### **Jewett City Department of Public Utilities Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes** February 9, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners was held in the office of the DPU on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 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 by telephone. Also, in attendance via telephone was Timothy Sharkey, Borough Warden; with Kenneth Sullivan, Director of Utilities and the secretary in the DPU office. The roll call was taken.

AGENDA #2 CONGRATULATE LOUIS DEMICCO III ON HIS RE-APPOINTMENT TO CHAIRMAN OF THE JEWETT CITY DPU BOARD:

Everyone congratulated Chairman Demicco III for his reappointment as Chairman to the Board.

AGENDA #3 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 5, 2022:

Comm. Comfort made the motion to approve the January 5, 2022, regular meeting minutes as written and presented prior to the meeting. The motion was seconded with all in favor.

### **AGENDA #4 READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:**

Director Sullivan explained that enclosed for the Commissioners information were:

\* A copy of the quarterly statement of account from Talcott Resolution.

AGENDA #5 DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON PUBLIC UTILITY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OFFER TO PURCHASE TERRORISM COVERAGE AND EXCESS LIABILITY POLICYHOLDER DISCLOSURE NOTICE:

After some discussion, Chairman Demicco made the motion to ratify the verbal decision to decline the terrorism or excess liability insurance offered by PUMIC. The motion was seconded with all in favor.

# AGENDA #6 RATIFY VERBAL DECISION TO PAY ANNUAL NEPPA MEMBERSHIP INVOICE:

After some discussion, Comm. Throwe made the motion to ratify the verbal decision to pay the 2022 annual dues for NEPPA. The motion was seconded with all in favor.

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## **AGENDA #7 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMISSIONERS:**

Chairman Demicco stated that he attended four CMEEC meetings including the ADHOC meeting.

Comm. Throwe stated he had attended CMEEC meetings including the Governance Committee meeting.

Director Sullivan noted that he had attended the CMEEC Audit meeting and ADHOC meeting.

### **AGENDA #8 SEWER UPDATE:**

Director Sullivan stated that the Wastewater Treatment Plant was doing fine with continuous repairs and that chemical levels were within permit levels.

Director Sullivan stated that CLA was working on sending information out on forms required by Endangered Species Act. After these CLA will work on the Permit for the Flood Prevention Wall Project.

Director Sullivan stated that he was in contact with a small company regarding the lining of the pipes running from Pleasant View to Elm Street. He stated that he would send them copies of the videos that were recently done so that they could review them in order to decide on the appropriate action to take to line the pipes.

Director Sullivan also mentioned that the electric division's bucket truck has been out for the boom repair for five days and was told the lee time on parts is out many weeks.

Director Sullivan stated that a sewer division rate increase was possible. The Board agreed that he work on the numbers that could be discussed at a future meeting.

#### **AGENDA #9 OTHER BUSINESS:**

Director Sullivan informed the Commissioners that the First Selectman and Mario Tristany were planning on attending the next Board meeting.

## **AGENDA #10 ADDRESS PUBLIC CONCERNS:**

Chairman Demicco stated that with the mask mandate being lifted they should meet in person starting with the March 2022 board meeting. All were in agreement.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Demicco made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:56 pm. The motion was seconded with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Debra L. Bingell

Secretary to the Board