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Public Hearing for CDBG Grant Original date was 1/26/2015-

Valarie Maginski spoke about how after a lot of research the city has decided to not apply for the CDBG Grant but rather an Affordable Housing Corporation Grant, and partnering up with RECAP in Middletown. For this program we will be borrowing \$350,000, and will help ten owner occupied homes in the City. She explains the many benefits of the AHC as compared to the CDBG.

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Belcher to close the public hearing for the CDBG Grant.

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

Public Comment-

Christopher VanHouten, - would like to have snow pick up around town to make parking available in front of businesses.

Robin Waizenegger, City Clerk Treasurer – Invites all to the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for the Rotary of Port Jervis on Saturday February 21st, at 7:30 -10:30am at the Port Jervis High School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$8 each children 5 and under are free.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2015 regular meeting.

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

Committee Reports:**Finance Committee-**

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to pay the bills from 1/26/15 for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Belcher to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Waligroski to accept the Assessor's base proportions and percentages for homestead and non-homestead.

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

The next meeting will be held on February 26, at 7:00pm.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee-

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, second by Mr. Ritchie for Fire Department events as follows Ulster County Parade July 25, Orange County Parade August 27, Annual Port Jervis Fire Department Inspection Day Parade July 11, Veterans Day Parade, Memorial Day Parade, and Annual Ricky Drew Christmas Parade.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Sigel for approval of new member Heather Markel to Delaware Engine Company 2.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Ritchie for additional fire events as follows Warwick Parade on June 20, Chicken Barbeque Take Out on March 28, and Sausage & Pepper Take Out on April 18.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell to accept Jeffery D. Lewis as a probationary driver for Hook & Ladder 7.

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

The next meeting will be Monday February 17, at 6pm in council chambers.

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Code Committee-

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to accept the January Code Committee minutes.

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

Encourages all to take a look at Local Law #2, as it affects the whole City.

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

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Garbage is on its regular schedule this week, next week it will be one day behind due to President's Day.

Paper and cardboard recycling will stay on Schedule.

Do not throw snow in the City Streets it is against the law and you will be ticketed.

Shovel out crosswalks it is the homeowner's responsibility.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday February 10, 6:00at pm

Police Committee-

The last meeting was January 5.

Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Siegel to accept Police Committee minutes of January 5th minutes.

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

Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Siegel to accept January Police Committee monthly report.

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

Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve resolution for the Stop DWI Program .

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

The next meeting will be February 10, at 6:30pm.

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

Last met on January 28th.

CDA spoke in depth about the two proposals, AHC & CDBG where it was agreed upon to go forward with AHC.

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

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

The last meeting was held on January 14.

Approved attorney's monthly fees.

Sent a reminder to Bon Secours about their 2016 bond payment.

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.

Mr. Hendricks asks please make room wide enough for wheelchairs when clearing snow on sidewalks.

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

Housing Authority-

Last meeting was held on January 27.

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Nothing new to report.

The next meeting will be February 24 at Hillside Terrace.

Recreation Commission-

Updates:

- The field trip to Split Rock Resort was canceled due to lack of interest.
- The recreation Department's annual Cops vs. kids Basketball game is scheduled for Saturday March 7, at 10:00am in the A.S.K. gym.

Youth Center Hours are:

- Monday – Thursday, 3 – 7pm; Monday February 16 hours will be 11:00am – 3:00pm.
- Friday, 3 – 6pm, then Teen Night from 6 – 10 pm; Friday February 13 there will be no teen night.
- Reminder if School is closed due to weather or a holiday the Youth Center is open 11am – 3pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday February 19, at 7pm at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

The last meeting was held on January 13th.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to allow Tourism Board to hang banners and use of parking lots for the City Wide Yard Sale on May 2nd.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to hold a Stephen Crane Living Badge of Courage Living Memorial event held on the 20th of June.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Cunningham for use of the Orange Square, Closure of North and South Broome Street as well as hanging of banners for the memorial event.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Ritchie For September 27th Fall Foliage Festival.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Cunningham for the Tree Lighting at Grab Point on November 28th.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso for November 29 as the KristKindle Market, with closing of Front St. and Jersey Ave. and hanging of banners.

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

The Stephen Crane Living Badge of Courage is a civil war reenactment and a presentation of the Red Badge of Courage at the Orange Square, and a very important event.

The next meeting will be on February 18, at 6:30pm in the down stairs conference room.

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 January 30th.

Ruby Group asked for an extension on their project down town.

Orange and Rockland asked for an extension on their transfer station project.

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The Chairman read in a letter of a site violation of Samaki, regarding garbage and liquid running out of the building. The next meeting will be held on February 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 does talked 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-

The mayor addressed the changes Mr. Siegel spoke about with Meals on Wheels, and the steps he is taking to fix the problems. 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 we will be reenacting here on June 20th.

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

The Mayor urges all businesses and residents to fill out the contact forms in his office; he is hoping to create a newsletter, and an emergency contact system with this information.

Reminder we are on the Haunted Trail of New York.

A letter is read in from The Junior Catholic Daughters of America.

The Mayor noted that the Flag at Point Peter has fallen and will be put back up when DPW can get a truck up to the Flag.

Invites the Council members to attend the sleep study being done on Friday February 20 by Bon Secours.

Wants to let everyone know that they will be discussing the new AHC in executive session.

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Hendricks for a \$500 municipal donation in support to the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway.

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Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to allow the First Baptist Church to hold sunrise service Easter Sunday at 6:00am.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell to allow the First Assembly of God to use Riverside Park for community movie nights throughout the summer.

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

Motion by Mr. Oney, seconded by Mr. Bell to accept the year lease agreement for the orange sculpture in town at one dollar.

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

Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Bell for the leases of the two new Ford busses for the Dial-A-Bus program.

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Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Siegel to allow the Orange County Rape Crisis use of the Orange Park on 4/15.

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City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Reports that even though we did receive State Aid in December that we had to turn around in January and return it to the State of New York for annual payment of retirement fund exceeding \$1,000,000. Due to staff turnover and many extended medical leaves in the City Clerk's Office we have postponed the audit from March to May. Mrs. Waizenegger reminded all that there will be a free rabies clinic in Middletown available to all Orange County residents.

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

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. Oney- no old business

Mr. Ritchie-

Second Ward Neighborhood Watch meeting has been changed to Tuesday February 24 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

Mr. Hendricks-

Would like to tell Hose 5 what a good job they are doing shoveling out hydrants during storms.

Mr. Bavoso-

Would like the Council members to be aware and to look over the updated proposal to zoning laws that came from the last Code Committee.

Mr. Cunningham- no old business

Mr. Belcher-

Would like to know if there is anything that can be done to make a walkway from the train station and handicap access to the train, since he has not heard anything back after three letters to Metro North. Mr. Belcher would like to point out that Blue Stone sidewalks that are well maintained bring beauty and value to the City. Please be reminded it is the law to stop at cross walks for pedestrians. Also the fines have increased for not picking up after your dog.

Mr. Waligroski-

Thanks the DPW for all their hard work and long hours for the last few weeks. Congratulations to the A.S.K. performing Arts on a job well done for Beauty and the Beast.

Mr. Bell- no old business

New Business:

Mr. Bell-

Nice Job to the DPW and a great job with the streets during the snow overnight. Neighbor Hood watch will be meeting at Hose 4's Fire House on February 18th at 7:00.

Mr. Waligroski-

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We are not aware of any problems with the City water, but if something happens call the water department at 858-4009.

Old Business (continued):

Mr. Belcher-

Please help the police department continue to make our City a better and safer place to live, if you see something say something. Call the Police at 856-5101. Thanks the Fire Department for helping shovel out hydrants and neighbors. Mr. Belcher encourages everyone to write letters in opposition of O&R rate increases of delivery charges, if you need any help please call him at 856-1036.

Mr. Cunningham- no new business

Mr. Bavoso- no new business

Mr. Hendricks- no new business

Mr. Ritchie- no new business

Mr. Oney- no new business

Mr. Siegel-

Please be aware that there are scams going on currently involving the IRS by phone, and the only way the IRS will initiate contact is through the mail. Mr. Siegel would like to remind all Fire Fighters and EMS personnel that they receive a \$200 tax credit. Thanks DPW workers and all involved in helping to make an ice-skating rink in Farnum Park's basketball court. Reminds Fire Fighters that the Department NYM Certifications are currently being collected, so get all documents to the Chief or your Captain. Mr. Siegel gives his condolences to the Robertson family.

Mayor takes a minute to thank Mary Alice Presto, ADAC, and Operation PJ Pride for the Sticker Shock Program and all their hard work.

Public Comment

Christopher Van Houten, First Ward would like to volunteer to take a ladder up to Point Peter and rehang the Flag.

Executive Session set-

Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to allow Executive session to include contractual, Chief of Police William Wordon, DPW Director Jack Far, and CDA Director Valerie Maginski.

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

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

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

Meeting Reconvened at 10:45pm

Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to pay Lt. VanIngewen \$1,000 stipend per week for twelve weeks for hours he worked as a result of vacancy due to retirement.

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

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Ritchie for the appointment of part time employment for 19 hours of Kenneth Peters, Jeff Wehinger, and Harley Ganz to the DPW.

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Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Waligroski for the appointment of Scott Decker as the Chief Water Plant Operator.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Siegel to designate 1 South Maple Avenue as City Property.

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

Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Oney for resolution to allow Mayor Decker to sign a memorandum of understanding with recap for the AHC subject to attorney review.

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

Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Cunningham for resolution to sign agreement with respect to equal opportunity to the AHC.

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

Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Siegel for resolution to waive building permit and inspection fees for AHC participants.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to exempt Port Jervis Little League from sewer fees.

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

Meeting Adjourned -

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Oney to adjourn the meeting at 10:52p.m.

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



Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk-Treasurer