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The general meeting of the Jewett Town Board was held on Wednesday April 8, 2026.

Supervisor Kroyer called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Present were Board Members John Giordano, Jeanie Scotti and John Pumilia.

Board Member James Pellitteri was absent.

Public present was Sheila Trautman, Paul Trautman, Marc Czermerys, Michael Ryan, Anatoly Tokarev, Tammy Vanucchi, Floyd Dart, Scott Schoonmaker, and Michael Ryan Mountain Eagle Reporter.

Also present on the phone was the Town Attorney, Tal Rappleyea and the town clerk.

The Supervisors financial report for March was given to the Board prior to the meeting and the bank statements were reviewed by Board Members after the signing of the bills.

Review of Minutes

Supervisor Kroyer said, "If anybody needs another chair, there's chairs. Um, alright ah Councilman Pellitteri is not present tonight, um he asked me to a, he's reviewing the the the four months' worth of minutes that we received on a March 24th and we will table them until next month".

Planning Board Appointments

Supervisor Kroyer said, "On a our planning board we have two appointments tonight to consider. Ah due to the vacancy left after the retirement of Donna Bernard. I will propose current alternate member Renee Blinkwolt to become a member. In addition, I will propose Jonathan Ment to assume the positions of alternate member and assistant to the chair as well as his current role as secretary. So I am entertaining a motion to appoint Renee Blinkwolt as planning board member and Jonathan Mel, Ment as secretary, assistant to the chair and alternate. Do I have someone making that motion?"

Councilman Giordano said, "Yeah, so moved".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Do I have a second?"

Councilwoman Scotti said, "I'll second it".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "All in favor? Say Aye".

AYES: Kroyer, Giordano and Scotti.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Any opposed?"

Councilman Pumilia said, "Opposed".

Absent was Councilman Pellitteri.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "One opposed. Ok, so that motion passes. We a have two appointments. Congratulations to Renee and Jonathan".

Security Update

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Alright, I'm gonna update on the security cameras and the security a installation. So, we still don't have the MOA signed by the union, there's been no communication other than, what was the last communication? They acknowledged that their

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gonna commute, communicate with us in the future. Um, so we went ahead as we were advised by our attorney representing us in union matters not to install them on the highway garage, so we have not. Um, so essentially the other cameras have been installed in our town hall and on the exterior and a seems to be working fine. You know it's still a learning curve to be able to look back at historical data. In addition we have upgraded our locks and the keys are being distributed. Our policy is that you must sign the key acknowledgement form to receive a set of keys. All employees and ah that's in the process. Hopefully everybody will cooperate with that. Alright, that's it on the on the security update".

Fuel Tank Smart Fill Project Update

Supervisor Kroyer said, "The fuel system update. So, regarding the fuel tanks, um the tanks have been replaced, the new tanks have been set in place. Ah, we do have some unanticipated eg, extra costs due to several issues. Number one, Main Care failed to communicate and coordinate with Dalrymple which resulted in extra costs. So Main Care just decided to deliver the tanks without telling us, left them in the corner of the property. Ya know, they delivered us the new tanks, I you know, I chalk it up to a misunderstanding whatever you want but the bottom line is they were supposed to set them in place and coordinate with the a Dalrymple as well. In addition, a, we had sent an email request to the Highway Superintendent, ah received no response. So, I will say this, the lack of coordination and cooperation from our Highway Superintendent also contributed to these additional costs. In addition, during this process we ah, we're, we're installing double wall tanks that do not need a containment system. The existing containment system that was there with the single wall tanks, ah the bottom of it was rotted out. So, we basically disposed of that. So, if one of both of those single wall tanks would of um leaked, it would have went right into the ground and it would have been an environmental situation for sure. So, I think we dodged a bullet by getting these installed. We did do have extra costs, we had to hire a contractor to help with this project in the absence of cooperation from the Highway Superintendent. So, we hired ah, luckily we were able to hire Belgian Trucking and they were on site for several days. Ah, they took the roof off of the old system or off of the old ah tank enclosure. Um, they unloaded ah".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "The barriers".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "The well, they moved all the barriers, they unloaded the temporary fuel tank to transfer the fuel. They transferred gas and fuel into temporary tanks and set up a new tank and then they had to basically play musical chairs with the tanks for several days to get this all accomplished. Ah, in addition, we kinda didn't know this, we, I thought it was pavement which would be considered an impervious surface underneath all this but it was just gravel. So we had to pour a slab ah, that's substantial additional work in costs so again we had, thankfully Belgium Trucking picked this up, they set concrete forms, poured a new slab under the tank, wire mesh and rebarb, floated it out. Ah, did a nice job and then stripping the forms, grading, resetting the jersey barriers, all the labor etc. with that. So that's an additional \$7,920 um, in costs for this project. The project, I won't say it's completely done cause the electronics is still ah being figured out. There is a ah, um a key fab and a tag that will go with each piece of equipment ah that requires fuel. And then there will be ah employee identification numbers.

