

February 8th, 2016**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 February 8th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present. DPW Director John Farr, CDA Director, Recreation Director John Faggione, Building Official David Rivera, Police Chief William Worden, 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Thomas Snyder, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance-

Mayor Decker and Steven Trotta from Boy Scout Troop 68 led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Youth Report given by Mr. Matthew Conklin-

Science teacher Mr. McCarthy is taking a fishy situation and creating a unique learning opportunity for students. The Trout in the Classroom Program, sponsored with grant funding from the Port Jervis Educational Foundation, charts the growth and development of Brown Trout.

The Harlem Wizards will return March 2nd to challenge the Port Jervis Faculty. All proceeds to support SADD and the All-Night Grad Party. For game details and info visit the pjschools.org website.

With help from the Port Jervis Educational Foundation, The Middle School Market is back open for business every day after school and the shelves are stocked with treats, water and sports drinks. The PJMS is offering parents an opportunity to place ads in the yearbook. Yearbook ad information is available on the website and ads are due February 16th, 2016.

ASK students will be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart event to raise money for American Heart Association. The event teaches students how to take care of their hearts while experiencing the joy of giving back to their community.

HBE 4th graders learned about colonial life when Sam Ladley visited the school. He brought various period artifacts and showed students how to hand-dip candles.

Kindergarten registration is for all children who will be 5 years old on or before December 1st, 2016. Students do not need to attend but parents are urged to visit the school website for more information.

Due to the mild winter, Port Jervis Schools will take an unused snow day February 11th, 2016. There will be no school for students. District offices will be open. School will reopen on Tuesday, February 16th after the Presidents Weekend.

The next board of Education Meeting is February 16th, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Senior Report-

Mr. Siegel is asking for any seniors willing and able to give the council a monthly report on senior living to please contact him or the Mayor's office.

Veterans Report-

Mr. Siegel is asking for any Veterans willing to give the council a monthly report on Veteran activity to please contact him or the Mayor's office.

February 8th, 2016**Public Hearing-****Local Law#1- Override the Tax levy Limit**

Dan, Business Owner 1st ward, states that New York State started the tax cap limit to become competitive in attracting new businesses and by raising the limit it will chase businesses out of Port Jervis.

Tom Faggione, County Legislator, asks the council to reconsider Local Law #1 and suggests tabling this issue till late spring, early summer.

Judy Opelt, 4th ward, agrees with Mr. Faggione's comment and she believes the City is passing the Local Law early in the year because their minds are already made up on raising taxes.

Sarah Hendry read a statement from Karl Brabenec in which he asks the council to reconsider passing this Local Law. He went on to explain during his tenure in Deerpark he refrained from exceeding the tax cap and suggests the council find new ideas for cost saving in all aspects of the budget.

Mrs. Hendry stated that she fully supports the NYS tax cap and will be voting no on passing Local Law #1. She went to say that the City needs to be restructured in regards to services and spending and a long term financial plan needs to be implemented. By passing this Local Law, Mrs. Hendry believes the council is already giving up without any plan or incentive and no expectations that a similar scenario won't recur for the 2017 budget.

Mr. Siegel- agrees with Mrs. Hendry and will also be voting no for Local Law #1.

Mr. Bavoso- doesn't agree that the Council has given up and explained that the reason municipalities pass this law is for the flexibility in case an unforeseen circumstance arises. No one knows what the year will bring and it's better to be safe than sorry. Mr. Bavoso understands everyone wants cost savings but reminds residents that those cuts usually come from DPW and the Police Dept. and having cuts of that nature are detrimental to the quality of life here in the City. He thinks this is prudent business and no indication of anyone giving up on getting below the tax cap number.

Mr. Belcher- doesn't agree with New York State who imposes this tax cap but in turn forces municipalities into unfunded mandates which automatically go above the tax cap.

Mr. Bell- informed residents that the City has passed this Local Law for the past 4 years and have only exceeded the cap 1 year. Explains this is a protective measure to protect the City in case of any kind of catastrophic event such as floods.

