

September 14th, 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 September 14th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present. Acting Director of Public Works John Farr, Building Official Dave Rivera, Lieutenant Fitzpatrick, CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, Recreation Director John Fagg, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, and Special City Counsel Michael Fox and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance-

Mayor Decker, Christopher, Jayden and Annabella Epps from Troop 67 & Troop 209 led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Presentations-**The importance of School Attendance-**

Mr. Bonjovi was unable to attend, however rescheduled his presentation for the next council meeting being held September 28th, 2015.

Too Good for Drugs Program-

Lieutenant Fitzpatrick addressed the council to announce the launch of a new preventive drug program to be given to all Port Jervis 8th graders. MaryAlice Presto, PO Nicole McGowan, Valerie Maginsky and Mary Decker spoke about the importance of this program. All 8th graders will be attending the "Too Good for Drugs Program" during school hours for a total of 20 weeks throughout the school year. The curriculum includes work books, focuses on individual goals and teaches students how to obtain those goals. Special thanks to Operation PJ Pride, Bon Secours Community Hospital, City of Port Jervis, Port Jervis School District, Port Jervis Police Department, OCA & DAC of Orange County and Catholic Charities for organizing and implementing the "Too Good for Drugs Program" into the Port Jervis Middle School.

Youth Report given by Mr. Michael Conklin-

All Port Jervis Schools are back in session and doing well. There has been a lot of work done at all the buildings over the summer and look great!

Invites everyone to check out the YouTube video, the High School made. The link is on our website.

The planning of the Haunted House at Farnum is in full swing.

Fall sports are doing well and congratulated all teams on their latest victories.

September 22nd is senior picture retakes and Middle School picture day.

September 23rd is HBE picture day and September 24th & 25th are ASK picture days.

Open House Schedule:

ASK/HBE- September 16th at 7:00pm for grades 1-3 & September 17th at 7:00pm for grades 4-6.

HBE is holding a family fun night on Wednesday, September 23rd from 5:30-7:00pm. This night supports the Family Reading Night.

The next Board of Education meeting is being held on Tuesday, September 15th, at 7:00pm at the High School cafeteria.

Expressed sincere condolences to the McCarthy family, LouAnn was a wonderful coach, teacher and mentor whose legacy will surely live on.

Senior Report-

There was no report to be given today.

September 14th, 2015**Veterans Report-**

There was no report to be given today.

Public Comment-

Ann Horsham, 1st ward, invited everyone to the Tri-State Area Job Fair hosted by Easter Seals being held on September 29th from 10am-2pm at VFW Post 161 on Owen Street.

Wendy Allen, announced several informational classes, September 17th "Building Success for your Child in School" being held 6-8pm at Empowering Port Jervis, October 8th "Pep Talks-People Educate People" will talk about the power of motivation, October 12th will address anger issues.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve the minutes of the August 24th, 2015 regular meeting.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve a special meeting on September 2nd, 2015.

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

Committee Reports:**Finance Committee-**

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Belcher to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$58,041.70

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

The next meeting will be held on September 24th, at 7pm in the council chambers.

Announced the 4th ward neighborhood watch meeting will be held on September 16th at 7:00pm at Hose 4.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee-

The Fire Department responded to 34 calls in the month of August.

Announced 25 and 50 year members.

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the Inter-Department transfer of Michael Jergensen & Travis Wildrick from Howard Wheat Engine Company #4 to Tri-States Hose Company #6.

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Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to remove Brad Dain from active rolls due to non-participation in company and department drills, functions, and response to alarms.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve David Moore Sr. from Excelsior Engine Company 5 as a new driver.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve the following events:

Maghogomock Hook and Ladder Company #7, to have a booth at the Fall Foliage on September 27th, 2015 and to hold a chicken take out dinner on October 17, 2015.

Tri-State Hose Company #6, to have a booth at the Fall Foliage on September 27th, 2015.

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

Next meeting September 21st at 6:30 in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

Last meeting was September 2nd, 2015.