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It can be as simple as 1,2,3,4,5 or whatever so, you would wave the, the fab in front of the, the device”.

Councilman Giordano said, “Monitor”.

Supervisor Kroyer said, “What you’d call it?”

Councilman Giordano said, “Monitor”.

Supervisor Kroyer said, “Monitor and then you would punch in your employee code and that would give us a record of all of that. And then we could set it to alert us when the tanks are at a certain level so we could call into have ah, a delivery. So that’s still, that business is still a work in progress, um and obviously we’re gonna have to have cooperation from the highway department in making that happen. Currently the tank is set in a mode where you can dispense fuel right now. So, everybody’s been able to dispense fuel for probably a couple days now at least and it was only shutdown over the weekend, essentially. So, there’s been no um, interference in in ah being able to pump fuel. Um, alright so that’s ah essentially a done deal except for I don’t really have the discretionary authority to authorize the extras so I will entertain a motion to authorize ah the extras from Belgium Trucking in the amount of \$7,920 dollars ah that I just told everybody what all that was. So I’ll entertain that motion to approve that expense”.

Councilman Giordano said, “I’ll make the motion to pay it”.

Supervisor Kroyer said, “Do I have a second?”

Councilwoman Scotti said, “I’ll second it”.

Supervisor Kroyer said, “All in favor?”

AYES: Kroyer, Giordano and Scotti.

Supervisor Kroyer said, “Any opposed?”

Councilman Pumilia said, “I oppose”.

Councilman Pellitteri was absent.

Supervisor Kroyer said, “You oppose that John? Ok, alright. So, that’s ah 3 – 1 so that motion is approved, we will ah pay that ah out tomorrow morning. So that’s it on the fuel system. Alright you know again it’s not completely 100% done, they’re gonna put some more stickers on the tanks, they’re gonna finish the electronics and at a certain point we’ll have, hopefully have that all in order. Again though, without cooperation from the highway department, I’m not sure how this works”.

PESH Citation 1 – Item 5, Reconfigure Abatement

Supervisor Kroyer said, “Alright ah, I’m gonna move onto the next item. So for the last five months I guess since probably November or maybe a little later for at least a couple of months, we’ve been asking for the PESH, oh no no, this is, this is something else, alright let me get on there, I’m sorry I went off on the wrong track. Alright we have a PESH citation number 1 item 5. That is a guard rail that was put out up out here to protect the electric meter. Um, the footprint of that project is approximately 200 square feet. Ok, we need about 18 square feet to protect the electric meter. So, essentially I had Carl take a look at that and as since he’s our code en, en enfor ah code enforcement officer and he states that code compliant bollards, total of two, spaced three feet out from the face of the meter panel and four foot on center and three foot high will meet all regulatory requirements and restore this, the parking space the coral

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eliminated. So, I, I would like to ah, ah if you guys think it's a good idea is request that that's how this is taken care of, we already have limited parking, we have like four spots maybe three deep and or or two deep really and then it goes to the, to the wood line where customarily the highway department will park their vehicles. So, my motion is gonna be this, that the Highway Superintendent shall direct the replacement of the current configuration with bollards, not to exceed three feet from the front of the meter and four foot apart on center will cover it so, three foot by four foot which would take up a total of twelve square feet and and not the two hundred square feet that it currently takes. In addition, all highway employees are directed to park in the historical customary employee area along the wood line, um because currently the it hasn't been working there's a vehicle that's parked daily not in line with the three rows of vehicles just kind of out in the middle now due to that situation. So, I, I I'm making that motion, I will, I will entertain a motion to direct the Highway Superintendent to replace the current configuration with bollards not to exceed three feet from the building and six feet ah and four feet along the building. In additional highway employees are directed to park along the wood line. Anyone make that motion?"

Councilwoman Scotti said, "I'll make that motion".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Second?"

Councilman Giordano said, "Second it".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "All in favor?"

AYES: Kroyer, Giordano, Pumilia and Scotti.

Councilman Pellitteri was absent.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Any opposed? Ok so that's done. We'll make that request thru an email tomorrow or certainly shortly if not tomorrow then the next day".

PESH Reimbursement Documentation Review

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ah, ok now the next item on the agenda is the PESH reimbursent, reimbursement documentation review. I was hoping to have that here so we could review it and then have Cindy submit it and get our taxpayers reimbursed for the costs of of the ah remediation. Um".

Councilman Giordano said, "We don't have that?"

