidley and Heather Glover

ABSENT: BURGESS: Jim Krueger

A quorum was determined.

ALSO PRESENT:

Linda Cote Treasurer, Leona Sharkey Tax Collector, Louis Demicco III JCFD, Resident Trooper Vaillancourt and Ken Sullivan Director of JCDPU.

MOTION by Burgess Sorder to add under Old Business #4 budget/water rates. 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

MOTION by Burgess Glover to add under New Business #5 Firehouse bathrooms, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING MARCH 1, 2021.

MOTION by Burgess Sorder to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of March 1, 2021 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Information regarding Resident Trooper body and dash cameras.

Warden Sharkey gave an update that if the Borough buys any electronic equipment for the Resident Troopers it needs approval by the troop to make sure that everything is compatible.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

BLIGHT- None currently. Burgess Glover noted that people are doing some spring cleaning in the area.

FIRE- None

FIRE CHIEF- Louis Demicco III noted all is well.

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NUISANCE- Burgess Krueger is not present.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT:

Director Falck is not present.

RESIDENT TROOPER:

Trooper Vaillancourt noted that they have made narcotics arrests on Green Avenue, also assisted Homeland Security on an active case. They are hoping to do bike patrols now that the weather has gotten warmer. Also, he was approached by a Homeless/Housing outreach program in Norwich that helps provide services for the homeless in the area. If anyone has any information regarding someone that may be homeless, he will pass it along.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Director Sullivan noted that all is good with the electric division. He said they are doing shift work now, then they will begin tree trimming. He noted that there may be another rate increase on the Wastewater Treatment plant side. He noted that they are still waiting on funding, everything has slowed down because of COVID, waiting to hear from Miquel then they will have to go out to bid.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding Western Express trucks speeding.

Warden Sharkey noted that he has gotten at least 3 complaints about the trucks speeding thru the Borough. Trooper Vaillancourt noted that they have sideswiped a few vehicles. He will have the secretary write a letter to the corporate headquarters regarding this situation.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding old credit balances as presented by Tax Collector, Leona Sharkey

MOTION made by Burgess Sorder to grant permission to remove these old credit balances, 2nd by Burgess Glover. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

3. Discussion and adoption of Fair Housing Resolution.

MOTION made by Burgess Laidley to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution for the Borough of Jewett City, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding possible blight at 1A-K E. Main Street.

Warden Sharkey sent a letter to the property owners to remove the items that are in the walkway in-between the building and the building that houses the JCDPU. Ken noted that the only thing removed is the container of flammable liquid. The letter stated April 2, 2021 was the date to have everything removed, but it was noted that it will be extended a couple of weeks.

5. Discussion and possible action on replacing the downstairs bathrooms at the JCFD.

L. Demicco III noted the present bathrooms are not handicapped accessible, he would like to do what they did with the bathrooms upstairs. He would like a motion to approve the project and then he will get 3 quotes for the project. **MOTION** made by Burgess Sorder to move forward and to allow the fire chief to get the quotes for this project, 2nd by Burgess Glover. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. COVID update.

Warden Sharkey noted that in the last 2 weeks the cases have doubled. Burgess Glover noted that they are seeing a lot of the variances of the virus and that people that have had their shots are still getting the virus.

2. Discussion and possible action on Everbridge system.

MOTION made by Burgess Sorder to start moving forward with purchasing the Everbridge System as an emergency notification system using the grant money. Burgess Laidley 2nd the motion. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

3. Discussion and possible action on the attendance policy.

Burgess Laidley expressed her concern about the policy and with future people that might want to serve on the board. She does not see a problem with the members now having an attendance issue.

Burgess Sorder thought that it is more an accountability for the taxpayers. Burgess Laidley wanted to know if this policy would go before the Freeman at a Freeman Meeting. This policy should go to the attorney first. Warden Sharkey suggested waiting until we have a full board to vote this forward. **MOTION** made by Burgess Sorder to table this item (Attendance policy) until next month, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

4. Discussion and possible action on the budget

Linda Cote noted that she received the water bill with the new rates and she redid the figures, and it is \$8,000 less than what she budgeted for. Burgess Sorder questioned if leaving in the budget does it go back into the general fund, yes it would. She suggested leaving it in there in case it was needed. Linda suggested leaving the budget the way it is.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Warden Sharkey noted

- that the town hall may begin opening on April 20th per the First Selectman.
- In person meetings may begin soon
- He has not received any quotes from the 3 companies he contacted regarding Fanning Park maintenance. Merchant Lawn Care LLC is the only quote received.

MOTION to adjourn by Burgess Sorder, 2nd by Burgess Glover, all in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Meeting duly adjourned at 6:56PM.



Valerie Pudvah