

May 9th, 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 May 9th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present. Police Chief William Worden, Building Official David Rivera, CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, Recreation Director John Faggione, DPW Director Jack Farr, 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.

Youth Report given by Mr. Matthew Conklin- No report

Senior Report- No report

Veterans Report- No report

Mayor Decker explained election law and the process in which the City must follow to fill Mr. Bells vacant seat.

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Belcher to appoint Lisa M. Randazzo to fill the vacancy till 12/31/2016, which at that time an election will be held to fill the second year of the term.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 1(Mr. Siegel) ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mrs. Waizenegger swore newly appointed council member Lisa M. Randazzo into office.

Presentations:**2016 School District Budget**

Tom Bongiovi, Superintendent of Schools, presented the proposed 2016 Port Jervis School District Budget. He stated the proposed \$68.4 million budget is \$2,756,071 more than the current year's (2015-2016) budget. Seven positions have been added to the budget: two elementary special education teachers, three AIS Math teachers, and two teachers on special assignment. One of the positions will be grant funded and a retiree position will be reassigned. New initiatives include: TASC, demographic study, educational initiatives, and professional development. Hours have been increased for the athletic trainer, IT aide, and the HS clerk-typist. The projected tax levy increase is 0.0%

Lorelei Case, Assistant Superintendent for Business, presented the 3 referendums that will be on the ballot. She explained three of the nine seats on the Board of Education are up for election. Candidate profiles will be included in the district budget newsletter. The first referendum is the Capital Project/ Smartbond Project, which is a proposed \$7.0 million referendum

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project that will enhance district-wide instruction technology and repair Rt. 209 sanitary/water lines. The second referendum is a capital reserve establishment which is to create a reserve to address local share of a project to address plan for aging middle school. Lastly, is the demolition of old Sullivan Avenue School, which seeks approval for the demolition of the building. Mrs. Case ensured residents that fund balance and capital reserve funds will be used to offset the local share of all three projects.

Mayor Decker- asked how much the School District currently has in their fund balance.
Mrs. Case- replied 11 million and 1.4 million in Capital Reserve.

Mrs. Trovei- asked how much the School District has received in State Aid and how much the G.E.D program will cost
Mrs. Case- 2.9 million was received in state aid and the new G.E.D. program is estimated to cost \$200,000.00.

Farmer's Market

Sara Worthy, Market Manager, announced the opening of the farmers market being held on Saturdays 9am-1pm starting on June 25th and running through October 29th. They currently have over 8 vendors and are requesting signage support from the council.

Zoning Change Request

John Fuller, Civil Engineer, is requesting the board to consider a zone change to accommodate a light manufacturing business looking to build on undeveloped property.

Mike Hockenberry, representative for Paramount, explained the nature of the business.

Public Comment-

Loretta Buchanan, Matamoras PA, is opposed to the opening of the trails along the reservoirs. She believes the City is threatening the resident's only water source and the property should remain off limits.

Judy Oppelt, 4th ward, Machackemach Village residents are requesting the council to look into placing a guardrail of the corner of Main Street & Jersey Avenue.

Tom Faggione, County Legislature, commends the council on filling the existing vacancy and recognizes the recent loss of Mr. Bell was hard on the entire community.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve the minutes of the April 25th, 2016 regular meeting.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 3(Bavoso, Foster, Siegel) CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee- Mr. Ritchie

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$325,377.35

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

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Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the renewal of the city insurance.

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

The next meeting will be held on May 10th, at 6:30pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Fire Chief to drive the City vehicle to North Carolina to attend swift water training.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the removal of James Ruark from active membership rolls.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the removal of Christopher Kidney from active membership rolls.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the removal of Chad Kidney from active membership rolls.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the removal of Frank Bell from active membership rolls.

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

Recognized all 25 & 50 year members

Reminded residents about the fireman's day parade.

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

Code Committee-

Discussed 5 potential laws

Announced a special meeting will be held May 10th at 7:30pm

Next meeting to be held June 2nd 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.

O&R will be installing new gas lines throughout the City.

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

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Police Committee-

Informed the council the police obtained 60lbs of prescription drugs during drug take back day, Mr. Kutcher's murderer received 25 years to life in prison.

Mr. Ritchie invited everyone to Bike Safety Day being held in the Save-A-Lot parking lot on Saturday May 14th to promote bike safety.

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

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Discussed grant programs, micro grants and the white water park.

The next meeting will be May 25th at 7:00pm.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

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 6:30pm in the Mayor's Conference room

Housing Authority-

Housing representatives are looking into solar options for all buildings.

The next meeting will be May 27th, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

Recreation Commission:

Updates:

The Recreation Department would like to thank all 226 adults and children that braved the cold and rainy weather and participated in the 23rd Annual Delaware River Run on May 1, 2016. Thanks also to the more than 35 volunteers- including Mayor Decker at the water station that also braved the weather and helped make it a successful race. And thanks to the Port Jervis Police, Port Jervis Volunteer Ambulance, Port Jervis Fire Police and City DPW for all their assistance. Mark your calendars for the 24th Annual Delaware River Run on May 7, 2017!

Youth Center Schedule due to a change in the school district schedule the Youth Center is also making a few changes to its schedule in May. The Youth Center will be open from 11 am-3 pm on May 20, 26 and 27. "Teen Night" originally scheduled for May 20 will now be held on Thursday May 19 from 6:30 pm- 9:00 pm. The Youth Center will be closed on Monday May 30-

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Memorial Day. This Wednesday May 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center the "Outdoor Club" will be meeting. This meeting is open for all.