Evan Baker, Outreach Coordinator for Empowering Port Jervis, asked the council if a catastrophic were to happen and the City was forced to raise taxes to deal with the aftermath, if that raise would be permanent or temporary.

Council responded that it is too hard to determine what would happen considering the different scenarios.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to close public hearing on Local Law #1.

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

Local Law #2- Relating to Fees Charged by Engineers

Judy Opelt, 4th ward, asked the council if she can hire her own engineer.

Council replied that the law doesn't apply to her question but rather the City paying for fee's associated with engineer work.

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Motion by Mr. Bell, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to close the public hearing on Local Law #2.

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

Local Law #3- Ability to Apply All Unpaid Building Fees to City Taxes

No public comment

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to close the public hearing on Local Law #3.

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

Local Law #4- Change in Zoning Law to Reflect Word Usage for Wineries and Tasting Rooms

No public comment.

Motion by Mr. Bell, Seconded by Mr. Ritchie to close the public hearing on Local Law #4.

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

Local Law #5- Relating to Hours of Operation for Auctions

Mr. Siegel commented that Local Law 3, 4 & 5 are very common and most municipalities are already doing these things.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Bell to close the public hearing on Local Law #5.

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

Local Law #6- Water Shut Off if No Certificate of Occupancy Exists

Ray Zukoski, Empowering Port Jervis, asked if a tenant living in houses where the owner doesn't comply with the law if the City is going to go ahead and shut of water service.

Council responded that if a building doesn't have a certificate of occupancy then no one would be living there because it would be deemed unsafe.

Evan Baker, Empowering Port Jervis, worries this law will violate human rights and displace residents.

Council responded and tried to clarify the language but Mr. Baker didn't understand the intent behind the law.

Bill Onofry, 3rd ward, explained that most buildings here in the City predate the Code Law and in turn do not have a CO, he suggested that the language stated in the law be revised because of its vague nature and needs to be more defined but agrees and understands the council's intent behind the proposed law.

Lorraine Marquez, 3rd ward, asked about the definition of certificate occupancy and stated that she couldn't find the descriptions of the Local Laws on the City website.

Judy Opelt, 4th ward, thanked Mr. Onofry for his comments. She fears the City will shut off the water to her house and her neighbors without justification.

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Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to close the public hearing on Local Law #6.

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

Public Comment-

Tom Faggione, County Legislator, thanked the Mayor for the enlightening workshop on Energize New York. He thinks it's a good opportunity and anything he can do at the county level, he'll be more than willing to help. Informed the council of updates that are happening at the county level the first being the expansion of the Heritage Trail and Mr. Faggione applauded the Mayor and his efforts to bring the canal back to life. The second topic Mr. Faggione spoke about was the Social Host Law where the county is working closely with the School District and the City of Port Jervis to inform parents of the new Law. This Law will hold the host responsible for knowingly allow any underage drinking to occur.

Eric Keys, resident of New Windsor, asked the council for forgiveness of \$166.35 in penalties, due to the wrong address being filed with the Assessor.

Mayor Decker responded that the council with discuss this matter during execution session.

Judy Opelt, 4th ward, asked the council if recycling rules had changed because the DPW threw her cardboard in with regular garbage and thinks the City should look into how much Local Laws cost.

Bill Onofry, 3rd ward, strongly encourages the City to hire professionals that live within the City limits. He also thinks that multifamily landlords are not the biggest issue for Port Jervis and the City should be working with landlords instead of fighting them at every step.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the minutes of the January 25th, 2016 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 current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$456,225.39

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve the Mayor to sign the Crown Castle lease agreement for a sum of \$50,000.00 and for attorneys review.

