

Regular Meeting-

The regular meeting of the City of Port Jervis Common Council was held in the Council Chambers, 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis, New York on Monday, April 13th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Decker and all members of the Common Council except Mr. Belcher were present. Acting Director of Public Works John Farr, Building Official David Rivera, Fire Chief Jeffrey Rhoades, Police Chief William Worden, Director of Recreation John Faggione, CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance-

Mayor Decker, Joe Ennis from Boy Scout Troop 68, Lynnlee Ennis from Girl Scout Troop 229, and William Ennis from Cub Scout Pack 67 led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Youth Report given by Mr. Michael Conklin-

Michael Conklin could not be here today to give his report because he is currently involved in the play Peter Pan.

Senior Report-

There was no report to be given today.

Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm in the Farnum building.

Veterans Report-

There was no report to be given today.

Public Comment-

John Fernandez, RC Racing; asked for a retraction to an article written about the raceway which he felt was offensive and slanderous of himself and the racers that came to the raceway. He would also like The City of Port Jervis to refund him the money for the asphalt used in the track.

Mr. Hendricks reported that he went to the track after a race where he found empty gas cans.

Anne Horsham, Easter Seals; talked about a class being held at the Youth Center on April 27th & 28th from 9am – 4pm for Job Training for the displaced. Please register by Tuesday at (845) 551-9703.

Wayne Kidney, 1st Ward; talked about how if there were changes to the sewer fee law, that there should have been a public hearing for it and how the charges are outrageous.

Mayor Decker clarified that it was not a change in the law, that it was a clerical error and was always meant to be charged by the unit rather than parcel.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve the minutes of the March 23rd, 2015 regular meeting.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick to approve the minutes of the April 9th, 2015 special meeting.

Committee Reports:**Finance Committee-**

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$246,308.61.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The next meeting will be held on April 29th, at 6:00pm.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee-

Port Jervis Fire Department attended 27 calls for the month of March.

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company #7 to attend Career Day at ASK School May 28th, a Parade in Warwick June 20th, a parade in Middletown October 3rd, and a Bike Run at the Fire Station August 29th. As well as Engine Company #5 to hold and Old Timers Night on May 9th and to allow all Companies to attend 9th Annual National Night Out on August 4th.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Siegel to remove Arthur F. Smith Jr. from Howard Wheat Engine Company #4 effective March 22, 2015 due to his passing.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to accept Justin Michael Brewster of Neversink Engine Company #1 as a probationary driver.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The Port Jervis Fire Department has named Rev. George Hafemann to become Chaplin of the Port Jervis Fire Department on April 6th, 2015.

The next meeting will be Monday April 20th, at 7pm in council chambers.

Code Committee-

Last meeting was April 1, at 7:00pm.

Mr. Siegel thanked everyone who came out to discuss of the proposed rental inspection law at the last meeting.

The next meeting will be May 6, 2014 at 7:00pm.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Last meeting was April 6th.

Some projects that are being discussed are Safe Street Side Walk Grant, Downtown Promenade, East Main Street Bridge and Road Widening Program, and Water Clarifier Project.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve both March and April minutes of DPW committee.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

UPDATE:

Garbage and Recycling is on its regular schedule for the next two weeks.

The City Transfer Station for bulk waste is for city residents only and is open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of every month from 7:15 until 11:30am. Please be sure to bring proof of being a city resident.

Hydrant flushing will begin Monday April 20th and will continue for 6-7 weeks. Please open your cold water faucets to flush any discolored water prior to use. To find out when and where they will be flushing go to www.portjervisny.org.

City wide yard debris collection will be done every Monday City wide until everything is collected and future collections will be announced prior to any change. No loose leaf pick up so please bag your yard debris and put by the road.

Next meeting will be held Monday May 18th, 6:00pm

Police Committee-

The last meeting was April 6th.

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the March Police Committee minutes.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month and Port Jervis Police are ready to participate.

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Erie Trackside the Business Owner Crime Prevention Breakfast.

The next meeting will be Monday May 4th, at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers.

Liaison Reports:**Community Development Agency (CDA)-**

Last meeting was held on March 25th.

Ms. Maginsky is currently working on the Micro Enterprise Grant, White Water plans to include water front district, and Delaware Revitalization plans. There will be a meeting for the Delaware Revitalization at 7pm in the council chambers on Tuesday April 14th.