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Do we know? Have?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "I was, there was no response in other words ah I asked".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "So we still don't have them?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "We've, we've asked for it numerous times and I'm still received, I did receive one response and I cc'ed all you guys with it but it wasn't the doc, the documentation so I'm still waiting for the documentation um, and this is ah has to be from the Highway Superintendent cause we don't know what went on there. Ah, so all documentation with regards to corrective measures taken by the highway department to remediate these violations material and labor. Once I receive those we can proceed with the ah, ah we can apply to PESH reimbursement division, to try to get that money back. Ah, at this point my office is unable to proceed and that's, that's where we stand with that. Um, yeah I mean I honestly".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "If we don't get documentation and we run out of time for reimbursement then maybe it needs to be charged personally. Because that, that not right that

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the town, the taxpayers have to lose that money because we're not getting, we don't have compliant".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Yup"

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Superintendent".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, I agree with you, I ah I went and re-read the supervisors handbook ah to try to see maybe there was somethin in there ah to help me, what to do when our own people won't cooperate, our own co-elected officials won't respond to anything essentially. Ah, ah there was nothing in there so and I haven't, nobody's been able to give me any advice on this so I really, I'm at a loss what to do. I'd I'd can't make it up, it has to be the official documentation, nobody else would be in charge of the department, ah the highway department workers and their labor but the Highway Superintendent. So, anyway again that's that's me reporting that we to the board that we have not received any of that documentation; I don't have a reason why, I don't have a clue. I, it is what it is. I'd I'd don't know what to say about it. Alright, so I'm just gonna move past that one as well".

Planning Board Liaison

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Planning board met I'm, I'm the planning board liaison. The planning board met as scheduled and I did attend. The board heard three applications, a lot line adjustment on Olander Rd. which was approved. A minor subdivision on Conifer Lake Rd. application in progress. And a special use permit for office and equipment storage on Route 296, that's the drive-in, the old drive in and that application is also in progress. Ok so so much for the planning board liaison report".

EMS Report

Supervisor Kroyer said, "EMS report Jeanie, I'm not sure if you have anything?"

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Yeah I do I have um, ok. So, um Greene EMS ah for February didn't have any open cars, which is very good. Um, employee report, we got two full timers that dropped to part time. We're expecting many more open shifts as the summer approaches. Um, I have been informed that we will have one interview in the near future so I'll go down and interview the medic, new medic to come on board with Greene EMS. Ah, they'll let me know when that's gonna happen. Ah, the monthly training courses that have been doing, that we've been doing in house, very good attendance. Ah, the paramedics are all upgrading their certifications um, it's working well. It's a program that we just instituted and it's working very well. Um, the chief conducted a survey it was very interesting to read it. Um, overall we had good feedback from all the employees. Um, no really major requests of anything um. A couple of them that work station 5, which is the Cocksackie station, they just asked if ah, we can get something more organized for equipment that for restock. So up until then they had just an open shelf so they did something with a cabinet and they gave ah that station some new furniture, updated furniture, it was very old, clunky and it was terrible. It needed to go in the garbage so.

Um, all our fly cars are on the road covering calls, except for one is still getting up fitted, which that takes a little time. Um".

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Councilman Giordano said, "A new vehicle?"

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Yes, new, yes. We got the one new vehicle that's on the road that's all done, the other one is getting up fitted. Ah, we have a program with Columbia Greene College ah for new nursing students that are in their program. There's, I think there's twenty of them, if I read that correctly. But, I have a feeling there's more. And what they're doing with Greene EMS is they need for their training to ride with them. So they each get a shift and they ride and they get a couple of calls and they see what the paramedics do as a future nurse. So, um that's working very well. So that's part of their certification and their class work. Um, we're looking to get one of the stations ah well, let me move back. All these years we've been using Cairo Ambulance to fill up Greene County's fly cars oxygen tanks. We don't fill them very often because mainly we're; the patient is in the ambulance of the area so it's their oxygen that we're using. But there was the occasional time that our tanks run low we would go to Cairo station and fill them up. Well there were some issues with the new administrator or whatever have you and Greene EMS did pay Cairo Ambulance for what they used. Um, so because of those new issues we're gonna be looking into another, an oxygen system that's gonna go into one of the stations, it will be Greene County EMS. We don't need one as big as the ambulances cause we don't fill, we only have small tanks and we don't have to fill them ah all the time so. Um".

Councilman Giordano asked, "That pertains to the fly cars?"

