

**Jewett City Department of Public Utilities
Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners was held in the office of the DPU on Wednesday, January 5, 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.

Commissioner 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 DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPOINT A CHAIRPERSON FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022:

Comm. Comfort made the motion to appoint Comm. Demicco as chairman for calendar year 2022. The motion was seconded by Comm. Throwe with all in favor, the motion passed.

AGENDA #3 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2021:

Comm. Comfort made the motion to approve the December 8, 2021, 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 Public Utility Mutual Insurance Company's Summary of Rates over the past twenty years; and
- * A copy of the accounts on deposit at Janney for years 2020 and 2021.

AGENDA #5 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Demicco stated that he attended the monthly Borough of Jewett City meeting, and many CMEEC meetings. He also stated that at the Borough of Jewett City monthly meeting and on social media, people are praising the linemen for their work on the lines and for the Christmas lighting. Comm. Throwe stated he had no meetings this past month.

AGENDA #6 DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON METER DEPOSIT RATE:

Director Sullivan explained to the Board that each year meter deposit interest rates are reviewed and after checking the rates banks are paying for interest, he recommends changing our rate to .05% annual rate. After some discussion Chairman Demicco made the motion to change our meter deposit interest rate to .05% annual rate for calendar year 2022. The motion was seconded with all in favor.





AGENDA #7 SEWER UPDATE:

Director Sullivan stated that the Waster Treatment Plant was doing fine and that chemical levels were at or below permit. He also mentioned that there are repair issues presenting themselves for a plant that is twenty years old.

Director Sullivan stated that regarding the Flood Prevention Wall Project, he would be attending a meeting regarding permitting and whether the project would be treated as a dam or not. He stated that he would inform the Board of the outcome after meeting. He also stated that Warden Sharkey would join the meeting via phone.

AGENDA #8 OTHER BUSINESS:

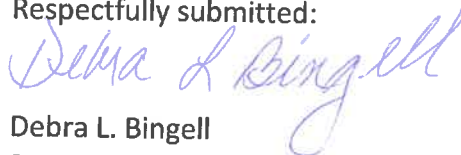
There was no other business for this meeting.

AGENDA #9 ADDRESS PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Chairman Demicco stated that at the Borough meeting, Burgess Laurie Sorder asked about the missing decorative lights that have not been replaced on Main Street. There was a discussion held that the Town of Griswold owns those lights and that the First Selectman should be consulted first regarding them. It was stated that the JCDPU is glad to help install them but are not responsible for ordering replacements.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Demicco made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 pm. The motion was seconded with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted:



Debra L. Bingell
Secretary to the Board