The next meeting will be Wednesday April 22 at 7pm on the second floor of the Recreation Center.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

The last meeting was held on April 8th.

Counsel checked into Future Homes/Excel to make sure that we are additionally insured on the sub lease agreement.

With Bon Secours final balloon payment for their Pilot Agreement coming due in November counsel has drafted a reminder letter to be sent out.

The next meeting will be May 13th at 6:00pm

American's with Disabilities Act(ADA)-

Last meeting was canceled.

Next meeting to be held will be announced at a later date.

Housing Authority-

Last meeting was held on March 31st.

Renovations are still ongoing.

The next meeting will be April 28th, at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

Recreation Commission-

Updates:

- Easter Candy Dash- April 4 brought out more than 100 boys and girls ages 9 and under.
- Spring Port Pride Day- Saturday April 11 brought out close to 35 students and adults to help clean-up Farnum Park, Church Street Park, and Orange Square.
- 22nd Annual Delaware River Run- Sunday May 3, at riverside Park at 9:00am applications are available at the Youth Center or on-line at www.delawariver5krun.com.
- Church Street Park and Point Peter are now both open from 8am until 9pm daily. There will be work done on the Rotary Skate Board Park this spring so please bear with us as we may have to close the Park periodically.
- Please remember that smoking and dogs are not permitted in City Parks.
- The Youth Center Director is currently working on the summer 2015 Program Schedule.

For any questions on programs or events contact the Recreation Office at (845) 858-4045 or email us at pjrec@frontier.net.
The next meeting will be Thursday April 16, at 7:30 at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

The last meeting was held on March 10th.

Mrs. Laura Meyer gave the Tourism Report in the absence on Councilman Belcher.

The City Wide Yard Sale will be held on Saturday May 2nd from 9:00am – 4:00pm with over 100 residence and businesses signed up. The deadline was April 10th to get your house or business on the widely distributed map for this event. If you still haven't signed up and would like to they will put your name and address up on Facebook.

The next meeting will be on April 14th, at 6:30pm in the down stairs conference room.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

The last meeting on April 7th.

There was a discussion for 130 West Main Street and 140 Jersey Avenue about variances of lot areas and a public hearing will be held for May 5th.

The next meeting will be held on May 5th, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

The last meeting was scheduled for February 17th but canceled due to lack of business.

The next meeting will be held on April 21st, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Plumbing Board-

The last meeting was held on April 1st.

Nothing to be reported.

The next meeting will be held on May 6th at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers.

Electrical Board-

The last meeting was held on April 1st at 6:45pm in the Council Chambers.

Nothing to be reported.

The next meeting will be held on May 6th at 6:45pm in the Council Chambers.

Senior Advisory-

There is nothing to report.

Access 23 TV-

There is a Karaoke Telethon Sunday April 18th from 2pm – 9pm on access 23.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Mayor Decker talked about the new website for Port Jervis and how it is still a work in progress but is now up and running.

Rudy Gatson age 13 from Port Jervis High School won the Elk's Free Throw Competition for NY State in her age group.

Mr. Palladino, the owner of the Rite Aide Plaza, has begun repairs on the mall and plans on having businesses in as soon as July. Last Tuesday US Senator Schumer came to Riverside Park to support the White Water Park and push federal agents to expedite this project. Unfortunately Army Corp of Engineers is requesting that Port Jervis have a mussel study done on the other side of the river.

This week is known as the week of the little child. We had a couple of nursery schools tour city hall.

Mayor Decker invites everyone to the Delaware Revitalization meeting to help formulate what the Riverside property should look like.

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Richie to authorize the implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the federal-aid eligible costs, of a transportation federal-aid project, and appropriating funds therefore.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mayor's Correspondence(Continued)-

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to adopt the Complete Streets Program to Port Jervis, New York.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to appoint Regis Foster to the Planning Board to expire on January 31, 2020, Thomas Hoppey to the Recreation Commission to expire on January 31, 2022, and Gail Culver to the Housing Authority to expire May 31, 2020.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mayor Decker thanked Mr. & Mrs. Mann for getting a donation of cameras and recording equipment from Samsung.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Waligroski to allow the First Presbyterian Church to use Orange Square Park for the blessing of the animals on June 6th.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Oney, seconded by Mr. Siegel to waive the ban on animals in Orange Square Park during the Blessing of Animals on Saturday June 6th.

