

Borough of Jewett City  
Board of Warden & Burgesses  
Special Meeting  
September 21, 2009

The Special Meeting was called to order by Warden Cynthia Kata at 5:30pm in the Griswold Town Hall Meeting Room.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

Roll call was taken by Clerk, Valerie Pudvah. Warden Cynthia Kata, Burgesses Laurie Sorder, John Connelly and Timothy Sharkey were present. Burgess Alan Geer was absent. A quorum was determined. Also present were Ryan Aubin, Director of Youth & Family Services, Louis Demicco III, Ken Sullivan and Bill Czmyr.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 6, 2009 AND SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2009:**

Burgess Connelly made motion to approve the minutes of 7/6/2009 as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, motion carries.

Burgess Sorder made motion to approve the minutes of 8/11/2009 as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Connelly. All in favor, motion carries.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT:**

Burgess Sharkey spoke on the security system at the JCFD. Burgess Sharkey remitted two bills to Leona Sharkey, one for Prime Electric and the other was Ed's Locksmith. It was suggested that the chimney be cleaned since the motor is much bigger than the previous one and it is blowing a lot of black smoke.

Burgess Sharkey brought up the forestry truck that was bought from the Quaker Hill Fire Dept in 1988 or thereabouts. The fire department would like to sell the truck at this time. They would put it out to the highest bid, but there is no paperwork on it saying that they own it. Requesting that the board give them a letter stating that "yes" they do own it and they are allowed to sell it. The board does not see a problem with this.

Burgess Connelly questioned where the basketball court was going to be at the park. Ryan Aubin was present to discuss the court and skateboard park. The basketball court is only a half court and it is going on the left side of the skate park. Ryan also said that 6 more parking spaces are also going to be added to the parking lot.

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Ken Sullivan and Louis Demicco III were also present to discuss the usage of electricity on the baseball fields. It has been noted that the lights are on during the day when there is no need for it. A phone call was given to Rich Clark regarding this matter and a letter sent to John Murphy. No response from either one. The next step is to put a cap on the amount of money that they are allowed to use. The cap will start in January 1, 2010 and set at \$2500.00. The idea of this is to make them conserve, for example, the Slater Library has saved almost \$1000.00, the firehouse is learning to close their doors. Burgess Sorder suggested that a copy of the letter Ken Sullivan sent to John Murphy be sent to our board and then a certified letter can be sent from our board saying that we concur with the cap. Also, invite them to one of our meetings to discuss this problem.

Ken Sullivan also brought up the matter of grant work. He would like to be booked as an expense when there is any grant work being done. Example the sidewalks that were being done on North Main Street, he had to pull men off of different jobs to pull wires for the job, also had to hire a flagger and there is no reimbursement to the JCDPU. Warden Kata will check with Nancy & Larry Wagner regarding this.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Make a motion to accept meeting minutes. -done at the beginning of the meeting.
2. Make a motion to accept refunds presented by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$92.88.

Burgess Connelly made motion to accept the refunds in the amount \$92.88, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

3. Discuss two properties, the old Town Pump on Railroad Avenue and the property at 2 Mechanic Street.

It was discussed to have letters sent to Attorney Richard Duda to start the process to have both properties torn down at the expense of the owners.

4. Make a motion to pay for the drinking fountain for the new Skateboard Park being installed in the amount of \$4,448.00 as our contribution to the new park.

Ryan Aubin stated that the grant money will pay half of the amount, which will bring the amount to \$2,224.00. He was asking the Borough and the Town if they could each pay half of the half. Burgess Sharkey made motion to pay \$2,224.00 or maybe half of that amount if the Town agrees to pay one half of that amount, seconded by Burgess Connelly. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

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5. Discuss amending the Vendors Permit Fee Ordinance to charge \$25.00 per day/per person for vendors interested in only attending one event in the Borough of Jewett City. At this time the fee is \$100.00 for the year if the person is not a veteran. Discussion was held on this item. Burgess Sharkey made motion to change the ordinance to read that a \$25.00 fee will apply for each time/day a vendor requires the permit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Connelly. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Burgess Sharkey made motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess Connelly. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Meeting duly adjourned at 6:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk