

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 November 24, 2014 at 7:00pm. Regular Meeting

All members of the Common Council were present, except Mayor Decker. Mr. Bavoso Councilmen at Large was representative for Mayor Decker. Assistant DPW Director Steve Duryea, Fire Chief Jeffery Rhoades, Director of Recreation John Faggione, Police Chief William Worden, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso was also present. Attendance

Mr. Bavoso, Anthony Mobley of Pack 67, Casey Douglas of Troop 553, and Johnathan Weiss of Troop 68 led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Bavoso held a moment of silence Tom Owens.

Motion made by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Siegel to reschedule the public hearing of local law 13 to December 8th.
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Motion made by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Bell to reschedule the public hearing of the budget meeting to December 8th.
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

The Youth Report, given by Mr. Bavoso, included the following: Youth Report given

- Tomorrow is a half day for Port Jervis students.
- 6 fall Varsity Sports athletes qualified for the NY State Public High School Athletic Association Team Scholar- Athlete Awards.

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| Boys Cross Country with 95.1 GPA | Girls Volleyball 93.84 GPA |
| Girls Cross Country 39.29 GPA | Football 90.88 GPA |
| Girls Soccer 90.18 GPA | Boys Soccer 90.92 GPA |
- December 4th at 7PM the High School is holding a Financial Aid/Scholarship night.
- December 10th is the Student Council Blood Drive.
- ASK students collected canned food for the community totaling 1,930 items.
- HBE is holding a "Stuff the Bus" event to collect non-perishable items to benefit the Backpack Snack Attack Program.

Senior Club had an excursion to see Anything Goes at West Point. At the Nov 13th meeting the board members were announced as follows Judy Gray as President, Maryanne Campbell as Vice President, Mary Stevens as Secretary, and Alice Pagano as Treasurer. Senior Report given
Next meeting is the second Wednesday of the month.

Joe Curtis, Second Ward spoke about Mr. Kutcher's death.

Shamous Dunning, Second Ward asked to see more police presence in the business district. Public Comment given

Anne Hoosham, from Port Jervis Council and Community Agency, was asking for clarification of the vote to close DSS & Probation and what might happen to the employees there.

Ray Zukawski, from Huguenot who works for Empowering Port Jervis, spoke about the effects of closing the mental health offices in Port Jervis.

Lorraine Marquez spoke about the effects of taxes on the community today and how in older times things were taken care of with fewer taxes.

Motion made by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Waligroski to accept the minutes of the regular Common Council meeting held on October 27th. Minutes of the 11/10/2014 Regular meeting approved
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

**Committee
Reports given-**

Motion made by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to accept the last finance meetings minutes.

**Finance
Committee**

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 (Mr. Belcher) Carried

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to approve the unpaid bills in the following amounts: \$734,793.29 General Fund, \$30,856.58 Water Fund, and \$365,997.28 Capital Fund.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Next Finance meeting is December 18th, and the budget meeting is December 4th at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers

Motion made by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Siegel to allow Christopher Clune to become an active junior member of Engine 5 of the Port Jervis Fire Department .

**Fire and
Emergency
Management
(FEM)
Committee**

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

The next FEM Committee meeting will be December 15th after the DPW meeting.

Last meeting was on November 5th.

**Code
Committee**

The Building and Code Department is going to start taking action to make sure landlords are taking care of their properties.

Next Code meeting will be held on December the 3rd, returning back to the 7:00 start time.

Motion made by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Hendricks to accept the last DPW meetings minutes.

**Department of
Public Works
(DPW)
Committee**

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

The DPW Update included:

- Bag leaf pick up will continue Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.
- City Christmas lights and decorative wreaths have been put up around town.
- Landfill and compost pile will be open from Dec 1st thru Dec 6th.
- Water Clarifier Project is on Schedule and making progress.

The next DPW Committee meeting will be December 15th at 6:00p.m in council chambers.

Last meeting was on November 3rd.

**Police
Committee**

Motion made by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to accept the October 2014 monthly report.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Motion made by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to accept the last Police Committee meetings minutes.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

The Police Committee Update Included:

- Sgt. Sargente held a presentation for a camera affixed to tasers and body cameras
- Received a grant for \$2,580 from Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau for traffic services.
- Juvenile Aid department received \$5,000 from the Orange County Youth Bureau to support programs for 2015.
- Off street parking from 1:00am until 6:00 am starts December 1st.

The next Police Committee meeting will be Monday December 1st at 6:00p.m.

Last CDA meeting was held November 19th.

CDA Update Included:

- Ruby Group gave a presentation to request more funding for 29-31 Front Street.
- Holding a Special Meeting on December 1st to vote on a full time position for the CDA

Liaison Reports given—

The next CDA meeting will be December 17th at 7pm in the Recreation building.

Community Development Agency (CDA)

The last IDA meeting was November 12th

Update was given regarding Status of Future Homes by their attorney.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)

The next IDA meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Last met on September 18th.

ADA

The next ADA meeting date will be announced at the next Council meeting.

Last meeting was November 15th.