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Mayor Decker read the press release for the ABC Grant being entered.

On April 15 the Clothes Line Project will be in Orange Square Park for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Saturday April 25th at Turntable behind the Rite Aide Plaza the Annual Arbor Day celebration will begin at 10:00am.

May 15th is Let's Do Lunch at noon, you must sign up May 1st.

Port Jervis Council of the Arts Frida Kahlo at the Botanical Gardens in New York City.

Reminder of Stephen Crane's Red Badge of Courage will be showing on June 20th.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Bell for a resolution to designate the Port Jervis Common Council as lead agency for the Type 1 Environmental Review.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

No report

Old Business:**Mr. Siegel-**

Be aware that Local Law #4 of 2014 is in affect and is being aggressively enforced.

Please be sure that your house is numbered and with contrasting colors to the house.

Lock your doors, if you see something, do something.

Mr. Oney-

Would like some clarification between the Clerk's Office and the Common Council in regard to the Sewer Fees.

Mr. Ritchie-

Thanked Mr. & Mrs. Mann for their hard work on getting the donation from Samsung.

Mr. Hendrick-

Talked about how he stopped supporting the RC Raceway Park when he found dangerous materials left around after a race.

Mr. Bavoso-

Congratulates to the Duke Basketball Program.

Mr. Cunningham-

Congratulates Rudy Gatsen for her win in the Elks competition.

Mr. Belcher- Did not attend the meeting.

Mr. Waligroski-

Talked about how Mr. Fernandez's contract was changed due to him not allowing Port Jervis citizens to use the Race Track.

Mr. Bell-

Talked about how Mr. Fernandez has done nothing but complain since he started his racing here in Port Jervis.

New Business:

Mr. Bell-

Neighborhood watch will be held on Wednesday April 15th at Hose 4 at 7pm.

Mr. Waligroski- no new business

Mr. Belcher- Did not attend the meeting

Mr. Cunningham-

Wednesday April 15th the Port Jervis Rotary is holding a Blood Drive from 1pm -6pm at the Elks Club.

Mr. Bavoso- no new business

Mr. Hendricks-

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Bell to designate Valerie Maginsky as certifying officer of the Community Block Grant Funds.

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Mr. Ritchie- no new business

Mr. Oney- no new business

Mr. Siegel-

Spoke about how he was supportive of trying to turn a new leaf with Mr. Fernandez until his tirade on Facebook the previous night attacking the Mayor and Council.

Thanked Maria and Bill Mann for their efforts in getting the donation from Samsung.

Mr. Siegel would like to remind all Fire Fighters and EMS personnel that they receive a \$200 tax credit.

Reminds Fire Fighters that the Department NYM Certifications are currently being collected, so get all documents to the Chief or your Captain.

Public Comment

Lorraine Marquez, 3rd Ward- wanted to invite everyone to the 3rd Ward Neighborhood Watch meeting on April 22nd at Neversink Fire House at 7pm.

Randy Allen, 1st Ward- spoke about how the local racers were put aside for the bigger racers from out of town at the RC Race Track. He also offered his and a few others services to help fix up the Race Track.

Executive Session set-

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to allow Executive session for legal, personnel, and contractual matters with invitation to Chief of Police William Worden, Director of Recreation John Faggione, DPW Director Jack Farr, and Sergeant Fitzpatrick.

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Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to adjourn to executive session at 8:28pm.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Reconvened at 9:47pm

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Hendrick to hold a special meeting on Thursday April 23rd at the Deerpark Senior Complex.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to allow the Council to spend \$1,500 on 10,000 Brochures for the City.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Siegel to appoint John Fitzpatrick to provisional appointment of Lieutenant effective April 27th.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the following seasonal employees for the Spring/Summer of 2015: Senior Recreation Leaders Mike Cordisco and Alex Cordisco as of June 29th

Recreation Leaders Sarah Beirne, Jessica Whitney, John Bright, Katie Murphy, Danielle Reed, and Cassandra Rutt as of June 29th

Youth Center Summer Leader Lauren Eckerson as of June 29th

Laborers Joe Dicarlo, Mackenzie Decker, and Kobie Lane on or after May 11th

Recreation Specialist Megan Smith to start as soon as possible

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned -

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell to adjourn the meeting at 9:50p.m.

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Sandra Corcoran
Account Clerk