

**Jewett City Department of Public Utilities
Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners was held in the office of the DPU on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at 4:30 pm.

Due to the continued circumstances of the COVID-19 virus pandemic in the State of Connecticut and Governor Lamont's recommendation of social distancing for inside meetings, it was agreed by all that this meeting be held via telephone conference to continue with safety precautions.

Chairman Demicco called the meeting to order with Comm. Throwe and Comfort present. Also, in attendance via telephone was Timothy Sharkey, Borough Warden; with Kenneth S. Sullivan, Director of Utilities and the secretary in the office.

AGENDA #2 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING HELD ON MARCH 10, 2021:

Comm. Comfort made the motion to approve the March 10, 2021, regular meeting minutes as written and presented prior to the meeting. The motion was seconded with all in favor.

AGENDA #3 READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:

There were none at the time of this meeting.

AGENDA #4 ADDRESS PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Director Sullivan explained that a letter was received from a customer at 42 Anthony Street, Unit 1, requesting waivers from penalties being applied to their account over the next few months until she is caught up with the electric bill. After some discussion, the Board agreed to take no action on this request.

AGENDA #5 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Demicco stated that he, by phone conference, attended the Borough of Jewett City Board meeting and numerous CMEEC meetings in March.

AGENDA #6 DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON SETTING BOROUGH ALLOTMENT FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR:

Chairman Demicco made the motion to approve the amount of \$110,000 as the Borough of Jewett City allotment for Fiscal Year 2021-22 to be made in four installments of July 2021, October 2021, January 2022, and March 2022 if funds permit. The motion was seconded with all in favor.

Chairman Demicco made the motion to approve the reimbursement of Borough of Jewett City street lighting invoices paid and waive any penalties that may apply. The motion was seconded with all in favor.

AGENDA #7 SEWER UPDATE:

Director Sullivan mentioned that during the Borough of Jewett City Board Meeting he asked Warden Sharkey to reach out to Miquel Rivera, Department of Housing, regarding the status of the funding for the flood prevention wall. Chairman Demicco stated that due to COVID-19 pandemic, Hartford is at a standstill for proceeding with many issues on the table.

Director Sullivan stated that as it pertains to our permit, the chemical tests are well within permit levels.

Director Sullivan updated the Commissioners that the financial statements are continually in the red. He stated that he would be looking into the possibility of a rate increase which he would tell them in the next three to four months.

Chairman Demicco asked about the sewer project on Route 164. Director Sullivan stated that the contractor has contacted him and requested our last Sewer Division Audit.

AGENDA #8 OTHER BUSINESS:

There were none for this meeting.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Demicco made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:49 pm. The motion was seconded with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Bingell
Secretary to the Board