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

The next meeting will be held on February 17th, at 6:30pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee-

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Trovei to approve Nicholas Mandara for active membership.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve Morgan R. Mosher, III for active membership.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to remove Jason Ward from active membership rolls.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to remove Tracie Rohner from active membership rolls.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bell to appoint Jeffrey D. Lewis to Fire Police.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to appoint William P. Conklin to Fire Police.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve William P. Conklin as a probationary driver.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve David Moore, Jr. as an Emergency Driver.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve George Padgett, Jr. as an Emergency Driver.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve Delaware Engine Co.2 to attend a parade in Ossining on May 21st, 2016.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve the following events for Fowler's Rescue & Salvage Company #3.
Car Wash Fundraiser on 5/14/2016, 6/25/2016 & 8/13/2016
Sausage & Pepper Booth at the Soap Box Derby on 6/12/2016

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the following events for Excelsior Engine Company #5.

Superbowl Party on 2/7/2016

Daytona 500 Party on 2/22/2016

Pizza Takeout on 3/25/2016

Comedy Night at the PJHS on 4/23/16

Pizza & Funnel Cake Booth at the SoapBox Derby on 6/12/2016

Attend a parade in Middletown, NY on 9/10/2016

Pizza & Funnel Cake Booth at the Fall Foliage Festival on 9/25/2016

Children's Christmas Party on 12/18/2016

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the following events for Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company #1.

Super Bowl Party on 2/7/2016

Roast Beef Dinner Fundraiser on 3/12/2016

Chicken Barbecue Fundraiser on 5/14/2016

Motorcycle Bike Run on 8/20/2016

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Chicken Barbecue Fundraiser in fall 2016

Attend a parade in Middletown on 9/10/2016

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Fire Departments participation in the following City Events.

166th Annual Inspection Day Parade on 7/9/2016

Memorial Day Parade on 5/30/2016

Veteran's Day Parade on 11/11/2016

Rick Drew Christmas Parade on 12/4/2016

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Fire Department to conduct a Coin Toss at various locations throughout the City on the following dates.

5/27/2016

5/28/2016

7/1/2016

7/2/2016

9/2/2016

9/3/2016

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

Announced all 25 & 50 year members.

Mr. Siegel encouraged all young adults to join the Fire Department.

Announced that July 9th will be Parade Day.

The next meeting will be held on February 15th, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Code Committee-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Bell to adopt Local Law #1.

Mrs. Trovei- wants to table and revisit this subject at a later date

Mrs. Hendry- Agrees with Mrs. Trovei

Mr. Ritchie- Agrees that the council can revisit this Law in April or May

Mr. Siegel- Thinks they should wait until the council has had a chance for input

Mr. Foster- In favor of postponing this Law till a later date

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- Agrees the council should table

MOTION RECINDED

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to adopt now Local Law #1 with renumbering relating to engineering fees.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Bell to adopt Local Law #2 relating to delinquent building fees.

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

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Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to adopt Local Law #3 relating to definitions added to the Zoning Law.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to adopt Local Law #4 relating to days of operation for auctions.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to adopt Local Law #5 relating to the turn off of water.

Mr. Bavoso-suggested clarifying the language

Mr. Siegel- wants citizens to live in a residence that's safe and wants this Law to go back to codes for more discussion.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve a public hearing for Local Law #5 relating to a transfer tax on February 22nd at 7:00pm.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a public hearing for Local Law #6 relating to snow and ice removal on February 22nd at 7:01pm.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a public hearing for Local Law #7 relating to property maintenance on February 22nd at 7:02pm.

Mr. Bell, Mrs. Trovei & Mr. Foster all voiced opposition to this proposed law

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

Mr. Bavoso stated that the committee discussed changes to the animal law and relating to stray cats, taxi license law and changes to the sewer fee.

The next meeting will be March 2nd, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

UPDATE:

Garbage pickup will be 1 day later due to the Presidents Day Holiday.

Please call the DPW office 845-858-4001 if you need your Christmas tree to be picked up.

Every Saturday from 7:15am-11:30am the dump will be open for residents to use. Dump passes can be purchased at the City Clerk's Office for \$10.00 per pass.

Next meeting will be held March 7th, 2016 at 6:00pm

Police Committee-

Had a positive meeting with Chief informing the committee that they had helped a homeless gentlemen obtain his own apartment. They also discussed lowering the speed limit on side streets to 25mph and Mr. Ritchie congratulated PO McGowan on the completion of DARE school.

