

April 25th, 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 April 25th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Bell, Mr. Bavoso, Mr. Foster and Mr. Siegel. Police Chief William Worden, Building Official David Rivera, CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, Recreation Director John Faggione, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, Mike Fox and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance-

Mayor Decker led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence for Mr. Frank Bell.

Youth Report given by Mr. Matthew Conklin-

Expressed condolences to the entire Bell family for their recent loss and stated Mr. Bell was a genuine, kind, caring man who will be greatly missed.

Due to the mild winter, Port Jervis Schools will give back snow days on Friday April 22nd and April 25th & 26th, there will be no school for students however district offices will be open.

The Port Jervis High School Art Department is proud to host the 2016 District Art Show on Friday May 13th at 6pm-8pm, in the cafeteria of the high school. This year the show will feature great art projects from students in grades K-12. New for 2016 the show will also highlight student's creations in our Technology classes and Family and Consumer Science classes.

Students at ASK K-2 classes proudly display their hand made "Earth" in honor of Earth Day. Each student wrote sentences on how they can help keep the earth clean.

Congratulated Daniel Danko from Mrs. Randolph's class for being chosen as one of 16 All-Star winners in the National Breaking Barriers Major League Baseball & Scholastic Essay Contest. The contest is a chance for diverse students across the county to share their personal stories and how they use Jackie Robinson's nine values to face their own barriers.

Also congratulated HBE 5th grader Autumn Gil, who was awarded 3rd place in the "Design a Sun Catcher Design Contest", hosted by Gillinder Glass. Her design was one of 160 entered into this year's contest. This award comes after a previous Honorable Mention Award given to Autumn by the Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council of Orange County for their 29th Annual countywide Substance Abuse Prevention Poster Design Contest. Autumn is a student in Mrs. Valentine's 5th grade class.

The next Board of Education meeting is Tuesday, April 12th, 2016 at 6:30 pm. Meeting will be held in the high school cafeteria.

Senior Report- No report

Veterans Report-

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, Seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Memorial Day & Veterans Day Parades and a Pearl Harbor Day ceremony on May 30th, November 11th, December 4th, 2016

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Public Hearing

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Local Law #9- Taxi Law

Peter Grech, opposed Local Law, and believes it gives too much power to the Police Chief.

Motion by Mrs. Hendry, Seconded by Mr. Ritchie to close the public hearing relating to local Law #9.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Local Law #10- C/O Water Shut Off

Peter Grech, opposed Local Law, believes it gives the City too much power and is a total waste of money.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mrs. Trovei to close the public hearing relating to local Law #10.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Local Law #11-Property Maintenance/Prohibit Black Topping front Yards

Peter Grech, opposed, believes the council is wasting money creating unnecessary Local Laws.

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, Seconded by Mrs. Hendry to close the public hearing relating to local Law #11.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Presentations:

Mayor Decker presented Ashlyn Overland, a 3rd grader, with a key to the City to recognize her outstanding achievements in a recent national snowboarding competition. Mr. Decker applauded her confidence and thanked her for representing Port Jervis in such a positive way.

Lindsay Carroll, Project Coordinator, Operation PJ Pride informed council that their objection is too reduce drug abuse within the City and announced the next meeting will be held on May 19th at 12:00 pm at the Erie Trackside.

Chief Worden, Lindsay Carroll, and Valerie Maginsky announced that the Police Department partnered with Operation PJ Pride to provide the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of unwanted or expired prescription drugs. The drug take back and disposal program will take place on April 30th, 2016 from 10:00am-2:00pm at the PJ Police Department. Chief Worden also informed residents that the Department will be placing a disposal box in City Hall for safe disposal throughout the year.

