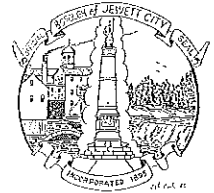




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BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 1, 2020

6:15PM

Via Teleconference

Received For Record At Jewett City, CT

On: ~~6/14/2020~~ At: 8:05 AM

Attest: Laurie Pucina

Borough Clerk

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Warden Timothy Sharkey.

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Warden Timothy Sharkey

Burgesses: Laurie Sorder, Jim Krueger, Laura Laidley and Heather Glover.

ALSO PRESENT:

Linda Cote, Leona Sharkey, Louis Demicco III, Tina Falck, Todd Babbitt, Resident Trooper Rei and Christopher Wardrop Insurance Agent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. REGULAR MEETING MAY 4, 2020

MOTION made by Burgess Krueger to approve the meeting minutes of Regular Meeting May 4, 2020 as submitted, 2nd by Burgess Glover. All in favor, aye.

B. SPECIAL MEETING MAY 5, 2020

MOTION made by Burgess Sorder to approve the meeting minutes of Special Meeting May 5, 2020 as submitted. All in favor, aye. Burgess Laidley abstained.

C. SPECIAL MEETING MAY 20, 2020

MOTION made by Burgess Sorder to approve the meeting minutes of Special Meeting May 20, 2020 as submitted, 2nd by Burgess Glover. All in favor, aye.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Calls for Service report for April 2020.

No comment

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

BLIGHT- Burgess Glover had nothing to report at this time

FIRE/FIRE CHIEF – Burgess Laidley noted all is well.

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Fire Chief Louis Demicco III noted when the generator was serviced it was found out the battery needed to be replaced. The battery is not covered under the warranty only the generator itself. The bill for the battery is \$152.35, Linda noted that it should be covered in their line item.

NUISANCE- Burgess Krueger had nothing at this time.

POLICE- Burgess Sorder spoke with Trooper Vaillancourt regarding overtime and would like to bring up under Any Other Business.

SENIOR CENTER:

Tina Falck reported about the meals and lunches that the staff has been coordinating and delivering.

Meals to students 1064

Soup kitchen 115

Fruit & vegetable 469

Free meal to the seniors 166

Miranda Mahoney requested "homeless data" for the CT State Police for funding for a CIT program, Tina helped with that.

Also, working on a grant for a new van and started on the rental rebate program.

RESIDENT TROOPER- Trooper Rei had nothing to report at this time.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC UTILITIES-Louis Demicco III noted that everything is going well. Burgess Krueger asked if the town does not get the sewer hook-ups will there be a rate increase? L. Demicco stated that there more than likely be an increase. Hopefully there will be some hook-ups to offset any sewer rates increase.

NEW BUSINESS;

1. **Discussion with our Insurance Agent, Christopher Wardrop regarding the policy renewal.**

Mr. Wardrop noted three agenda items he would like to touch on.

- A. Insurance market place
- B. Program for the July 2020-2021
- C. Pandemic

He noted that the property casualty market place insurance costs & rates around the country in the last 12-18 months have increased due to awards on claims. There is good news in our case, our carrier AIG Insurance has a very good financial rating, with low deductibles. The increase in our insurance should be no more than \$200.00 which is well below the state and the rest of the country. Pandemic assistance, USI is set up everyone is working 100%. New worker's compensation classification, remote from home, helps clients get answers as quickly as possible.

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Burgess Sorder asked if anyone from the Borough and the Jewett City DPU have filed a claim in the past year, Mr. Wardrop said he didn't believe so but would confirm and let the board know.

2. Discussion and possible action for troopers to work at GHS Graduation on June 18, 2020 @10:00am.

Warden Sharkey explained how the graduation ceremony will work.

There was much discussion on how many resident troopers should be used for the graduation. It may be a three hour event and there has been rumor that people are planning on attending even if they are not allowed.

Resident Trooper Rei is available to work that day. Tim Sharkey noted that Jim Collins (school guard) will be there, Lou Demicco noted also the school hired a trooper. There was a question if the town is helping pay for another trooper.

MOTION made by Burgess Laidley to allow the Resident Trooper to work the graduation on June 18th, 2nd by Burgess Glover. All in favor, aye.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a trail camera.

The previous trail camera had been stolen and the board would like to replace it.

MOTION made by Burgess Sorder to approve the purchase of a trail camera with a cap at \$200.00, 2nd by Burgess Glover. All in favor, aye.

4. Discussion regarding local businesses with the phase 1 state opening.

First Selectman Babbitt spoke on the businesses that have opened up this past week and the procedure that they had to do.

The businesses were allowed to have outside dining, some expanded the area, they had to go on the DECD website and fill out the application and follow the procedures listed. The building official, fire marshal had to sign off on the plan the business had. They also worked with the Flea Market so they could open outside. All the businesses received letters from the town stating the plan stays in place while the Executive Order is in place.

Burgess Sorder wondered if Brewett City and Dean's share the area since they are open different hours. Todd also noted that 119 North Main Street building, will come down once the asbestos is removed.

5. Discussion and possible action on proof for Courtesy Tickets.

Resident Trooper Rei thought that the proof looked good. Burgess Sorder wondered if it will look like a regular ticket and/or be duplicate. Leona Sharkey noted that it will be carbon less and the size of existing ticket books. There was discussion on how many to order.

Burgess recommended this be tabled until we get an amount of how much this will be and call a Special Meeting.

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on grant application

The grant was mailed out, delivered and received by the deadline. Should hear something by the end of August.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Burgess Sorder is concerned about kids jumping off the dam.

Burgess Laidley would like to send a thank you card to the family that is planting flowers at the veteran's park sign.

Burgess Krueger gave an update on the monument. He noted that the Senior Center donated \$100.00 and the Borough \$500.00. He spoke about a grant that was approved a few years ago thru the Jewett City Savings Bank and the VFW and that grant was returned from the VFW back to the bank. He will be checking into grant money for the monument in October or November.

Trooper Rei noted that the bike uniforms had been ordered.

Warden Sharkey noted that there still only 4 Covid cases in the borough and 20 in the town.

MOTION to adjourn by Burgess Glover, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye.

Meeting duly adjourned at 7:19pm.



Valerie Pudvah,
Clerk