The next meeting will be October 7th, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

UPDATE:

Garbage pickup will be on regular schedule for the next 2 weeks.

No loose leaf pick up, so please bag your yard debris and put by the road. It will be picked up on the same Friday as your paper pick up.

The City compost and brush pile will be open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month.

Parts of the City will be getting new blacktop and Mr. Cunningham reminds citizens to be patient during construction.

The next meeting will be October 5th at 7:00pm.

Police Committee-

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the August Police Committee minutes

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

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the special meeting minutes held on August 20th, 2015.

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

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Waligroski to approve the August monthly report.

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

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Waligroski to approve the following; Hiring of Patrick Kerr as an entry level probationary Police Officer effective September 22nd, approve the reimbursement of training/body armor costs to Liberty Police Department and a uniform allowance to be given to Mr. Kerr.

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

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The next meeting will be October 5th at 6:30pm.

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Last meeting was August 26th.

Thanked Valerie Maginsky for the Drug Prevention Grant and The Tech Rescue Grant we received.

The next meeting will be September 23rd at 7pm.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

Discussed Future Homes Technology/Excel Company regarding their Pilot agreement with the City. September 21st the IDA will do a walk thru Future Homes facility and on September 30th the IDA will discuss the Pilot proposal presented to the City.

Next Meeting September 30th at 7pm.

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

Last meeting was July 7th.

Next meeting to be held October 1st at 6:00pm in the council chambers.

Housing Authority-

Last meeting was held on August 25th.

No report to be given.

The next meeting will be September 22nd, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

Recreation Commission:

Updates:

Saturday, September 19, 2015 the Rec Dept. will be holding the 2nd annual Rocking the City to Fight Hunger Concert at Riverside Park. The concert will be held from 11am-5pm. There will be more than ½ a dozen bands and singers performing throughout the day. Free admission however, we are asking anyone that comes down to bring a canned food item which we will donate to the local food pantry. Please help us help the community.

Back to school hours at the Youth Center will be Monday-Thursday from 3:00pm to 7:00pm, Friday 3:00pm-10:00pm and Saturday 11:00am-3:00pm. Friday evenings from 6:00pm-10:00 is our teen night and open only to Middle School and High School students.

The Fall/Winter schedule is now available to be picked up at the Youth Center or emailed. It is also on our Facebook page-Port

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Jervis Recreation. Programs and events this season include Busy Bodies arts and crafts, youth basketball, Halloween parade and Fall cleanup.

For any questions on programs or events contact the Recreation Office at (845) 858-4045 or email us at pirec@frontier.net. The next meeting will be Wednesday September 23rd, at 7:00 at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

The Tourism Board is finalizing plans for the Fall Foliage Festival being held September 27th, 2015 with over 125 vendors scheduled to attend.

Reminded all vendors that the Kriskindle applications are on the City's website.

Invited everyone to Access 23 on September 27th for a free open house to tour the station.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals-

Zoning Board received a pre-submission regrading 140 Jersey Ave.

A public hearing is scheduled for October 6th.

The next meeting will be held on October 6th, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

No report to given.

The next meeting will be held on September 15th at 7:00.

Plumbing Board-

Nothing to be reported.

There are no meetings during the summer months except when necessary.

Electrical Board-

Nothing to be reported.

There are no meetings during the summer months except when necessary.

Senior Advisory-

Advised everyone that there are vacancies at Water Edge.

Access 23 TV-

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Read a letter from Karl Richards, inviting everyone to attend the open house being held the same day as the fall foliage festival from 10:00am-5:00pm.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Mayor Decker asked for a moment of silence for the passing of two great people Jamie Willis and LouAnn McCarthy.

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Siegel to allow the Farnum House to hold their annual October Halloween Event.

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

Tourism Board appointed Peter Tomasi, as a new board member, effective September 14th, 2015.

Read a letter from Ann Horsham inviting everyone to attend "Deerpark Sounds Off" October 21st at 6:00pm at Empowering Port Jervis.