Public Comment-

John Kimetto, 2nd ward, announced that Community service Saturdays will start April 29th at 9:00am and invited everyone to attend.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve the minutes of the April 11th, 2016 regular meeting.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Committee Reports:

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Finance Committee- Mr. Ritchie

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Belcher to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$429,504.70

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The next meeting will be held on May 18th, at 6:30pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee- Mayor Decker

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the following for active membership James B. Fuller, Sr. - Delaware Engine Company No. 2, James B. Fuller, Jr. - Delaware Engine Company No. 2, Michael Gilligan - Fowler's Rescue & Salvage Company No. 3 and Megan L. Metzger - Fowler's Rescue & Salvage Company No. 3.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The next meeting will be held on May 16th 2016 at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Code Committee- Mrs. Trovei

Motion by Mrs. Trovei , seconded by Mrs. Hendry to adopt Local Law #9 relating to the Taxi Law.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Trovei , seconded by Mrs. Hendry to adopt Local Law #10 relating to C/O Water Shut Offs.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Trovei , seconded by Mr. Ritchie to adopt Local Law #11 relating to Property Maintenance/Prohibiting Black Top for Front Yards.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Next meeting to be held May 4th at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

UPDATE:

Garbage pickup will be on its normal schedule for the next two weeks.

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.

Hydrant flushing is complete.

Next meeting will be held May 2nd, 2016 at 6:00pm

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Police Committee-

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve the March 29th Police committee meeting minutes.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The next meeting will be April 26th at 7:00pm.

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

The next meeting will be April 27th at 7:00pm.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

Mayor Decker informed the council that 100 Pike Street Plaza project will be implementing phase 3 shortly.

The next meeting will be May 18th at 6:00pm

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

Last meeting was February 4th, 2015

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

Housing Authority-

The next meeting will be April 26th, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

Recreation Commission:

Updates:

The Recreation Department's 23rd Annual Delaware River 5K Run is this Sunday May 1, 2016. You can still pre-register on-line at www.delawariver5krun.com or you can register race day at the race day registration table. This year's race is in memory of longtime Recreation Commission member Luann McCarthy. If you have any questions please contact the Recreation office at 858-4045 or email us at pjrec@frontiernet.net. Hiking and biking trails in the Watershed property are now open. Trail markers will be up soon as well as trail head signs. Trails are non-motorized- no ATVs, dirt bikes, snow mobiles, etc. Also please remember to "Pack in and Pack Out- Leave only Tire Treads and Foot Prints". Maps are available at the Recreation office at the Youth Center on Pike Street or can be emailed to you.

The 2016 Summer Program is currently being put together. It should be completed by Memorial Day weekend. The program this summer will run for 7 weeks- July 5-August 19. West End Beach will also re-open this summer. The Beach schedule will be June 20- August 14. Field Trips will include a NY Met baseball game, Dorney Park, and the Scranton Rail Riders (NY Yankee Triple A team). Programs will be distributed in all the elementary schools, on-line (City website and Recreation Face Book page) and will be available at the Youth Center.

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 May 19th, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Youth Center.

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Tourism Board-

The City Wide Yard Sale has over 100 residents registered to be featured on the map, which will be distributed soon.

Discussed several new events to bring to the City.

The next meeting will be on May 11th at 6:30 pm in the council chambers.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

The next meeting will be held on May 3rd, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

Mayor Decker discussed the public hearings that were held at the last meeting.

The next meeting will be held on May 17th at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

The next meeting will be held on May 4th at 6:30pm.

Electrical Board-

The next meeting will be held May 4th at 6:45pm.

Senior Advisory-

No report given.

Access 23 TV-

Mr. Belcher thanked Tom, the camera man.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Mayor Decker expressed condolences for Mr. Bell and his family. He described Mr. Bell has an asset to the City and to the community and thanked his family for allowing them to share such a wonderful man.

Mr. Decker announced Mr. Ritchie as finance chair to replace Mr. Bell.

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the resolution naming the watershed area property owned by the City of Port Jervis as the City of Port Jervis Watershed and Recreational Area.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the resolution that designates the area in the West End of the City of Port Jervis, which encompasses the Railroad Turntable located off of Pike Street, the towpath that leads up to the Delaware & Hudson Canal and the remains of the Delaware & Hudson Canal itself located within the City as the Port Jervis 19th Century Transportation in America Park: Canal and Railroad.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve the resolution naming the City of Port Jervis Lead SEQRA with respect to any NYS Grant for the Port Jervis 19th Century Transportation in America Park, Canal and Railroad, Elks-Bronx Park and City of Port Jervis Watershed and Recreational Area.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Hendry, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the resolution naming the tennis court area at the Church Street Park as the Luann McCarthy Memorial Tennis Courts.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve the resolution requesting that the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) paint the Mid-Delaware River Bridge black to match the traditional color of bridges at the turn of the 20th Century.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the resolution declaring the City of Port Jervis SEQR lead agency with respect to the construction of the safe sidewalks project.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Invited all citizens to come out for Community Service Saturdays starting April 30th at 9:00am and the Arbor Day Ceremony will be at 1:30pm.

