

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, January 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Decker and all members of the Common Council were present. Acting Director of Public Works John Farr, Building Official David Rivera, Fire Chief Jeffrey Rhoades, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, Police Chief William Worden, Recreation Director John Faggione and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance-

Mayor Decker and Scouts Jack Decker & Justin Meerdink of Troop 1068 led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Hearing held for Tax Cap Override-

There were no speakers.

Motion by Mr. Bell, Seconded by Mr. Belcher to close public hearing.

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

Youth Report given by Mr. Michael Conklin-

- January 2015 Regents will be held January 26-29.
- The Junior Class will be holding the Yankee Doodle Circus at the Port Jervis High School on Friday February 6.
- Mrs. Wieboldt & Mr. Kenniston's Middle School Classes had their flag chosen to be flown at the Adelie Penguin breeding colony in Cape Royds, Antarctica.
- ASK & HBE are excited to celebrate NO Name-Calling Week January 19-23 along with schools all over the United States.
- HBE's Family Fun Night will be on Friday, January 30 where they will be showing the movie Frozen.
- ASK is celebrating the 80th day of school by dressing up in 80's gear on Monday January 26.
- Congratulations to the ASK Performing Arts Club for their amazingly successful Breakfast with Characters of Beauty of the Beast Jr.
- Beauty and the Beast Jr. will be holding their performances on January 23 at 7:00pm, and January 24 at 2:00 & 7:00pm.
- The first game of the Port Jervis Recreation Department's Youth Basketball Program will be Wednesday January 14 at the ASK gym.
- The next Board of Education Meeting is on Tuesday January 13 at 7:30pm.
- There will be no school on Monday January 19 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Veteran's Report-

The Tri State Naval Ship, VFW 7241, and Ladies Auxiliary held Ceremony for their Patriotic Pen and Voice of Democracy Essay "What do Veteran's mean to me?". Mr. Belcher offers congratulations to all winners.

Public Comment-

Margaret Calben, Orange Street- doesn't understand how she can be charged for a sewer fee if she isn't part of the sewer, and would like the council to know how awful the water has been over the last year.

Public Comment (continued)

Judith Opelt, 4th ward- wanted some explanation on why she is being charged eighteen dollars instead of six for her quarterly billing.

She also was wondering if Engine six would be shutting down after the first of the year, because there was a new member who was told he did not need a pager due to its closure.

Carol Zalik, 3rd Ward- wanted to point out how atrocious the water had been last year, how the DPW has forgotten about the third ward when there is bad weather, and that there has been a lot of traffic at the landfill all night long. Also Carol inquired about how she was supposed to know about the new sewer fee.

Barry Calben, - is disappointed in this towns need for revitalization, including a community center.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve the minutes of the December 22, 2014 special meeting.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, Seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2014 regular meeting.

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

Committee Reports:**Finance Committee-**

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Belcher to pay the 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 for approval for the Assessor to attend seminars, classes, meetings, and travel for 2015 where money has been appropriated in the budget.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Belcher for approval of the City Clerk Treasurer for Travel.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to allow the Times Herald Record as the official paper of the City, with Pike County Dispatch and The Gazette as backups, WDLC for the official radio of the City, and PJ-Deerpark TV(Access 23) as the official Television Outlet for the City.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Belcher for resolution to assign banking and depositories for 2015.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ritchie for resolution for dual signature on our accounts.

Discussion- first change since 2006, to add the Chief of Police.

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

The next meeting will be Thursday January 22, at 6pm in Council Chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee-

The Fire Department answered 438 calls during the year of 2014.

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell to remove John P. McCallan from Hose 6, due to non-payment of dues.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Sigel for approval for transfer of George W. Padget from Hose 6 to Engine 4.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Belcher for approval of 2015 yearly fire events.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the new members of the Fire Department.

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

The next meeting will be Monday January 19, at 6pm in council chambers.

Code Committee-

Mr. Siegel invites someone to volunteer to become a camera person for the code meeting, to be able to make it more available for all residents of the city.

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

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

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

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

The DPW is currently working on:

- Water clarifier project
- Jersey Avenue and East Main Street lighting
- DEC consent order on Wagner Place
- Demolitions on Gordon Street and East Main Street
- Storm line repair on Pennsylvania Avenue
- Cleaning of the lines on Barcelow Street
- Orange County Hazard mitigation meeting which is coming up

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the December DPW Committee meeting minutes.

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

DPW Committee(continued)

Updates:

- Next week Garbage will be a day behind due to Martin Luther King Day
- Cardboard pick up for the Fourth Ward will be Friday January 23rd
- On the second and fourth sat of each month the City's compost pile is open.
- No Parking on streets from 1-6am December 1st until April 1st.
- Christmas trees will be removed when time permits, please leave them out on the curb

The next meeting will be Tuesday January 13, at 6pm in Council Chambers.

Police Committee-

Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Bell to accept December Police Committee monthly report.

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

Three board members of the Humane society came to discuss changes of the 2015 contract between the Humane Society and the City of Port Jervis.

The next meeting will be February 2, at 6:30pm.

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Last met on December 17.

Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Belcher to set a public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

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

Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Ritchie for a resolution to approve the Affordable Home Ownership Development Program.

Discussion –this is part of the steps that we need to take some of the homes we have in the city and rehabilitate them so that they can be home owner occupied. He mentioned four unit homes because we would like to turn them back into single home units.

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

Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Cunningham for resolution for federal assistance for housing rehabilitation to rehabilitate units up to \$400,000. Discussion- an example of low to moderate income is a family of four who make 66,000 or less a year, 66% of Port Jervis residence low to moderate income.

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

The next meeting will be January 28 at 7pm on the second floor of the Recreation Center.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

The next meeting will be Wednesday January 14, at 6pm.

American's with Disabilities Act(ADA)-

Last meeting was held on September 18th, the December 11th meeting was canceled due to schedule conflicts. The next meeting will be a date in January to be announced.

Housing Authority-

Last meeting was held on December 23rd.

The work for the community room is scheduled to start today.

The next meeting will be January 27th.

Recreation Commission-

Updates:

- The Recreation Department is sponsoring 2 field trips this winter.
 - First is a snow tubing trip to Fernwood Resort in Bushkill, PA, for \$30 a person on Thursday January 22.
 - Second is an indoor water park trip to Split Rock resort in Lake Harmony, PA, for \$42 a person on Saturday February 21.
- They are also sponsoring youth karate lessons from ages 5 and up for \$50:
 - Registration is January 10th, from 10am – 1pm, and January 12-14, from 4 – 7pm at ESPIE'S Tang Soo Do Academy.
 - Lessons begin Tuesday January 20th.
- 5th and 6th Grade Youth Basketball League will start Wednesday January 14th at the ASK gym.

Youth Center Hours are:

- Monday – Thursday, 3 – 7pm
- Friday, 3 – 6pm, then Teen Night from 6 – 10 pm
- 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 January 15th at 7pm at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

The holiday and business meeting was held on December 17th.

They discussed an idea for a civil war reenactment and a presentation of the red badge of courage at the Orange Square.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday January 13th, at 6:30pm in the down stairs conference room.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

The last meeting was held on January 6th.

There was a Public Hearing held for Mr. David Gobe on 36 Hudson Street where he was granted an extension for 240 days, which means if the building goes vacant again it will go back to a one family use. We are trying to develop a check list for all parties so that the planning and zoning boards can be more business friendly.

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

Planning Board-

The next meeting will be held on January 20th, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Plumbing Board-

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

Electrical Board-

Last meeting was held on January 7th.

There was an application accepted, and an exam requested. Also, there was discussion about how to get some reciprocity between Orange and Sullivan Counties.

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

Senior Advisory-

There are some vacancies at Water's Edge, should anyone be looking.

Access 23 TV-

Updates:

- Station is up and running smoothly
- Thank you for the new heater it is working great
- We are cleaning up some old equipment
- There are a few new shows in the works

Mayor's Correspondence-

The mayor will be holding his State of the City on Thursday, January 29th in the Council Chambers.

On June 20th in Orange Square Park there will be a Civil War Reenactment.

Mayor Decker, Valerie Maginski, and some of the Councilmen were invited to spend the day in Warwick on January 10th, to look at some of their architecture and laws to help influence us in some positive changes.

Police Chief and his team are not letting up and are announcing an initiative with the District Attorney's Office in the beginning of February.

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.

Bon Secours is in talks with Westchester Medical Center.