September 25th the Department of Veteran Affairs is holding a Town Hall meeting from 1:00pm-2:00pm in the council chambers, open to the public, to make suggestions on how to improve the program.

Mr. Decker encourages everyone to get involved in entering the scarecrow contest and looks forward to the Fall Foliage Festival on September 27th, 2015.

Mayor refuted and clarified Mr. Kidney's figures regarding the inequality of the sewer fee for 2 and 3 family homeowners and will make sure Mr. Kidney receives a copy of the report.

Thanked Orange County for the \$25,000.00 infrastructure grant.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Mrs. Waizenegger warned citizens of tax scams. The NYS Taxation and IRS are getting reports of scammers calling tax payers homes and demanding money for a tax debt. Please be careful.

Informed the council that cash flow is at a low point of the year. We are asking vendors for patience in payment because we just don't have the fund balance to cover low revenue periods like we use to.

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Attended the 911 memorial in Deerpark and thanked everyone involved for such an important event.

The Red Knights came into town to tour the Fire Museum, thanked everyone who helped show them a nice day in Port Jervis.

Reminded everyone to check out the Farmers Market every Saturday morning.

Expressed condolences to the McCarthy and Willis families.

Mr. Oney-

Expressed condolences for the McCarthy and Willis families as well.

Mr. Ritchie-

Expressed condolences as well and spoke about how these women did so much for the children of the community.

Mr. Hendrick-

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Spoke about how we all know someone who we have lost to cancer. Thinks this City was touched as a whole due to our recent losses and reminds citizens if you see a commercial or an ad to donate in an effort to irradiate this disease.

Mr. Bavoso- No old business

Mr. Cunningham-

Expressed condolences to both the Willis and McCarthy families.

Mr. Belcher-

Echoed the same condolences to both families.

Mr. Waligroski-

Sends his condolences to the Willis and McCarthy families and praying for anyone else who has cancer.

Mr. Bell-

Sends his condolences as well to the Willis and McCarthy families.

New Business:

Mr. Bell- No new business

Mr. Waligroski- No new business

Mr. Belcher- No new business

Mr. Cunningham-

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to spend \$22,000.00 from the water fund contingency account for the purchase of a new water pump.

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

Mr. Bavoso- No new business

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Mr. Hendrick- No new business

Mr. Ritchie- No new business

Mr. Oney- No new business

Mr. Siegel-

Echoed Mrs. Waizenegger's warning to be on the lookout for telephone scammers regarding tax debts. If citizens are looking into getting solar panels on their houses, Mr. Siegel urges everyone to look over the contacts carefully.

Public Comment

Chris Van Houten, 2nd ward, served Mr. Bavoso with papers.

Lorraine Marquez, 3rd ward, requested the City to use the Nixle system more during the paving construction.

MaryAlice Presto thanked everyone involved with the talent show.

Executive Session set-

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Waligroski to allow Executive session for CDA Contractual, Sale of City Owned Property, Personnel advice of counsel and contractual advice of counsel with invitation to CDA Director Valerie Maginsky and special corporation counsel.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to adjourn to executive session at 8:15pm.

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

Meeting Reconvened at 9:50pm

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to declare a 1999 Buick as a surplus vehicle and authorize the disposal of the vehicle.

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

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Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to rescind the \$200,000.00 Main Street grant.

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

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve and endorse the application for a grant under the Greenway Communities Grant program, for a project known as Hudson Valley Main Street: Economic Development Strategies.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Waligroski to permanently appoint John Farr as the Director of Public Works with an increase of pay by \$5,200.00 a year effective 9/14/2015.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Bell to appoint the CDA as the administrator for the Wagner Place Project.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to adopt the resolution of a proposal to have the New York State Legislature create boarder enterprise zones which will assist municipalities to promote competitive and vital economic growth.

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

Meeting Adjourned -

Motion by Mr. Cunningham seconded by Mr. Bell to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

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



Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer