

Board of Warden and Burgesses
March 7, 2011
Regular Meeting

OPEN MEETING:

Warden Kata called the Open Meeting to order at 6:15pm.
Ken Sullivan (Jewett City DPU) mentioned that the Smart Meter has already started. Approximately 2200 need to be installed. These meters do not require manpower, they will communicate remotely.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Approve minutes of the **Regular Meeting** for February 7, 2011.
Burgess Sorder made motion to accept the minutes of February 7, 2011 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Connelly. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Valerie Pudvah read the roll call. Warden Cynthia Kata, Burgesses Alan Geer, John Connelly, Laurie Sorder, Timothy Sharkey and Bailiff William Czmyr, Jr were present. A quorum was determined.
Also present, First Selectman Philip Anthony, J.R. Normand Sylvestre, Zoning Enforcement Officer Peter Zvingilas, Carl Brown, Linda Cote, Louis Demicco III, Norman Higgins, Lawrence Laidley, Ken Sullivan DPU and Richard Duda Borough Atty.

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Burgess Sharkey asked Louis Demicco III about the storage unit at the Fire Dept. on Hill Street. L. Demicco stated that it has been purchased, just need to have the snow melt, put the gravel down, level it and install it.

Burgess Geer mentioned the "NO LEFT" sign for Railroad Avenue. Warden Kata referred this question to First Selectman P. Anthony. He noted that he will get on this right away. If there isn't one already made, it will need to be ordered.

Warden Kata mentioned the new grant that we should get will be for approximately \$500,000.00. It will be used for roads, sidewalks etc on the Railroad Avenue side of the Borough. Also, Phase II for Ashland Manor is all set.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Make a motion to accept refunds in the amount of \$242.39 as presented by the Tax Collector.**

Burgess Geer made motion to accept the refund in the amount of \$242.39 as presented, 2nd by Burgess Connelly. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

- 2. FOI requests that were answered.**

A gentleman in Preston wanted a list of Borough roads that are maintained by the Town.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Discussion of Aubin property regarding possible Blight Ordinance enforcement. Request letters for presence to provide information were sent to First Selectman, Philip Anthony, Resident, J. R. Normand Sylvestre and Peter Zvingilas, Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Office to provide information regarding this matter.**

Zoning Officer P. Zvingilas passed out a letter from the Town Attorney regarding this matter. He also stated that the State came down a couple of weeks ago to look into this matter and as of yet we have not heard from them. When the Town gets the letter they will share with the Borough the outcome. Much discussion on whether that property is grandfathered as a junkyard or if it never was a junkyard. Burgess Geer read the definition of a junkyard. Norman Higgins stated that heritage is important and let's not destroy that. Warden Kata stated that we will table this matter until a formal rendering from the State comes down.

- 2. Make a motion to install a parking restriction sign in front of church on Soule Street pending a representative is present to discuss the problem and request**
- 3. said sign.**

The matter will be dropped; no representation from the church was present.

Any other business before the board

Discussion regarding the fence at the Jewett City firehouse. No decision has been made on this matter, will table until next month's meeting. Have the secretary send a letter to the Public Safety Committee and Planning & Zoning for their input.

At last the town pump and house next door is down. Now the American Legion can begin their project! Carl Brown thanked the Board for their patience.

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Burgess Geer made motion to adjourn, 2nd Burgess Sharkey. All in favor, aye.
Motion carries.

Meeting duly adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk

* March 21, 2011 Special Meeting
* April 4, 2011 Regular Meeting