Mayor Decker read in a letter of support from the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway for the proposed White Water Park.

Mayor Decker appointed Anne Marie Foster to the Tourism Board.

Motion by Mr. Bell, Seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Local Law #1 of 2015, to repeal Local Law #10 of 2014.

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

Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to accept James Bisland's resignation after 29 years of service.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bell for a resolution to allow the City Clerk Treasure to sign and remit the letter of petition against Orange and Rockland rate increases.

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

Motion by Mr. Oney, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to allow the Business Professional Women's Club to display their banners throughout the City.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to allow Drew United Methodist Church and Salvation Army to conduct their Easter Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday at Elks-Brox Park.

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

Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to allow St. Mary's Little Lambs to March through the City including a stop in at City Hall and Meet the Mayor on April 13.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to accept Deborah Schofield's letter of resignation from the Tourism Board.

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

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

The 2015 Orange County Tax collection for water and sewer has begun.

Audit firm has started to test internal controls Mon, Tues, and Wed of this week, and will be back the last week in March.

Reminder to all committee heads that all minutes must be submitted to the Clerk's Office so that they can be posted to the City website.

The bidding has closed on our \$4,000,000 Bond Anticipation Note for one year and will then be repaid by a USDA Loan.

TD Securities won the bid with a coupon price of 1% and a premium of \$14,680 therefore leaving us a cost of 0.633%.

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Patriotic Pen Ceremony had great essays and it was great to see the young kids honoring our veterans.
Local Law #4 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.
Warwick trip was great a great experience, their architecture was done well and inspired us to have a small architectural review.

Mr. Oney- no old business

Mr. Ritchie-

Warwick tour they are really thinking outside the box, the Dunkin Donuts was so unique.

Mr. Hendricks-

Thanks CDA Director Valerie Maginski for setting up the tour in Warwick.

Mr. Bavoso- no old business

Mr. Cunningham- no old business

Mr. Belcher- no old business

Mr. Waligroski- no old business

Mr. Bell- no old business

New Business:

Mr. Bell-

Fourth Ward Meeting is at 7pm at Hose 4.

Mr. Waligroski-

Look out for street lights that may be out and call the Police or DPW and let them know.
Beauty and the Beast Junior is on January 23 and 24.

Mr. Belcher-

In connection to the resolution I also wrote one of my own and have sent out emails to many people and municipalities, but have only heard from 10 municipalities and 3 private citizens.
Consumer protection for NYS has been dissolved for ten years so we need to be more involved.

Mr. Cunningham- no new business

Mr. Bavoso- no new business

Mr. Hendricks- no new business

New Business(continued)

Mr. Ritchie-

On January 27th at 7pm the Second Ward meeting will be held in the Council Chambers.

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Bell for resolution to approve an addendum the Future Homes Technology sub lease.

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

Mr. Oney- no new business

Mr. Siegel-

If you do not use the City's sewer system, you can go down the City Clerk's Office and fill out an Affidavit and they will remove the sewer fee from your bill.

There is now a \$250 fine for dumping electronics including cables, they need to be returned to any store that sells them.

Meals on Wheels are getting some negative feedback on the new frozen meals, and there are no emergency meals now.

Public Comment

NONE

Executive Session set-

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

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to go into executive session.

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

Meeting Reconvened at 10:21pm

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the natural land trust to do a code review relative to storm water at no cost to The City.

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

Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Ritchie for The City of Port Jervis to be in contract with The Deerpark Humane Society for 2015.

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

Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Waligroski to approve the CDA contract.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve the City Sales Tax agreement with Orange County.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell to enter into contract with McGoey & Hauser for design proposal for the Church Street Recreation Building.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bell to set a Public Hearing to for Local Law #2 of 2015.

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

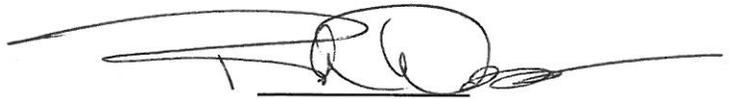
Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to accept Mc Goey, Hauser, Edsall as our Engineers for The City and representatives for the Orange County Transportation Council.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 (Waligroski) CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned -

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to adjourn the meeting at 10:24p.m.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robin Waizenegger', with a horizontal line underneath it.

**Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk-Treasurer**