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The next meeting will be February 16th at 7:00pm.

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Had an introduction to new board members.
The next meeting will be February 24th at 7:00pm.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

No report given
Next Meeting February 17th at 6pm.

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

Last meeting was February 4th, 2015
An estimated 10-15 handicap ramps were installed last year throughout the City.
The ADA is looking into where the City needs more ramps and 5 stamped cross walks are to be installed this spring.

Next meeting to be held May 2nd at 6:00pm in the council chambers.

Housing Authority-

No report to be given.
The next meeting will be February 23rd, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

Recreation Commission:

Updates:

A reminder that the Youth Center schedule for President's Weekend will be as follows: February 11th-15th 11:00am-3:00pm and there will be no teen night on Friday February 12nd, 2016.

The Recreation Department is sponsoring a snow tubing field trip to Fernwood Resort on Thursday February 18, 2016. Cost for transportation and snow tubing is only \$25.00 per person. Participants must be at least 40" tall to snow tube. Bus will leave Port Jervis at 5:00pm and return approximately 9:30pm.

Help wanted at the Youth Center. We have a PT position open as a Recreation Specialist working in the Recreation Room at the Youth Center. Job description, applicant requirements and applications can be picked up at the Youth Center or the City Clerk's office. Please call the Recreation office at 845-858-4016 for more information. You can also email us at pjrec@frontiernet.net. Deadline to apply is February 12th.

Snowball's Chance Fat Bike Race on March 19-20, 2016 at the new trails in the watershed property. This race will consist of a cross country race, time trial and kids ride. More information or to register go to www.bikereg.com/snowballs-chance

The Sleigh Riding Hill at West End Park and Beach is all set up and ready to go. Children and adults can sled from sunrise to sunset. Please remember sleds only-no skis or snowboards.

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For any questions on programs or events contact the Recreation Office at (845) 858-4045 or email us at pjrec@frontier.net.
The next meeting will be February 23rd, 2016 at 7:00 at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

No report given

The next meeting will be on February 9th at 6:30 pm in the council chambers.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

No report given

The next meeting will be held on March 8th, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

No report to be given.

The next meeting will be held on February 16th at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

No report to be given.

The next meeting will be held on March 2nd at 6:30pm.

Electrical Board-

Discussed electrical applications.

The next meeting will be held March 2nd at 6:45pm.

Senior Advisory-

No report given

Access 23 TV-

No report given

Mayor's Correspondence-

Motion by Mrs. Hendry, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve a public workshop relating to safe side walk project on February 22nd at 6:45pm.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to allow Little Lamb's to hold a parade on April 11th starting at 10:15 am from Church Street to Ball Street

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

Read letter from Mrs. Butler from Middletown Community Health asking the Mayor to write a letter of support in hopes of obtaining grant funding.

Announced the reappointment of Rafael Gonzalez to the Assessment Review Board to expire in 2018.

Read a letter Matt Zach O'Brian asking the council to rename Kingston Ave Marion Rohner Way.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve a section of Kingston Avenue to be named Marion Rohner Way.

Mr. Siegel said if anyone deserves this, it's Mrs. Rohner.

Mayor Decker- she touched thousands of lives and this is very well deserved.

Mr. Foster- remembers her fondly.

It was noted that this is ceremonial and will not impact 911 addresses.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso , seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the expenses for Valerie Maginsky to attend the NYCOM meeting in Albany on behalf of the City.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve Tri-State Chambers of Commerce to hold the Rick Drew Holiday parade on December 4th, 2016.

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

Mayor Decker is looking for a representative to step forward to attend a Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Committee Meetings in Narrowsburg.

Announced the retirement of Otto Banghart and Yvonne Duryea.

Mr. Decker contacted O&R about getting a light on the corner of Water Street & Pike Street and they will be installing the light and reimbursing the City from the last time that pole was reported out.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Board of elections is looking for suggestions on 2016 polling stations and looking for election inspectors. Board of elections will pay for training and it pays \$200.00 per day.