Councilwoman Scotti said, "The fly cars, yeah we carry a couple of tanks we usually carrying a tank that's tied down on the top and we carry one in our airway bag. And you know we use them only temporarily like if we get on the scene first but once the ambulance comes, it's their oxygen that their using. So you know it's just a hassle to get that kind of system cause you need a whole cascade system and all so up until now we didn't have to but it looks like we're gonna have to do that. Um, our chief was invited to SUNY Cobleskill College which is, is very nice ah and I think it's very professional. He's gonna be giving a couple of courses to the new paramedics on um, on our ventilation program our vents that we have on the cars for respiratory distress and respiratory problems. So he's gonna be giving ah some courses there to the new paramedics. And that's good because they get to meet him and if they come aboard Greene EMS, you know they'll have already ah met Steve and been taught some classes from him. So, that's good. Um, our call volume for Jewett this month, nothing, zero. Which is nice. Um, year to date only one. Ah, just some numbers on general calls and now take in mind this is only January, February and would that include March? When I go to this meeting coming? No so March didn't come out yet. So, this is just January and February respiratory calls within the whole county. This is the whole county. 71 already, cardiac arrests 7, cardiac problems or stemming a heart attack, chest pain 50 plus 12 so 60, 62. 28 head injuries but that's mainly because of the ski slope I think. Ah, general malaise just illness 41 and overdoses 11. And that's two months' worth of calls. I mean there's other calls in there, I just give the ones that are more pertinent which would be respiratory, cardiac. Ah, ok last. Our county legislator, legislators asked a couple of months ago for Windham, Greene EMS and Catskill and the sheriffs, which we did not know about, the sheriffs being asked for a quote to put two or three extra ambulances on for the county. Well, the legislation, I think that they're waiting still on a vote but it looks like they want to go with the sheriffs and I mean we're up in arms because I mean we know what kind of training that a medical person needs to get and I don't know how

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these sheriffs are gonna do that when they got their own deals that they are out there on the road and in the field”.

Supervisor Kroyer asked, “The sheriffs have ambulances?”

Councilwoman Scotti said, “And for them to even just buy an ambulance or even equip it without having that kind of knowledge it, it just it blows my mind because I don’t know.

You know we could have did it, Greene EMS would have did it, pretty much within six months.

The ambulance would be stocked, the equipment would be purchased, it would all be done.

They would be on the road in less than a year. With the sheriffs, I mean just even if they and I don’t think their talking about paramedics their probably just talking about EMT’s. That’s gonna take at least almost a year for them to train officers, sheriffs being EMT’s and we, I, I just, I don’t understand it, I don’t know”.

Supervisor Kroyer asked, “So did they, they decided on that already?”

Councilwoman Scotti said, “I don’t no, there’s not a final decision not as of last month at our meeting. So that’s about it, any questions for me?”

Supervisor Kroyer said, “Alright, thank you. Yeah I’m just confused about that last thing yeah”.

Councilwoman Scotti said, “Yeah, yeah I’m”.

Supervisor Kroyer said, “I didn’t know the sheriffs had anything, they don’t have an ambulance, they would set up an ambulance?”

Councilwoman Scotti said, “Yeah”.

Supervisor Kroyer asked, “Division of the sheriff’s department?”

Councilwoman Scotti said, “Yeah they would have to go buy ambulance, they would have to buy all the equipment for the ambulances. I mean, yes we would have to do that if Windham, Catskill or Greene County did it but who better would be ready to take on a job like that but the people that are in that business, in the EMS business. You know not sheriffs that they do a whole different thing than we do. And I’m sure that they got their hands full with calls within the county. I don’t, I don’t understand what the legislation is thinking of doing. So, I’ll know more, I go next Tuesday for another meeting. So, I’ll know more then but that’s about it”.

The Board thanked Councilwoman Scotti for her report.

Motion to Pay Bills

Supervisor Kroyer said, “Ok, um Board Members should have signed the vouchers by now ah, so I will entertain a motion to pay the bills”.

Councilman Giordano said, “I’ll make the motion to pay the bills”.

Supervisor Kroyer said, “Second? Do I have a second?”

Councilwoman Scotti said, “I’ll second it”.

Supervisor Kroyer said, “Ok, all in favor?”

AYE Kroyer, Giordano, Pumilia and Scotti.

Councilman Pellitteri was absent.

Supervisor Kroyer said, “Any opposed? Ok, hearing none the motion passes we’ll pay the bills.”

General Fund was \$21,849.99 on abstract #4, claim numbers 77-95.

The Highway Fund was \$28,462.90 on abstract #4, claim numbers 62-78.

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Motion to Accept Financials

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Entertain a motion to accept the financials".

Councilman Giordano said, "I'll make that motion".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Second?"

Councilwoman Scotti said, "I'll second it".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "All in favor?"

AYE Kroyer, Giordano, Scotti and Pumilia.

Councilman Pellitteri was absent.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Any opposed? Hearing none, finances are accepted".

Motion to Adjourn

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting".

Councilman Giordano said, "I'll make that motion".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Do I have a second?"

Councilwoman Scotti said, "I'll second it".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "All in favor?"

AYE Kroyer, Giordano, Scotti and Pumilia.

Councilman Pellitteri was absent.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Any opposed? Hearing none, motion passes meeting is adjourned".

The meeting adjourned at 7:28pm

Maya Carl, RMC Town Clerk