

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance-**

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present. Mr. Bavoso arrived late at 8:05pm during executive session. Director of Public Works John Farr, Building Official Dave Rivera, Sergeant Flynn, CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, and Special City Counsel Michael Fox and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso were also present.

**Pledge of Allegiance-**

Mayor Decker, Matthew, Nicholas and Alexandra Ostrom from Girl Scout Troop 229 & Troop 67 led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Youth Report given by Mr. Michael Conklin-**

Congratulated all Port Jervis 2015 Hall of Fame inductees.

Last week was spirit week and homecoming for the High School. Homecoming King was awarded to Justin Rodriguez and homecoming Queen Arabia Williams.

Sign-ups for Winter sports are happening now, if interested see Athletic Director, Mr. Semerano.

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students running for a spot in student government delivered their candidate speeches to their peers during an assembly on Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>. After speeches were finished the entire student body cast their votes. Congratulations to all candidates.

October is National Bullying Prevention month. Everyone is encouraged to participate in daily activities during the month of October to promote anti-bullying.

HBE will be hosting an "Adventures of Wild Animals" show this Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be two showing, the first show will start at 6:00pm and the second will start at 7:00pm. Admission is free.

The next Board of Education meeting will be Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the High School cafeteria.

**Senior Report-**

There was no report to be given today.

**Veterans Report-**

Thanked Barry Longwell for volunteering to update the council on Veteran issues, each month. Mr. Siegel inquired about Sullivan Avenue School on behalf of the veterans.

**Public Comment-**

No public comment

**Minutes Approved-**

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Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve the minutes of the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regular meeting.

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

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee-**

Motion by Mr. Bell, Seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the 2016 Holiday Schedule.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, Seconded by Mr. Waligroski to approve the resolution for the Tax Anticipation Note.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, Seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve the resolution for the County Taxation Exemption for the watershed property for the year 2017.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Bavoso) 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 for a total of \$114,222.55

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

The next meeting will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7pm in the council chambers.

**Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee-**

Announced 25 and 50 year members.

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve Howard Wheat Engine Company #4 to attend the Wallington, New Jersey parade on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to remove James B. Fuller and Daren Howlett from active rolls effective immediately

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

Next meeting October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the council chambers.

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**Code Committee-**

Last meeting was October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

The next meeting will be November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00pm.

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

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the September 8<sup>th</sup> DPW meeting minutes.

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

**UPDATE:**

Garbage pickup will be 1 day late due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Police Committee-**

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the September monthly police report

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

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the resolution for the 2015 Halloween Curfew to be enforced October 19<sup>th</sup> thru November 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

The next meeting will be November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Liaison Reports:**

**Community Development Agency (CDA)-**

Last meeting was September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The next meeting will be October 28th at 7pm.

**Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-**

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Special meeting was held September 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss Future Homes Technology/Excel Company regarding their Pilot agreement with the City. The board declared default on the lease which effectively terminates the pilot agreement, which forces Future Homes to execute their dollar buyout option.

Next Meeting October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-**

Last meeting was October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

Discussed and reviewed the new City sidewalks and curb cuts.

Next meeting to be held February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the council chambers.

**Housing Authority-**

Last meeting was held on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

No report to be given.

The next meeting will be October 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

**Recreation Commission:**

Updates:

The Recreation Department's 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Parade is being held October 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. Line-up will be at 3:00pm on Hammond Street in front of City Hall. Refreshments and prizes will be given at the conclusion of the parade.

This past Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> we held a dance at the Youth Center during our teen night and more than 70 teens attended.

Thanked DJ G-Gina Fitzpatrick for a great night.

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 Recreation sponsored trip to the NY Jet Football game this weekend, is sold out, and thanked all that are attending.

For any questions on programs or events contact the Recreation Office at (845) 858-4045 or email us at [pjrec@frontier.net](mailto:pjrec@frontier.net).

The next meeting will be Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 at the Youth Center.

**Tourism Board-**

Laura Meyer informed everyone that the Tourism Board is working hard on the next City event, the Christkindlemarkt being held the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

The next meeting will be on November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the down stairs conference room.

**Zoning Board of Appeals-**

Board approved 140 Jersey Ave to have a single family resident variance.

The next meeting will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

**Planning Board-**

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No report given.

The next meeting will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Plumbing Board-**

Nothing to be reported.

**Electrical Board-**

Nothing to be reported.

The next meeting will be held November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm.

**Senior Advisory-**

Advised everyone that there are vacancies at Water Edge.

**Access 23 TV-**

Mr. Siegel welcomed back camera man Tom Castelonia.

**Mayor's Correspondence-**

Reminded citizens that the winter parking regulations will be in effect December 1<sup>st</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup> and citizens can obtain a parking permit at the City Clerk's Office for a fee of \$40.00 per permit.

Talked briefly about the Zoning Board decision regarding 140 Jersey Ave converting back to a single family residence.

Water's Edge invites citizens over the age 55 to their open house on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the road closure from Front Street from Sussex to Pike Street to allow Brother Bruno's to sponsor a Christmas Gift giveaway on December 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm-4:00pm.

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

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness month. The clothesline project will be on display October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 10:00am-4:00pm at Orange Square Park.

**City Clerk Treasurer's Report-**

Advised everyone that the 2015 tax lien sale has been advertised in the Times-Herald Record and will run every Friday till the time of sale.

Invited council members to attend the monthly finance meetings and noted that the 10/22/15 meeting will include the 2014 Audit presentation.

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**Old Business:**

**Mr. Siegel-**

Spoke about meeting the Banach brothers and what an honor it was.

Reminded everyone of the farmers market, Saturday from 8:00am-1:00pm

Encouraged citizens to become volunteers for the Port Jervis Fire Department. If anyone is interested they can stop by or call any fire house.

Discussed the Meal on Wheels program and wanted to inform people that the program has been improved and encouraged people to join. If interested please call the Office of the Aging at 615-3700.

**Mr. Oney-**

**Mr. Ritchie-**

Encouraged citizens/council to donate to the Christmas Gift Giveaway.

**Mr. Hendrick-** No old business

**Mr. Bavoso-** Absent

**Mr. Cunningham-** No old business

**Mr. Belcher-** No old business

**Mr. Waligroski-** No old business

**Mr. Bell-**

Held up the newspaper clipping of the 2015 Tax Lien properties and commented on how many properties still need to be claimed.

**New Business:**

**Mr. Bell-**

Congratulated Mr. Siegel on his 50 years in the Fire Department.

Thanked Mayor Decker on his terrific job at the alumni dinner.

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**Mr. Waligroski-**

Reminded everyone that the Tri-State Chamber of commerce is hosting their annual 5k race on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am at Riverside Park.

**Mr. Belcher- No new business**

**Mr. Cunningham-** No new business

**Mr. Bavoso-** Absent

**Mr. Hendrick-** No new business

**Mr. Ritchie-** No new business

**Mr. Oney-**

Wanted to ensure that the Meals on Wheels Program is addressing issues and improving the program.

**Mr. Siegel-**

Thanked the DPW for the great paving job on Main Street.

**Public Comment**

Chris Van Houten, 2<sup>nd</sup> ward, wanted to know why the Halloween curfew is extending past the Halloween holiday itself.

**Executive Session set-**

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to allow Executive session to seek the advice of counsel with respect to 46-48 Front Street and 24-32 Front Street

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

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Hendrick to adjourn to executive session at 7:50pm.

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

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015**Meeting Reconvened at 9:03pm**

Mr. Siegel noted that that Banach Brothers sold 500 copies of their book during their stay in Port Jervis.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve the resolution relating to the building and property known as 24-32 Front Street within the City.

Discussion:

Mr. Siegel doesn't agree with forgiving the taxes on this property.

Mr. Decker states we are preserving the integrity of the downtown Front Street.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to the building and property known as 46-48 Front Street.

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

Discussion:

Mr. Siegel stated this option will be cheaper for tax payers.

Mr. Waligroski thinks this is a good investment after looking at everything this company has to offer.

Mr. Belcher believes we will gain more than we lose on this deal.

Mr. Bell thinks these deals are crucial in getting the identity of our downtown back.

Mayor Decker stated that David Krantz and Sean Donnelly have gone above and beyond to get this project off the ground.

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the hire of Debbie Rutt as a part time, per diem accounting temp at a rate of \$22.50 an hr.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to allow Mayor Decker to sign a retainer agreement for Mike Fox as the assistant corporation counsel.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to appoint Mike Fox & his new firm, Catania, Mahon, Milligram & Rider to allow the firm to have special counsel privileges.

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

**Meeting Adjourned -**

Motion by Mr. Cunningham seconded by Mr. Waligroski to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

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

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Robin Waizenegger  
City Clerk Treasurer