Announced that the Farmers Market has 6 vendors and will be held every Saturday at Farmer Market Square located at the corner of Hammond and Pike. For more information check out their new Facebook page.

The Presbyterian Church is hosting a history on the wonders of stained glass on Saturday May 28th. Tour times are 9:30am, 10:00am, 10:30am, and 11:00am.

Encouraged residents to clean up Port Jervis on Earth Day.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Reminded residents that Water is due by April 29th and Taxes is due by May 2nd.

Informed residents that she has a scheduled meeting with the labor unions to discuss the possibilities of alternative health care providers in an attempt to find large savings for the City.

Expressed condolences to Mr. Bell's family and commented on how much he will be missed by her and the entire Clerks Office.

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel- Absent

Mrs. Trovei-

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Expressed condolences to the entire Bell family and stated that Frank was a mentor and a role model to her. His port pride and feisty attitude will be greatly missed.

National Geographic Geotourism initiative is hosting 3 community events on May 3rd & 4th to celebrate the initiative to promote tourism throughout the Delaware River region.

Mr. Ritchie-

Read a letter from Mr. Siegel expressing his condolences to Mr. Bell.

Wished condolences to the Bell family and commented on how Frank was always willing to teach new council members and make them feel comfortable.

Mr. Foster- Absent

Mr. Bavoso- Absent

Mrs. Hendry-

Extended her condolences to the entire Bell family and commented on how nice it was to see a packed church full of family and friends.

Mr. Belcher-

Asked when the law deadline is to exceed the tax cap.

Mayor Decker replied July 1st.

Expressed sadness over losing his brother in law and stated Frank will be missed.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Thanked Action Bike and all involved with the trails over the weekend. The help was greatly appreciated and fall clean up dates will be announced soon.

Expressed condolences to the Bell family, he will be missed.

Mr. Bell- Absent

New Business:

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Mr. Bell- Absent

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mrs. Hendry- No comment

Mr. Bavoso- Absent

Mr. Foster- Absent

Mr. Ritchie-

Thanked Engine 5 for hosting a Comedy Night event, which was a great success.

Mrs. Trovei-

Invited everyone to the 3rd ward resident meeting being held May 12th from 6:00pm-7:00pm in the council chambers

Executive Session set-

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to allow Executive session for discussion on the following matters: Discuss potential contracting with individual/individuals for use of City owned property at Riverside Park for remote control model car racing, discuss potential candidates for employment as summer recreation positions, discuss a personnel issue in the Police Department regarding a specific individual or individuals, discuss potential candidates for employment as an Account Clerk in the City Clerk Treasure's Office, discuss a particular individual/contactor for potential employment as an independent contractor to develop additional trails at the Watershed property, discuss a potential change in the telephone use benefit given to a particular employee, discuss pending CSEA grievance matter, discuss personnel issue regarding work at Orange Square Park with invitation to include Mr. Faggione, Chief Worden, Mrs. Waizenegger and to seek advice of council regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Siegel- Absent

Public Comment

Lorraine Marquez, 3rd ward, invited everyone to the 3rd ward neighborhood watch meeting being held on April 27th at 7:00pm.

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Judith Oppelt, 4th ward, thanked Chief Worden for the box that will provide a safe and secure location to dispose of old prescription drugs.

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Trovei to enter into executive session at 8:30pm.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Reconvened at 9:50pm

Motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the hire of summer recreation personnel as discussed during executive session.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to hire K. Barila as an Account Clerk Typist for the City Clerk's Office.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve Walt Howard to receive a monthly \$40.00 cell phone stipend.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an easement grant in favor of Orange and Rockland Utilities within the canal towpath area owned by the City of Port Jervis.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer