

March 9, 2015

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, March 9th, 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, CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, Special City Counsel Michael Fox, and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance-

Mayor Decker and The Orange County Hare Raisers President Kacie Douglas and reporter Brandon Weiss led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Decker Held a moment of silence for ex-councilman Rex Horan.**Youth Report given by Mr. Michael Conklin-**

Kobie Lane finished his indoor track season as the OCIAA 3200m and 1600m champion, holding record for Port Jervis.

Raider seniors Taylor Johaneman and Robert Cal have been selected as 2015 Port Jervis High School O.C.I.A.A. Scholar-Athletes of the year.

On February 18th Mr. McCarthy coordinated with the Delaware Highlands Conservancy and National Park Services in the effort to give the students a real life application of science and conservation, there were 7 eagle sightings.

The Middle School hosted "Mix it Up for Lunch" day, where kids sit with different people for lunch at least one day out of the year to teach tolerance and encourage meeting new people.

Last week ASK and HBE both celebrated Dr. Seuss week with lots of fun activities.

On Sunday March 15th the Tri-state spelling bee will be held at the Middle School.

Last Saturday March 7th was the premier of the Hudson Valley Honor flight Generation Bridge Movie. If you didn't see it you get a second chance at its premier in Suffern on March 14th.

Public Comment-

Christopher VanHouten, First Ward - would like to request a committee be developed for the purpose of breaking the ice on the Delaware River.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve the minutes of the February 23, 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 approve the Warrant for the Collection of 2015 City Tax for the City of Port Jervis.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the sewer use fees resolution.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to move Heather Tigue from provisional to permanent status based upon the passage of the civil service exam for Account Clerk Typist, still being subject to the one year probation of her hire date October 7th, 2014.

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

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Finance Committee (Continued)

Motion by Mr. Bell seconded by Mr. Siegel to terminate Colleen Daly from her provisional employment retroactive to the failure of the Account Clerk typist test on January 31, 2015.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Siegel to Hire Carol Gurliacci for Account Clerk Typist, subject to one year probation from her hire date of March 12, 2015.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$184,108.72.

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

Finance committee had requests from all the City Departments in the amount of \$184,000, but only an allotment of \$100,000 so they spent most of the last meeting getting the budget numbers to work out.

The next meeting will be held on March 25th, at 6:00pm.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee-

Motion of Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell to remove Hank Roberts from the active fire department rolls effective February 9th, due to his passing.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Hendricks to change date of participation of Engine 5 in the Middletown Parade from September to October 3rd, 2015, and for Rescue 3 to hold a special memorial service for Henry Roberts at the station on Saturday March 21, 2015 at 7pm.

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

The next meeting will be Monday March 16, at 7pm in council chambers.

Code Committee-

Last meeting was March 7, at 7:00pm.

The next meeting will be April 1, 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.

Dpw is continuingly to clean out catch basins as the snow melts.

The City's brush pile and bulk waste pile will be open on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month and no coupon will be needed.

Next meeting will be held Monday April 6, 6:00pm

Police Committee-

The last meeting was March 1st

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to accept February and March's Police Committee minutes.

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

Chief Worden is interviewing for the police officer vacancy for the March academy class.

City Wide Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held March 26th at 7pm at the Drew Methodist Church.

On April 11th from 9 – 11am at the Erie Trackside the Business Owner Crime Prevention Breakfast.

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

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Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Last met on February 25th.

The America's Best Communities application is due on March 25th in which the Chamber is the lead agency partnered with Port Jervis and Deerpark.

Ms. Maginski is working on the Micro Enterprise Grant where we could receive \$200,000 to assist 10 new businesses.

An application for AHC was delivered on February 13th we anticipate getting results in the spring.

The Complete Streets presentation for the revitalization of the down town area will be held at the next council meeting.

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

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

The last meeting was held on January 14.

The next meeting will be March 11 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 February 24.

Time Warner Cable is rewiring the development for better service as renovations continue.

The next meeting will be March 31, at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

Recreation Commission-

Updates:

- The Youth Basketball Program has come to an end this past week.
- Youth Karate is wrapping up in the next two weeks.
- Youth Judo continues at the Middle School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.
- Upcoming Recreation Special Events:
 - Easter Candy Dash- April 4, at Church Street Park at 11:00am.
 - Spring Port Pride Day- Saturday April 11, at City Playgrounds at 10:00am.
 - 22nd Annual Delaware River Run- Sunday May 3, at riverside Park at 9:00am.

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

Tourism Board-

The last meeting was held on February 18th.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals-

The last meeting on March 3rd was canceled due to possible incimate weather.

The next meeting will be held on March 10, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

The last meeting was held on February 17th.

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

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Plumbing Board-

The last meeting was held on March 4th.

Nothing to be reported.

The next meeting will be held on April 1st at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers.

Electrical Board-

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

Nothing to be reported.

The next meeting will be held on April 1st 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 has a meeting on March 13th with the County.

Access 23 TV-

Putting job listings on their bulletin board.

Mayor's Correspondence-

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

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.

This week Mayor Decker will be attending Grace Episcopal Church at 10:15.