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Mrs. Waizenegger announced Hospice of Orange County is looking for volunteers, if anyone is interested please call Debra at 845-565-4849.

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Mrs. Waizenegger to execute the renewal of the CSEA Dental & Vision Contract.

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

Reminder that City taxes will be sent out the end of March and all delinquent water as of December 30, 2015 will be re-levied onto the City taxes.

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Reminded citizens that Time Warner Cable will be requiring a digital converter box for all rooms come March.
Asked Tom Faggione to please inform the Board of Elections that Engine 4 Firehouse is not equipped to be a polling station.
Mr. Siegel was given a tour of the Middletown Community Health Center and was surprised at all the new services and encourages citizens to check it out.
Mrs. Rohner was a dedicated den mother to so many children and the City will miss her greatly.

Mrs. Trovei-

If anyone has questions on the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Committee Meeting in Narrowsburg, feel free to reach out.

Mr. Ritchie- No old business

Mr. Foster-

Wished Mrs. Duryea all the best on her retirement.

Mr. Bavoso-

Thanked Yvonne Duryea for her service and knows the City will surly miss her.

Mrs. Hendry-

Commented on the resolution relating to the sewer fee and after speaking with the City Clerk and DPW she does not support any increase to the existing fee.

Mr. Belcher-

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Apologizes about the audio, and will make another compliant to Time Warner Cable.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No old business

Mr. Bell- Announced the 4th ward neighborhood watch meeting will be February 17th at Hose #4 Firehouse

New Business:

Mr. Bell-

Stated that he will miss Mrs. Duryea and knows the City will have a hard time finding a replacement.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Corrected Mrs. Trovei on the 3rd ward neighborhood meeting, it will be held on February 24th

Mr. Belcher-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Siegel to accept the contract and give Mayor Decker permission to sign the contract for Energize New York.

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

Announced the 2nd ward meeting will be February 25th at 7:00pm

Mrs. Hendry- No new business

Mr. Bavoso- No new business

Mr. Foster- No new business

Executive Session set-

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to allow Executive session for personnel and contractual issues and to seek advice of council with invitation to John Farr, Chief Worden and John Faggione.

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

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Mr. Ritchie-

At the CDA meeting the owners of the Fox N Hare Brewing Co gave a presentation on their plans.

Mrs. Trovei-

Announced the 3rd ward neighborhood meeting will be held February 23rd, 2016 at 6:00pm

Mr. Siegel-

Reminded citizens to remove snow from around fire hydrants.
Informed everyone that the county has programs to help Veterans in need.

Public Comment

Bill Onofry, 3rd ward, announced that Sussex Bank will be leaving the City because of what about happened with another building they own in the City.

Judy Opelt, 4th ward, has issues with snow piling up on the corner of Wagner Place.

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to adjourn to executive session at 9:30pm.

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

Meeting Reconvened at 11:22pm

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Bonadio to perform a single audit for NYSDOT at the cost of \$5,000.00.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the assessor to combine 11 Wagner Place to the land we already have into 1 parcel.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the City properties at 26 Hill Street, 11 Wagner Place and the vacant Lot on South Maple to be held for public use.

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

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Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Siegel to allow Mayor Decker to execute the MOA with respect to the resignation of Officer Muller.

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

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the extension of Lieutenant Fitzpatrick's 2015 unused vacation time to be used before April 2016.

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

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to allow the police dept. to have two interns: Marissa Watson from SUNY Orange College and Justin Roche from Sussex College effective 2/9/2016.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve Mayor Decker to sign and execute the ECG energy audit with no cost to the City.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the DPW to hire Sean Riordan, Harley Ganz and George Patterson Jr. to the position of step 1 laborer with 6 month probationary periods-.

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

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the Recreation Department to hire Wayne Addy to the position of step 1 laborer with a 6 month probationary period.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Bell to extend the CO deadline for 46-48 Front Street to June 1, 2017 and the structure must be stabilized by November 1, 2016.

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

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

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

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer