

**JEWETT CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 8, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners was held in the office of the DPU on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 4:30 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Demicco with Commissioners James Derusha and Kenneth Comfort and Kenneth Sullivan, Director of Utilities, present. Also in attendance was Laurie Sorder, Acting Warden. Linda Reagan and Todd Sklodosky, recording.

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

Commissioner Derusha made the motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of the April 10, 2024 meeting as presented. Commissioner Comfort seconded. All in favor; **motion carried.**

**AGENDA ITEM #3 READING OF COMMUNICATIONS.**

Communications were reviewed.

**AGENDA ITEM #4 REPORTS OF OTHER COMMISSIONERS**

Chairman Demicco and Commissioner Derusha stated the various meetings they attended since the last meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM # 5 SEWER UPDATES.**

Director Sullivan stated the chemical analysis indicates that we are well within permit levels.

He reiterated that the finances still are very poor and with current revenues, it is not sustainable. The search for financial assistance thru multiple avenues is on-going.

Failure rate of large capital assets is concerning and money to pay for them is very concerning. Director Sullivan also touched upon the failing UV system that needs replacement. It is over 20 years old and the cost to replace is much greater than initially quoted.

**AGENDA ITEM #6 DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON TIE-IN REQUESTS TO COLLECTION SYSTEM.**

Director Sullivan represented Zachary Wood and his request to tie-in a new construction single-family home at 30 Belveder Ave. Mr. Sullivan stated that Mr. Wood has already paid his buy-in and tie-in fees. After some discussion, Chairman Demicco made the motion to approve the tie-in request of Mr. Wood for 30 Belveder Ave. Commissioner Comfort seconded. All in favor; **motion carried.**

**AGENDA ITEM #7 ADDRESS PUBLIC CONCERNS.**

There were no public concerns for the Board. Acting Warden, Laurie Sorder mentioned that she would make a call to Erin McBride to get more information about excess ARPA funds that may be available for the JCDPU wastewater capital needs.

**AGENDA ITEM #8 OTHER BUSINESS.**

A special meeting to approve the budget was scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm.

Director Sullivan informed the board that he has not had any communications as of this date from USI regarding JCDPU's property insurance. He was informed by Glatfelter that they would not be offering cyber coverage this year. Director Sullivan is getting quotes from PURMA for property and cyber coverage.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Demicco made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 pm. Commissioner Comfort seconded. All in favor; **motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by,

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