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 17th, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

Thanked all involved in the City wide Yard Sale.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals-

Discussed KBX, Four Brothers, KNA, and #1 Nails.

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

Planning Board-

Discussed last meeting.

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

Plumbing Board-

The next meeting will be held on June 1st at 6:30pm.

Electrical Board-

1 application was considered at the last meeting.

The next meeting will be held June 1st at 6:45pm.

Senior Advisory-

Sends condolences to all the seniors for all their recent loses.

Access 23 TV-

Invited all to a telethon Saturday at 2pm.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Informed residents that Time Warner Cable has an outage for telephone subscribers and reminded everyone to check on elderly neighbors till the service is back on.

Thanked DPW for painting the podium and the underpass.

Mayor Decker read an update letter on the merger between West Chester and Bon Secours and what services residents can look forward to in the future.

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Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve The 1st Presbyterian Church to use Orange Square Park on June 4th for service.

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

Announced that the week of May 15th is National Police Week and thanked Chief and his men/women for everything they do for the City and our residents.

Invited everyone to a Kid's Bike Safety Event being held in the Save-A-Lot parking lot on Saturday May 14th at 10:00am.

Announced a train show will be taking place on October 4th, 2016.

The 1st Presbyterian Church is hosting a history on the wonders of stained glass on Saturday May 28th. Four times are 9:30am, 10:00am, 10:30am, and 11:00am.

Announced Art N History in the park being held June 18th, 2016.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Thanked residents for paying water and tax bills and encouraged the council to come meet the new Deputy Clerk Treasurer.

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Told a golf joke in honor of Frank Bell and stated he will be missed.

Thanked Earth Day cleanup participants.

Invited all to attend a homeowner workshop on May 18th, 2016 at 6:30pm in the council chambers.

Mrs. Trovei-

Encouraged residents and council to visit the National Geographic Geo-tourism website.

Announced the 3rd ward meeting will be held on May 12th at 6:30 in the council chambers.

Mr. Ritchie-

Reminded council that the finance meeting scheduled for May 10th will start at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Foster-

Thanked Tourism and Recreation for the events over the weekend and stated it was great seeing everyone out and about during the Citywide Yard Sale.

Mr. Bavoso-

Expressed his condolences to the entire Frank Bell family. Mr. Bavoso is grateful that he was able to have the opportunity to learn from his mentor and the ability to call him a friend. He stated Frank will be greatly missed.

He also thanked the Tourism and Recreation for all the recent events throughout the City.

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Mrs. Hendry- No comment

Mr. Belcher-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve April DPW meeting minutes.

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

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Ms. Randazzo- No comment

New Business:

Ms. Randazzo-

Thanked the council for the warm welcome and recognizes that she has big shoes to fill by replacing Mr. Bell. Reminded residents May 10th is "Meet the Candidates Night" at the High School Cafeteria starting at 7:00pm

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Welcomed Ms. Randazzo and looks forward to sitting next to her.

Mr. Belcher-

Reminded residents Access 23 will be having a telephone on May 14th starting at 2:00pm and welcomed Lisa to the board.

Mrs. Hendry-

Welcomed Ms. Randazzo and invited everyone to the 2nd outdoor club meeting being held on May 11th at the Recreation Center.

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

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Mr. Foster-

Invited residents to attend the K-12 Art Show being held on Friday May 6th.
Welcomed Ms. Randazzo to the board.

Executive Session set-

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to allow Executive session for discussion on the following matters: A DPW personnel issue, a potential contract between the City and an individual fork work to be done on construction of trails on City property during the month of June, discuss insurance proposals received from insurance carriers/agents to insure the City of Port Jervis, discuss a CSEA retirement program and MOA relating to CSEA employees in the City of Port Jervis, discuss economic grant, discuss Police Dept. personnel and contractual with invitation to include Mr. Farr, Chief Worden, Valerie Maginsky and to seek advice of council regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

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

Mr. Ritchie-

Thanked Ms. Randazzo and looks forward to working with her.

Mrs. Trovei-

Thanked Ms. Randazzo for stepping up and accepting the position and looks forward to working with her.

Mr. Siegel-

Toured the D & H Canal and asked the president, Cliff Robinson, if he would give a presentation at a future council meeting. Announced the 4th ward meeting will be held on May 18th at 7:00pm at Engine 4 Firehouse.

Public Comment

Tom Faggione, County Legislature, reminded residents that the School Board Election vote will be May 17th from 6am-9pm

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to enter into executive session at 8:45pm.

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

Meeting Reconvened at 9:36pm

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Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Siegel to promote Tom Snyder from his current position of MEO 1 to the title of Mechanic which is listed in the CSEA contract.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to authorize the Mayor to sign the material bids to the lowest bidders for the DPW Department.

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

Motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Belcher to contract DeeJay Birch to clear the trails for an amount not to exceed \$3,600.00 in the month of June. Allocation of monies will come from judgment and claims line for \$2,500.00 and the Historian line for \$1,000.00

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

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve the settlement of a claim in the amount of \$500.00 involving a stolen car incident within the Police Department.

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

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Ms. Randazzo to approve Valerie Maginsky, CDA Director, to apply with intent for an economic development grant in the amount of \$10 million.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the Mayor to execute a quit claim deed regarding 120 West Main Street.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the reduction of the Tax bill for Goshen Properties LLC with respect to the sewer work in the amount of \$776.01

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

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

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

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer