

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

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present. DPW Director Jack Farr, Building Official David Rivera, CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, Police Chief William Worden, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, 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. Conklin

The 3rd Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament at Church St. Park is in Saturday July 30th, 2016. This is a free tournament to compete in. \$900.00 worth of awards and prizes will be given away. Contact the recreation office for details.

The 2nd Annual Tri-State Triathlon will be held on Sunday August 7th, visit www.tri-statetriathlon.com for more info.

July 28th, Rich Wilson, takes the stage at Riverside Park at 7pm. Rich is part of our summer concert series. This concert is free of charge. Bring a chair and enjoy!

West End Beach is open Thursdays-Mondays from 12pm-6pm.

Youth track is Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the High School track. Youth tennis lessons are Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30am-12:00pm at Church Street Park.

HBE Drama Club is looking for cast members for the winter 2016 musical, ANNIE.

High School yearbooks are still available at the High School main office, \$80.00 each.

Senior Report- No report

Veterans Report- No report

Public Hearings**Local Law #15**

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to open the public hearing for Local Law #15 relating to restaurant parking regulations.

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

No comment

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to close the public hearing for Local Law #15 relating to restaurant parking regulations.

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

NYS HCR Grant application CDBG infrastructure

Valerie Maginsky, CDA Director, explained that potential grant money would fund future sewer projects.

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Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to close the public hearing for the NYS HCR grant application.

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

Presentations:

Frontier Communications

General Manager, Deb Bodanski, gave an overview of what Frontier plans to offer in the Port Jervis Area.

Cookies & Milk-Bon Secours Community Hospital

Mary Decker and Sous Chef, Allison Worten presented treats to the council to taste, to give them a glimpse into what the patients at the hospital are given on a daily basis.

Public Comment

Robin Tamburino, 4th ward, wants the council to try and remedy the flooding issue on Barcelow Street. Mayor Decker commented that the City is looking into grants to address the flooding issues in the lower 4th ward and suggested the homeowners call the Police Dept. when necessary to block off the street.

Ed Degroat, 3rd ward, concerned with potential code violations on Farnum Street.

Police Chief, William Worden, invited residents to National Night Out being held August 2nd from 6:00-9:00pm.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the minutes of the July 11th, 2016 regular meeting.

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

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

The committee reviewed the Bonadio group's 2015 financial report and 2nd quarter budget.

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 \$492,547.03.

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

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the certificate of adjusted base proportions for the 2015- 2016 assessment roll.

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

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

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve Engine #5 to attend a Steak Bake on September 24th, 2016 and Engine #2 to attend a fundraiser at the Milford Chrysler on July 16th, 2016.

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

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Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Gregory A. Collette from Engine Company No. 1 and Raymond J. Vanderveer from Tri State Hose Company for active membership.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve James B. Fuller, Sr. from Engine Company No. 2 as a driver for the Water Operations Team.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to remove Amanda Artese from Neversink Engine Company No. 1, expelled due to not compliance to By-Laws in relation to assessments.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to remove Matthew S. Dlouhy from Delaware Engine Company No. 2, Article VII, Section 1 of the By-Laws, Failure to fulfill duties as a member & Article V, Section 4, Non-payment of dues.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to remove Joseph Maldonado, Jr. from Delaware Engine Company No. 2, Article VII, Section 1 of the By-Laws, Failure to fulfill duties as a member & Article V, Section 4, Non-payment of dues.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to remove Kevin McConnell from Delaware Engine Company No. 2, Article VII, Section 1 of the By-Laws, Failure to fulfill duties as a member & Article V, Section 4, Non-payment of dues.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to remove Michael K. Winters from Delaware Engine Company No. 2, Article VII, Section 1 of the By-Laws, Failure to fulfill duties as a member & Article V, Section 4, Non-payment of dues.

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

The next meeting will be held on August 15th, 2016 at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

Mr. Bavoso noted that Local Law #15 is still being reviewed by Orange County.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the resolution naming the City as lead agency relating to Local Law #15.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the resolution declaring no environmental impact relating to Local Law #15.

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

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Next code meeting to be held August 3rd at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

UPDATE:

Garbage pickup will be on a 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.

Construction on Fowler Street has begun for repaving which will include new ADA compliant handicap ramps along new catch basins and rebuilt sewer manhole structures.

Next meeting will be held August 1st, 2016 at 6:00pm

Police Committee-

Discussed possible hires, training, National Night Out, and reviewed budget at the last meeting.

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

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution for the filing of a CFA 2016 CDBG grant application.

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

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

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

The next meeting will be September 21st at 6:00pm

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

Last meeting was June 1st, 2015

No report

Next meeting to be held September 6th at 6:45pm in the Mayor's Conference room

Housing Authority-

Announced a job opening and encourages anyone interested to apply in person at the Port Jervis Housing Authority on Pennsylvania Ave from 10:00am – 5:00pm.

