

**Jewett City Department of Public Utilities
Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners was held in the office of the DPU on Wednesday, September 8, 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 AUGUST 11, 2021:

Comm. Comfort made the motion to approve the August 11, 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 the Borough Services Report for Fiscal Year June 30, 2021 was enclosed for their information. Chairman Demicco asked if this report was brought to the Borough office and if not to send one to them.

Also enclosed was a copy of the quarterly VIRTUS dividend check based on Phoenix shares held by them.

AGENDA #4 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Demicco stated that he attended the Borough of Jewett City monthly meeting, the CMEEC monthly board and Risk Management meetings, along with others, and he stated he would be attending one the next day, on September 9, 2021.

Comm. Throwe stated he attended the CMEEC's Governance meeting.

AGENDA #5 SEWER UPDATE:

Director Sullivan informed the Board that the monthly DEEP reports have been sent and that operations are running well within permit levels.

Director Sullivan informed the Board that the Borough of Jewett City received a grant from the American Recovery Act and offered some of the funds to the JCDPU Sewer Division to repair the sewer collection line, that's showing ground water infiltration, from Pleasant View Street line that goes through the woods to Burleson Lane and Ashland Street. He stated that the first step would be to camera the line to determine where the problem is.

Director Sullivan also informed the Board that the Borough of Jewett City offered to pay for a new Sewer Division truck with a plow attachment.



Director Sullivan mentioned that the flood wall project may be in jeopardy because FEMA is aiming to put into effect 500-year flood levels which will cause an increase to the wall height by six feet. He stated this is not practical because we could not build a wall high enough. He also stated that the JCDPU would join into an appeal process to overturn this requirement. He said that he would reach out to Miguel Rivera to ask if he would allow us to go to the 100-year flood plain levels which we could meet.

Director Sullivan stated that he and the Board would like to thank the Borough of Jewett City for their generosity with sharing the grant funds to help the Sewer Division with the sewer line and purchase of a new truck.

AGENDA #6 OTHER BUSINESS:

No other business was presented at this meeting.

AGENDA #7 ADDRESS PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Director Sullivan stated he had no public concerns for this meeting.

Warden Sharkey stated that the Borough of Jewett City was glad to offer the sewer division help with funds and that the funds have a four-year expiration from the time received, so if there was anything else that is needed to please let him know.

Chairman Demicco asked about the lights on Main Street that have been taken down due to accidents and when they would be reinstalled. There was a discussion held on the decorative light situation. Warden Sharkey mentioned that he would talk to First Selectman Todd Babbitt about the decorative lamps.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Demicco made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 pm. The motion was seconded by Comm. Comfort with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted:



Debra L. Bingell
Secretary to the Board