

**Jewett City Department of Public Utilities  
Board of Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners was held in the office of the DPU on Wednesday, November 10, 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 by telephone. Also, in attendance via telephone was Timothy Sharkey, Borough Warden; with Kenneth S. Sullivan, Director of Utilities and the secretary in the office. The roll call was taken.

**AGENDA #2 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 13 2021:**

Comm. Comfort made the motion to approve the October 13, 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:**

Director Sullivan explained that there were no communications.

**AGENDA #4 RATIFY VERBAL DECISION TO PAY ANNUAL APPA DUES:**

Director Sullivan explained that APPA is an important company that helps with public power municipality issues and dues help support their effort. After some discussion, Chairman Demicco made the motion to ratify paying the annual dues to the APPA in the amount of \$2,319.54. The motion was seconded with all in favor.

**AGENDA #5 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMISSIONERS:**

Chairman Demicco stated that he attended the monthly Borough of Jewett City meeting, the CMEEC monthly board and Governance meetings, along with others.

Comm. Throwe stated he had attended the CMEEC Governance meeting.

**AGENDA #6 SEWER UPDATE:**

Director Sullivan informed the Board that the MOR's have been done and corresponding chemical analysis puts us well below permit.

With regard to the Flood Prevention Wall Project, Director Sullivan stated that in a conversation with the DEEP a new safety permit may be needed. The project is at a standstill with the DEEP's possible determination that the flood wall would be treated as a dam. He stated that he is awaiting their feedback. He stated that he would keep the Board informed of any changes.



**AGENDA #7 OTHER BUSINESS:**

Director Sullivan informed the Board that Richard Throwe's commission is expiring this year and he had already sent in a letter to the Borough Warden and Burgesses to be considered for reappointment to the Board of Utilities Commissioners.

Chairman Demicco mentioned that he had heard other electric companies were announcing that they were increasing their rates. He stated that it was for many reasons they were starting this process. Director Sullivan stated that he would check on the numbers and update them at a future meeting.

**AGENDA #8 ADDRESS PUBLIC CONCERNS:**

Director Sullivan stated that a letter was received from a building owner, Rene Laguerre, dated November 9, 2021 regarding his wastewater bill's accumulated balance being very high and request to reduce his amount to an affordable rate. After much discussion on the building's usage, payments, letters sent to him regarding liens and the possibility of being sent to our collection agency, the Commissioners agreed to take no action on this matter. The Board asked that staff send him a letter to inform him of this decision.

Chairman Demicco stated that he'd seen work on the streets and asked how the work was progressing with the job that the Borough of Jewett City was paying for. Director Sullivan stated that the company was video taping the inside of pipes on Pleasant View, now they were on Ashland Street and then they'd go to Burlison Lane. He stated that roots may have to be cut out of the pipes.

It was discussed that CMEEC meetings have been changed due to the Christmas holiday.

Director Sullivan reminded the Board that the January 2022 board meeting was rescheduled to January 6, 2022, not January 12, 2022.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Demicco made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 pm. The motion was seconded with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

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Secretary to the Board