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

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Recreation Commission:

The Summer Concert Series at Riverside Park continues this Thursday, July 28 when RICH WILSON takes the stage. This FREE concert starts at 7:00 pm. Don't miss RICH'S performance!

The 3rd Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament is this Saturday, July 30 at Church St. Park. The tournament is FREE and starts at 12:00 pm. Registration takes place at Church St. the day of tournament- no pre-registration. All participants must fill out the waiver form. Thanks to Cory Poupollo and Field of Dreams for co-sponsoring this event.

The 2nd Annual Tri-State Triathlon will take place on Sunday, August 7 at West End Beach. Compete in a 500 meter swim, 10 mile bike and 5K run. Triathlon starts with the swim at 7:00 am! To register or for more information visit www.tri-statetriathlon.com or call the Recreation office at 845-858-4045.

West End Beach is open for the summer. Beach hours are 12:00 pm-6:00 pm Mondays and Thursday-Sunday. The beach is closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please remember swimming is prohibited when lifeguards are off duty.

The Summer Playground and Youth Center program is now in its 4th week. Playgrounds and the Youth Center are open Monday-Friday 9:00 am-3:00 pm. FREE lunch is served at all locations at 12:00 pm. There are plenty of activities and events to participate in so get out and enjoy them!

The following field trips still have tickets available. Both trips are \$55 per person. Cost includes transportation on a charter bus. NY Met Baseball Game this Wednesday July 27- bus leaves at 3:45 pm and Dorney Park on August 5- bus leaves at 7:00 am. The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 17, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

Reminded Fall Foliage vendors that application deadline is August 25th.
The next meeting will be on August 10th at 6:30 pm in the council chambers.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

The next meeting will be held on August 2nd, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

Discussed public hearings for Samaki Inc. and 100 Pike Street Plaza at the last meeting.

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

Plumbing Board-

The next meeting will be held in September

Electrical Board-

The next meeting will be held in September.

Senior Advisory-

Mr. Siegel announced that Water Edge has vacancies.

Access 23 TV-

Mr. Belcher commented that he will continue to work with Timer Warner Cable to improve picture quality for residents.

July 25th, 2016**Mayor's Correspondence-**

Urged residents "if you see something, say something" and to give dispatchers as much information as possible to ensure officer safety.

Motion by Ms. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the Safe Homes of Orange County to use Veteran Square Park on October 13th from 10:00-3:00pm.

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

Mr. Decker read a letter from James Rohner Jr. thanking the City for honoring Marion Rohner's memory with naming Kingston Avenue, Marion Rohner's Way.

He announced the City will not move forward with the Promenade Project, due to the growing cost of the project.

Mayor Decker asked the Code Committee members to review the dog redemption fee at next month's meeting.

Appointed Charles Cable to the Tourism Board effective July 25th, 2016 for a term to expire January 2018.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Informed residents that Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties are looking for volunteers, if interested contact Debra Epstein at 845-565-4849.

Old Business:**Mr. Siegel-**

Mr. Siegel expressed his condolences to the Habig family and also asked the council to look into grant money for various projects.

Mrs. Trovei- No comment

Mr. Ritchie- No comment

Mr. Foster- No comment

Mr. Bavoso-

Mr. Bavoso expressed his condolences to the Habig family.

Mrs. Hendry- No comment

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Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Ms. Randazzo- No comment

New Business:

Ms. Randazzo- No comment

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Invited residents to the last free movie night being held August 17th at Riverside Park.

Mr. Belcher-

Expressed his condolences to the Habig family.

Mrs. Hendry- No comment

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mr. Foster-

Executive Session set-

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to allow Executive session to discuss personnel matter relating to the possible appointment of an Animal Control Officer, a contractual matter relating to contracts with the City's Unions regarding the issue of early retirement incentive and a contractual matter relating to a specific entity or company contracting with the City of Port Jervis for professional services relating to City Codes and Zoning Laws with invitation to include Police Chief William Worden and to seek advice of council regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

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

Mr. Ritchie- No comment

Mrs. Trovei- No comment

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Mr. Siegel- No comment

Public Comment

Ed Degroat, 3rd ward, concerned with activity and possible code violations at a property on Farnum Street.

Judy Opelt, 4th ward, asked Mr. Farr where the new Tri-State Bridge will be located.
Mr. Farr replied that the bridge will be replaced and the location of the bridge will not change.

George Tamburino, 4th ward, suggested that Police Officers should be riding out with two Officers per car.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to enter into executive session at 8:50pm.

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

Meeting Reconvened at 9:40pm

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the hire of Jeffery Ewing Sr. as a part-time Animal Control Officer effective July 26th, 2016.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the hire of Michael Diamond as a part-time Police Clerk effective July 26th, 2016.

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

Meeting Adjourned –

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

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

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer