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Public Comment (Continued)-

William Mann local business owner, - explains his feelings about Cruising Port Jervis, and that he does not want to stop holding the event but rather make some modifications to help his business.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, Seconded by Mr. Hendricks to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2015 regular meeting.

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

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 \$1,101,311.10.

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

There Finance Committee has requested information from department heads for the 2015 Capital Note for \$100,000 and Vehicle Purchases for \$255,000 based on the plan developed in 2011.

All monies for the Bond anticipation not have been received and the Bond is now closed.

Mrs. Waizenegger has received certification that Port Jervis was under the Tax Cap.

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Belcher to accept the resolution to transfer 2013 Serial Bond's unused funds from police radios to in car cameras for the police in the amount of \$7,141.

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

The next meeting will be held on February 26, at 6:00pm.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee-

The Port Jervis Fire Department responded to 35 calls in the month of January.

They are using the computer based reporting systems just installed.

The next meeting will be Monday March 16, at 6pm in council chambers.

Code Committee-

Last meeting was February 4, at 7:00pm.

Invites everyone to come and be a part of the meeting.

The next meeting will be March 4, 2014 at 7:00pm.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

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

Pothole repair is continuing city wide call 858-4001 to report them.

Please shovel out crosswalks and fire hydrants it is the homeowner's responsibility.

DPW UPDATE:

- Progress of Tri-State bridge project
- Request for a new street light in town
- Transmission braking down on 2005 Dump Truck
- Budget line for the salt in the City is getting hit very hard this winter at about \$88 per ton
- Report was given on the clarifier project

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bell to accept the Minutes of February DPW meeting.

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

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bell to accept resolution for Port Jervis as lead agency in East Main Street Bridge type 1 with no adverse impact .

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

Next meeting will be held Monday March 2nd, 6:00at pm

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Police Committee-

The last meeting was February 10th.

The next meeting will be Monday March 2, at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers.

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

Last met on January 28th.

An application for AHC was submitted last week by Ms. Maginsky.

The next meeting will be Wednesday February 25 at 7pm on the second floor of the Recreation Center.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

The last meeting was held on January 14.

The February 11 meeting has been canceled; therefore the next meeting will be March 12 at 6:00pm

American's with Disabilities Act(ADA)-

Last meeting was September 18th of last year.

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

Housing Authority-

Last meeting was held on January 27.

Nothing new to report.

The next meeting will be February 24 at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

Recreation Commission-

Updates:

- Co-ed Youth Basketball playoffs start this Wednesday February 25 at the A.S.K. gym.
- Co-ed Youth Basketball Skills competition will be held at the A.S.K. gym this Saturday February 28.
- The "Tom Chuckran" Cops and Kids Basketball game will be held on Saturday March 7 at 10:00am at the A.S.K. gym.

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve recreation events as follows Easter Candy Dash, Spring Port Pride Day, 22nd Annual Delaware River Run, Dinner Along the Delaware/Fireworks Show, 1st Annual Tri-States Triathlon, 69th Annual Halloween Parade, Fall Port Pride Day.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the ACME Downhill Races on Labor Day Weekend – September 4, 5, & 6.

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 18, at 7:30pm at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

The last meeting was held on February 18th.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to allow for Police presence at the Fall Foliage Festival.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso for additional DPW and Police presence at the KristKindle Market.

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

The next meeting will be on March 10th, at 6:30pm in the down stairs conference room.

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Zoning Board of Appeals-

The last meeting on February 3rd was canceled due to lack of business.

The next meeting will be held on March 3, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

The last meeting was held on February 17th.

Minutes for the November 15th special meeting and January 20th regular meeting were approved.

Bill Onofry pre-submitted for a conditional permit to make 130 West Main Street into a 2 Unit property.

19 Hamilton was granted a four month extension.

KFC is now under new ownership and they are working diligently to get a business in there.

Mr. Ritchie suggested that the heads of Code, Planning, and Zoning Committees all get together to get on the same page.

The next meeting will be held on March 17th, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Plumbing Board-

The last meeting was held on February 4th.

Nothing to be reported.

The next meeting will be held on March 4th at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers.

Electrical Board-

The last meeting was held on February 4th at 6:45pm in the Council Chambers.

Nothing to be reported.

The next meeting will be held on March 4th at 6:45pm in the Council Chambers.

Senior Advisory-

Met with senior managers and there was nothing to report. Mr. Siegel talked about the changes to the meals on wheels program, and how it is affecting the amount of people who are leaving the program.

Access 23 TV-

Nothing to report.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Mayor Decker invites all to check out the new website and all the exciting changes to come.

Reminder of Stephen Crane's Red Badge of Courage will be showing, and talked about how he didn't actually do interviews but just listened to the stories while in the park.

The Mayor urges all businesses and residents to fill out the contact forms in his office.

Reminder we are on the Haunted Trail of New York.

Please talk to the Assessor about any renovations for your home and see if you qualify for the 421F tax exemption.

The Tri-States Chamber of Commerce is working hard to acquire the America's Best Community (ABC) Grant.

Bon Secours still has their survey please fill it out.

Suny Orange is holding open public interviews for the new president on Wednesday February 25.

On March 26th at 7pm at the Drew Methodist Church there will be talks about how Port Jervis has been attacking crime in our area. Currently the police have attacked 68% of crime.

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Hendricks for approval of a resolution on behalf of the council to give approval for the America's Best Communities ABC Grant application.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, Seconded by Mr. Ritchie to allow 220 and 220 ½ East Main Street to be combined into one parcel.

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

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Mayor's Correspondence (continued)

Mayor Decker suggests that Cruising Port Jervis be modified to May through September and time be moved to 5- 6pm with allowing one way traffic barriers, and a speed limit of 5mph.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Belcher to approve insurance renewal for Fire Department.

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

Old Business:**Mr. Siegel-**

Fire Department made a valiant effort in making the ice rink, but due to extreme weather conditions they just could not get it to work. Local Law #4 of 2014 is in effect, we have begun aggressive enforcement of that law. Please dig out fire hydrants in your neighborhood. If you see code violations or any other issues call the Building Department or the Police. If you see something, do something. Mr. Siegel talks about his new experience with Solar Power.

Mr. Oney- no old business

Mr. Ritchie-

Second Ward Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held Tuesday February 24 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

Mr. Hendricks- no old business

Mr. Bavoso-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to amend Cruising Port Jervis to the Mayor's suggestions.

Motion by Mr. Bell, Seconded by Mr. Hendricks to take a ten minute recess on the above motion for an executive session discussion.

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

Council enters executive session at 8:05pm.

Council returns from executive session at 8:22pm.

Amended motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher that Cruising Port Jervis would be from May thru September on the first Tuesday of every month and rain date of the seconded Tuesday time would begin at 5pm with one-way traffic at speed of 5mph and all applicable insurances.

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

Mr. Cunningham- no old business

Mr. Belcher- no old business

Mr. Waligroski- no old business

Mr. Bell-

Mr. Bell talked about the sleep clinic Grand Opening at Bon Secours on Friday night.

New Business:

Mr. Bell- no new business

Mr. Waligroski- no new business

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New Business (continued):**Mr. Belcher-** no new business**Mr. Cunningham-** no new business**Mr. Bavoso-** no new business**Mr. Hendricks-**

Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to allow the Mayor to write a letter in support of the DFC grant for PJ Pride.

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

Mr. Ritchie- no new business**Mr. Oney-** no new business**Mr. Siegel-**

Mr. Siegel talks about the wonderful photo essay of Port Jervis in The Milford Journal. The Fire Department is in need of recruits. 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

Ron Meqerio – was wondering about the veteran’s exemption for Port Jervis School Tax.

Approval of Local Law #2

Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve local law # 2 of 2015.

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

Executive Session set-

Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to allow Executive session for legal, personnel, and contractual matters with invitation to Mr. Fox, City Clerk Treasure , all three Fire Chiefs, Chief of Police William Wordon, and, DPW Director Jack Far.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Hendricks to adjourn to executive session at 8:38pm.

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

Meeting Reconvened at 10:02pm

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to allow the City Clerk Treasurer to hire an Account Clerk-Typist based on the civil service exam held.

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

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Oney to promote Michael Sobolewski from MEO3 to MEO2, effective February 12, 2015 per CSEA contract.

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

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Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Bell to hire Tiffany Prestimonico as a matron for the Police Department effective February 12, 2015 with a pay rate as budgeted.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to adopt a new seal for the city and replace as necessary.

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

Meeting Adjourned -

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to adjourn the meeting at 10:04p.m.

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

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk-Treasurer

