



Borough of Jewett City



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**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 7, 2021**

Received For Record At Jewett City, CT
On: 6/11/2021 At: 10:00 AM
Attest:
Valerie Pudvah
Borough Clerk

The Regular Meeting of Board of Warden and Burgesses held Via Hybrid was called to order by Warden Sharkey at 6:15pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

CLERK Valerie Pudvah read the roll call.

PRESENT: WARDEN Timothy Sharkey, BURGESSES Laurie Sorder, Jim Krueger, Laura Laidley and Heather Glover (virtual). A quorum was determined.

ALSO PRESENT:

Leona Sharkey, Linda Cote, Jim Barnie, Louis Demicco III, Ken Sullivan and Chris Wardrop of USI Insurance

Approve meeting minutes for SPECIAL MEETING MAY 4, 2021.

MOTION made by Burgess Sorder to approve SPECIAL MEETING minutes of May 4th 2021, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries

Approve meeting minutes for SPECIAL MEETING MAY 13, 2021.

MOTION made by Burgess Krueger to approve minutes of SPECIAL MEETING May 13th 2021, 2nd by Burgess Glover. All in favor, aye. Motion carries. Burgess Sorder abstained.

Approve ANNUAL FREEMEN MEETING May 19, 2021.

MOTION made by Burgess Sorder to approve the minutes of the ANNUAL FREEMEN MEETING, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Resident Trooper Calls for Service report for April 2021.

Warden Sharkey introduced Chris Wardrop (virtual) from USI Insurance, he is here to update the board about our insurance policy. Chris introduced himself to the board and the public. He gave an overview of what is going on with property liability insurance. The insurance industry has been coming up with double digit rate increases. Good news for the Borough for coverage and deductible were able to negotiate with the incumbent carrier to have the same scope of coverage keep the deductible structure. The rate increase for the borough is \$149.00. He asked the board for any questions hearing none Chris thanked the board and the JCDPU.

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

BLIGHT: Burgess Glover noted that there is property on Lenox/Faust St that has grass very high.

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Warden Sharkey spoke about the problem with 53 Hill Street and the trailer that was left. Also, a problem with grass on Clark Lane.

FIRE/FIRE CHIEF: Burgess Laidley had nothing to report.

Louis Demicco III reported that he had one quote, he is trying to get a couple more for the project. He will forward the scope of the project to the board.

Lou. noted the Memorial Day parade went well. He also said that the Reason to Ride is Sunday June 13, 2021. Time should be around noon to 1-1:30pm depending on when the riders leave Plainfield.

Burgess Krueger noted that the fire department and the police did an excellent job on Memorial Day.

NUISANCE: Burgess Krueger noted that when you come to the end of Palmer Avenue it is difficult to see when the delivery trucks are parked on North Main. It was suggested putting a mirror up.

POLICE: Burgess Sorder noted that both Resident Troopers scored very well on the exam for a promotion. She expects that they both will be moving on up. Would like to have input on who will take their place in the Borough.

SENIOR CENTER: Tina Falck was not present.

RESIDENT TROOPER: Not present

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Ken Sullivan spoke about the water treatment plant with the red ink continuing to pile up. The chemical analysis is right on. Electric division is running well. He spoke on the decorative lamps on Route 12 and the problems that they continue to have with them. He believes that there has been a total of 13 poles that have been taken out. Right now, there are no pole replacements that the Electric Division can put up. Discussion followed on replacing the poles.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Appoint Blight, Fire, Nuisance and Police Commissioners

- BLIGHT James Krueger
- FIRE Laura Laidley
- POLICE Laurie Sorder
- NUISANCE Heather Glover

2. Discussion and action on Resident Troopers to be part of Heroes Day for Summer Camp.

MOTION made by Burgess Sorder for the Resident Troopers being part of Heroes Day on July 14, 2021, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

3. Radar sign moved to North Main Street

OLD BUSINESS:

1. COVID update.

Warden Sharkey noted as of last Friday there has been only 5 new cases for the town.

2. Everbridge- Nixle postcards.

A few people did not receive their cards. Burgess Sorder suggested that a "welcome message " be sent out. The last training is this Friday, then they will find out when going live. Also spoke about creating a Borough Facebook page.

3. Letters sent to companies not chosen for landscaping services for Fanning Park

4. Letters of thanks to JCDPU for installation of dam light.

5. Letter of hire for auditor, Costello Company LLC

6. Memorandum from Atty. Forsyth regarding attendance policy.

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Burgess Sorder noted that Atty. Forsyth recommended this be a policy and needs to be approved by the board. Burgess Sorder read the policy to the board:

The members of the Jewett City Board of Warden and Burgesses are elected officials and therefore hold responsibility to the taxpayers of Jewett City to consistently participate in discussion and decisions which impact the Borough. Therefore, the Jewett City Board of Warden and Burgesses are expected to attend the twelve regular monthly meetings and the annual Freeman's Meeting Budget Vote.

In order to assure the Freeman of the Borough of Jewett City that their elected officials fulfill their duties, all members of the Jewett City Board of Warden and Burgesses, shall be required to attend at least ten regular monthly meetings as well as the Freeman's Annual Budget meeting **each fiscal year. Attendance at special meetings shall not be included in this calculation. Any additional missed regular meetings shall result in forfeiture of the following month's compensation.**

Burgess Sorder made motion to accept this attendance policy, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Burgess Sorder questioned if anyone has heard from OPM about the coronavirus fund. Leona Sharkey spoke on the attachments that she has received, forward any questions to her and she will forward them to Martin.
- Warden Sharkey noted that PURA approve the rate increase for JCWC is 28.5% against the 40.5 %.
- Warden Sharkey also spoke about the electrician that was sent to Fanning Park to fix the electrical receptacle, work up an estimate to upgrade the electrical at the park.
- Also the trees need to be looked, will get an estimate.
- Merca Monuments will give a quote on cleaning the monuments at the park.
- Burgess Krueger questioned about setting up cameras at the park.
- Plagues for the Resident Troopers

Burgess Glover made motion to approve getting plagues for the Resident Trooper, 2nd by Burgess Krueger. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

PUBLIC FORUM:

NONE

MOTION to adjourn made by Burgess Krueger, 2nd by Burgess Laidley. All in favor, motion carries.

Meeting duly adjourned at 7:05pm

Respectfully submitted,



Valerie Pudvah, Clerk