Housing Authority

Meeting has changed to the fourth Tuesday of each month; therefore the next meeting will be on November 25th at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace

The Recreation Update was given and included the following:

- Recreation is collecting new toys for children in need for Santa's Toy Box from December 1st thru the 22nd.
- 2015 Youth Basketball Program starts December 13th for grades 3-6 Sign ups are as follows:
Sat December 6, 9am-12pm Sun December 7, 12pm-3pm, and Wed December 10, 6pm-8pm
- Busy Body Classes are canceled this Saturday and will resume on the morning of December 6th 9am-10:30am.
- Thanksgiving week Schedule
 - Monday November 24, 11am-5pm
 - Tuesday November 25, 11am – 5pm
 - Wednesday November 26, 11am – 3pm
 - Closed on Thursday and Friday November 27 & 28
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Recreation Commission

The next Recreation Commission meeting will be January 15th at 7:00pm at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board

Saturday November 29th the Christmas Tree Lighting will be held at Graeb Point at 6:00pm.
Sunday November 30th the Khristkindle Mart will be held at 10am -6pm with over 100 vendors.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Hendricks to close Jersey Avenue and Front Street from Fowler Street to Sussex Street to hold the Khristkindle Mart.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Tickets are on sale now for the Winter Concert at 7PM on Saturday December 13th.
Tickets are \$10 for advanced purchase and \$15 day of, students are free.

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and Planning Board

There was no meeting since the last Council Meeting.

Next ZBA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 2nd.

Planning Board last met on November 18th at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

Ming Moon LLC., everything was approved except for an enclosed dumpster, so they postponed the hearing for the next meeting.

NSR Auto Sales, was passed for use of 50 Fowler Street contingent on Orange County coming back with no further comments.

Next meeting will be December 16th, and there is a special meeting being held on November 25th at 7:00pm.

Plumbing and Electrical Boards

The next Plumbing and Electrical Boards' meetings will be held on December 3rd at 6:30p.m.

Senior Advisory

There are no issues to report; Deerpark Senior Center held a sit-down Thanksgiving Dinner for our area seniors.

Access 23 TV

There was no Access 23 TV report given.

Mayor's Correspondence reviewed

The Mayor received a thank you card from the Soap Box Derby.

Port Jervis Business Contact information form is still available to everyone at the Mayor's Office or online at the Port Jervis Website.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to allow the DPW to use the bus for the City Lights Tour.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

The City Lights Tour is to be held from 5:00pm until 8:30pm

Tuesday December 16th
Thursday December 18th
Monday December 22nd

The City of Port Jervis will have a stop at Laurel Grove Cemetery on the NY State Haunted History Trail.

Received a letter from the County executive's office regarding the letter sent about the closure of the Probation offices in Port Jervis, stating they will take it into consideration and get back to us at a later date.

Saturday November 29th the Christmas Tree Lighting will be held at Graeb Point at 6:00pm.

Sunday November 30th the Khristkindle Mart will be held at 10am -6pm

Please be careful how and when you drive with increased traffic due to the holiday season.

City Clerk-Treasurer's Report given

Mrs. Waizenegger explained about receiving a temporary borrowing called a Bond Anticipation Note until we get our Financing from the USDA for the \$4,000,000 Water Treatment Clarifier.

She spoke about the recent Tax Lien Sale and how most properties were purchased by one single bidder.

**Old Business
discussed**

Mr. Siegel spoke about how public input has reduced time and money for the new parking passes.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mr. Bell to amend the overnight parking fees schedule in designated parking spots.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Please fill out your Bon Secours questionnaire.
If you see something, say something.

Mr. Oney no old business.

Mr. Ritchie, no old business.

Mr. Hendricks no old business.

Mr. Cunningham would like to publicly thank Dick and Darrel McKeebey for the wonderful job they did at the Trackside for the fundraising for Pennsylvania Troop Brian Dickson.

Mr. Belcher no old business.

Mr. Walingrowski spoke about how the traffic light on Pike St. and Hammond St. is now up and working.

Mr. Bell was disappointed about holding a combination 4th ward and neighborhood watch meeting and it being all the same people.

**New Business
discussed**

Mr. Bell wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Waligroski wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Wants everyone to be aware of the weather and how important it is to be careful on the roads and to clean off your roofs. Delaware Valley High School is doing a rendition of the Nutcracker this weekend.

Mr. Belcher talks about a letter he wrote to Mr. Schumer about his attempts to help with energy bills.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to adopt a resolution to protest a utility rate increase and file it with the NY State Public Service Commission.

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

Mr. Cunningham wishes his father-in-law a happy 90th birthday.

Mr. Hendricks no new business.

Mr. Ritchie let everyone know that tomorrow is second ward meeting. Wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Oney no new business.

Mr. Siegel wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and invites them to the Khristkindle mart, as well as letting the public know how important it is for them to show up at the meetings.

**Public
Comment given**

Judith Opelt, Fourth Ward wanted the Council to seriously take in to consideration the health of the people of Port Jervis before they close down the County building in town.

Anne Hoosham, from Empowering Port Jervis, read in a letter about Port Jervis written by Rohnda Zukawski.

Lorraine Marquez, Third Ward, noted that on January 15th at the Drew Methodist Church at 7:00pm will be the first City wide neighborhood watch meeting.

Ray Zukawski, talks about how Port Jervis and Mr. Kucher helped him find a place to call home.

Laura Meyer, from Port Jervis Tourism invites everyone to come down to the Christkindle Mart.

Council Enters Executive Session **Motion by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Oney, to enter into Executive Session with invitation extended to Mr. Fox and Mr. Faggione at 8:30 p.m.**

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

Meeting reconvened **The meeting was reconvened at 9:02pm.**

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to hire youth and adult basketball instructors as noted below:

Youth Basketball

Paid positions

**Warren Ponds
James Mizchuck
Jenny McElroy
Red Hossann**

Volunteer Positions

**Dawn Jones
Scott Robertson**

Volunteer Adult Basketball Position

Rosey Forbes

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

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve modifications to the Future Homed PILOT subject to review and approval of Special Corporation Counsel Michael Fox.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Hendricks to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Port Jervis Deerpark Humane Society at last year's level subject to Corporate Counsel's approval.

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

Meeting adjourned **Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Waligroski, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm.**

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

**Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk-Treasurer**