Mayor talks about changes to his Face book page.

Mayor Decker welcomes Dr. Reilly an Endovascular Surgeon to our community.

Dr. Reilly is holding Ladies Night Out on March 23rd at the Erie, but you must pre-register.

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

Mayor Decker re-appointed Mr. Bell to the IDA with term ending 1/31/2020.

Take Back the Streets will be held at Thursday March 26th 7pm at Drew Methodist Church.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to set a Public Hearing for Local Law #3 2015.

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

The next meeting will be held on March 10, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Orange County Municipal Planning Federation is now accepting applications for their 2015 paid summer internship.

Orange and Rockland has sent out a memo stating all utility workers must carry a photo ID, do not allow anyone on or in your property without ID.

2015 City Tax bills are coming out with a tax increase still under the state mandated tax cap. The taxes have \$52,000 of unpaid maintenance invoices added to them which are delinquent.

Many snow removal bills are to be issued by the end of the week.

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Local Law #4 of 2014 is in effect, we are aggressively enforcing of that law. Thank you to all that have continued to dig out fire hydrants in your neighborhood. If you see code violations or any other issues call the Building Department or the Police. Please make sure your house is numbered clearly, it is a code violation. If you see something, do something.

Mr. Oney-

Gives condolences to Rex Horan's family.

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Old Business (Continued)

Mr. Ritchie-

Gives condolences to Rex Horan's family.

Second Ward Neighborhood Watch meeting was a success and Mr. Ritchie thanks everyone who attended.

The next 2nd Ward Meeting will be held on March 24th.

Mr. Hendricks-

Gives condolences to Horan and Roberts family.

Mr. Bavoso-

Gives condolences to Horan and Roberts's family.

Mr. Cunningham-

Gives condolences to Marleene, the Horan, and Roberts family.

Mr. Belcher-

Gives condolences to Horan and Roberts family. Mr. Belcher thanks everyone who attended the 2nd ward meeting and notify everyone that the next meeting will be held on March 24th.

Mr. Waligroski- no old business

Mr. Bell-

Gives condolences to Horan and Roberts family. Reminder that March 18th the 4th ward meeting will be held 7pm at Hose 4.

New Business:

Mr. Bell- no new business

Mr. Waligroski- no new business

Mr. Belcher-

Mentions about Orange and Rockland's rate increase and how it is not something you can get around with an independent supplier. Mr. Belcher encourages everyone to write letters to stop the increase.

Mr. Cunningham-

Wishes everyone a happy and beautiful St. Patty's Day.

Mr. Bavoso- no new business

Mr. Hendricks-

Talks about Take Back the Streets and that it is sponsored by the Port Jervis Police Department.

Mr. Ritchie- no new business

Mr. Oney- no new business

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New Business (Continued)**Mr. Siegel-**

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. Seniors please contact the Assessor's office to see if you are eligible for reduced sewer rates. Contact Solar City or myself if you are interested in getting solar panels. Gives condolences to Horan and Roberts family.

Public Comment

None

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 , Chief of Police William Wordon, Building Official David Rivera, and, DPW Director Jack Farr.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Hendricks to adjourn to executive session at 7:56pm.

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

Meeting Reconvened at 10:05pm

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to allow a side agreement for the City Clerk's office for compensation time.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to allow the City Clerk Treasurer to hire part time help in her office.

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

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bell to hire Sean Riordan as part time in the DPW.

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

Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Ritchie for the resolution of reinstating Officer Michael Decker with 80 hours sick leave for October 10 – 14 and November 1 – 5, 2012.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell to allow Rachel Durneck to work in the recreation department through East Stroudsburg University Practicum Program.

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

Meeting Adjourned -

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Waligroski to adjourn the meeting at 10:09p.m.

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

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk-Treasurer

March 11, 2015

Special Meeting-

The special meeting of the City of Port Jervis Common Council was held in the Council Chambers, 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis, New York on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Decker and Mr. Frank Bell, Mr. George Belcher, Mr. Stanley Siegel, Mr. Robert Ritchie, Mr. Carl Hendrick, and Mr. Gerald Oney from the Common Council were present. Absent Council Members were Mr. David Bavoso, Mr. Robert Waligroski and Mr. Kevin Cunningham. City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, Police Lt. William VanInwegan and Special City Counsel Michael Fox were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance-

Mayor Decker led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Decker stated that the purpose of the special meeting was for personnel hiring in the police department.

Councilman Carl Hendricks read into the record a letter of recommendation from Police Chief William Worden to hire Mr. Thomas J Kimiecik as a police officer.

Carl Hendricks then motioned to hire Mr. Thomas Kimiecik provisionally as a probationary police officer with the appointment to be effective March 23, 2015 to coincide with the start of the police academy training as recommended by the Police Chief. Seconded by George Belcher

Councilman Bell as part of the discussion inquired of the new hire candidate his background and residence status.

Mr. Kimiecik reported that he had a Associates degree from OCCC and Bachelor's degree from Oneonta and has previously worked in Security and Corrections. He is currently a resident of the City of Port Jervis.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned -

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Hendricks to adjourn the meeting at 6:04p.m.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk-Treasurer