

**JEWETT CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
MEETING MINUTES**

February 15, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners was held in the office of the DPU on Wednesday, February 15, 2024 at 4:30 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m. by Chairman Demicco with Commissioner James Derusha, and Kenneth Sullivan, Director of Utilities, present. Linda Reagan, recording.

AGENDA ITEM #2 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2024.

Commissioner Derusha made the motion to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2023 meeting as presented. Chairman Demicco seconded. All in favor; **motion carried.**

AGENDA ITEM #3 READING OF COMMUNICATIONS.

Director Sullivan read a thank you note from Debra Bingell thanking the board for her retirement luncheon and gift.

AGENDA ITEM #4 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Demicco stated that he had attended the CMEEC and the Borough monthly meeting. Commissioner Derusha attended the Borough meeting.

AGENDA ITEM # 5 ADDRESS PUBLIC CONCERNS

The property owner of 109 Slater Ave asked Director Sullivan to represent her and her request to have a portion of her Mr. Rooter bill reimbursed. Director Sullivan explained the customer had sewer backup in her home and she called Mr. Rooter. It was determined that the backup was due a blocked main and that the Jewett City DPU should have been contacted. After some discussion, Chairman Demicco made the motion to credit the customer's account in the amount of forty-percent of the Mr. Rooter bill. This would be on a one-time basis without setting precedent. Commissioner Derusha seconded. All in favor; **motion carried.**

AGENDA ITEM #6 RATIFY VERBAL DECISION TO DECLINE TERRORISM INSURANCE OFFERED BY PUMIC.

Chairman Demicco made the motion to decline this insurance as has been declined in previous year. Commissioner Derusha seconded. All in favor; **motion carried.**

AGENDA ITEM #7 RATIFY VERBAL DECISION TO APPROVE OFFER MADE TO POTENTIAL NEW CUSTOMER ON ANTHONY STREET.

Chairman Demicco made the motion to ratify previous verbal approval of the offer that was made to this potential customer. Commissioner Derusha seconded. All in favor; **motion carried.**

To date, no response has been received from the potential new customer. The Board of Commissioners of the Jewett City DPU has authorized the offer to remain on the table until June 1, 2024, at which time the offer will be rescinded. Commissioner Derusha made the motion to approve the extension of the offer to June 1, 2024. Chairman Demicco seconded. All in favor; **motion carried.**

AGENDA ITEM #8 DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON NEPPA INVOICE.

The Board discussed that the NEPPA invoice represented a 15.7% increase over last year's invoice and that we may want to consider putting a cap to what would be considered reasonable for NEPPA membership. Chairman Demicco made the motion to approve payment of the NEPPA invoice for calendar year 2024. Commissioner Derusha seconded. All in favor; **motion carried.**

AGENDA ITEM #9 SEWER UPDATE.

Director Sullivan updated the Board on various issues at the waste water treatment plant. He explained a response was received from Quantified Ventures. No action was taken with regard to that.

AGENDA ITEM #10 OTHER BUSINESS.

A quote for snow removal was reviewed. No action taken.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Demicco made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 pm. Commissioner Derusha seconded. All in favor; **motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by,



Linda Reagan
Acting Secretary to the Board