

August 22nd, 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 August 22nd, 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, 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- No report

Senior Report- No report

Veterans Report- No report

Public Hearing

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to set a public hearing on September 12th, 2016 at 7:00pm relating to the cable franchise agreement.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Public Comment

Kathy Hylas, president of the Council for the Arts Club, invited residents on September 7th, 2016 for a bus trip to tour The Hudson River School of Artist Homes in the Catskill region of upstate NY.

Peter Grech, has concerns with the new sidewalks on East Main Street and the lack of curb height. Mayor Decker explained that new curbs will be installed in the future.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the minutes of the August 8th, 2016 regular meeting.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Committee Reports:**Finance Committee**

Motion by Mrs. Trovej, seconded by Mr. Belcher to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$318,424.70

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve a resolution declaring 5 properties, acquired by the City through the tax lien sale of 2013, tax exempt.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The next meeting will be held on September 21st, at 6:30pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the August 15th meeting minutes.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The next meeting will be held on September 19th, 2016 at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Local Law #15 of 2016 relating to restaurant parking regulations.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Next code meeting to be held September 7th 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.

The week of September 5th garbage and recycling will be one day late in all wards due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Paving on Fowler Street will take place in the next few weeks.

Be advised that the EDPL hearing for the land acquisition will be held on September 19th, 2016 at 7:00 pm. This meeting is in regards to the Tri-State corridor and Neversink Bridge project that will commence in 2017.

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 September 6th, 2016 at 6:00pm

Police Committee-

Discussed ACO and dispatching training, speed study and possibly amending the firework law.

The next meeting will be September 20th at 7:00pm.

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

The next meeting will be August 24th at 7:00pm.

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Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

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

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

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

Housing Authority-

The next meeting will be August 23rd, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

Recreation Commission:

The Recreation Department's Summer Program ended last Friday August 19. West End Beach also closed for the season last week. The beach closed on August 18 due to lifeguards returning to school and fall sports. The Youth Center will be open 11:00 am-3:00 pm for the remainder of the summer (August 22-September1). The Youth Center will be closed September 2nd and 5th. Starting Tuesday September 6 the Youth Center will switch back to its school schedule which will be- Monday-Thursday 3:00 pm-7:00 pm and Friday 3:00 pm-10:00 pm. Fridays from 6:00 pm-10:00 pm will be our "Teen Night" which is for Middle and High School students only.

There are still two concerts remaining in our Summer Concert Series at Riverside Park. Both concerts are make-up dates from earlier this summer. First up is Rich Wilson this Wednesday August 24 at 7:00 pm and then The Carl Richards Band on Wednesday August 31, also at 7:00 pm. Both concerts are free of charge. Don't miss these two great concerts!

More and more progress has been made up at the hiking and biking trails in Watershed Park and Recreation Area so make sure you get up there and explore the beauty that is all around us! Thank you to all the volunteers that have put so much time and effort into the trails. It is very much appreciated!

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 21st at 6:00pm at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

Discussed several upcoming events.

The next meeting will be on September 14th at 6:30 pm in the council chambers.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

The next meeting will be held on September 6th, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

Announced a workshop being held on August 24th at 7:00pm to discuss a potential new business to be located on Skyline Drive.

The next meeting will be held on September 20th at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

The next meeting will be held in September

Electrical Board-

The next meeting will be held in September.

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No report

Access 23 TV-

Mr. Belcher announced a food drive being held on September 17th at Riverside Park.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to waive a building permit fee for PJ Electric, who did electrical work during the Stephen Crane Event.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve Adecco to hold a job fair on August 29th and September 22nd at the Farmers Market Square.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mayor Decker invited everyone to Deerpark Town Hall for a 9/11 memorial service being held September 11th at 8:30am. He also reminded residents that Woofstock will be held September 18th and all concert proceeds will benefit the Human Society.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the Farmers Market to hold a fundraising breakfast to be held on October 8th at 8:00 am at Farmers Market Square.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mayor Decker appointed Robert Bloomer to the Tourism Board with a term to expire January 31st, 2018.

Mr. Decker invited everyone to the Will of Orange event being held on October 22nd, the 80 Erie event being held October 29th and the fall foliage being held on September 25th, 2016.

Mayor Decker expressed he was at a loss for words at the recent passing of two fine men. He described Mr. Dennis Simmons as a Port Jervis promotor and Mr. Bob Ritchie as a dedicated humble man. Both men will be greatly missed.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Reminded Fall Foliage vendors that applications are available in the City Clerk's office. Mrs. Waizenegger described Mr. Ritchie as a man with dignity and he will be missed.

Old Business:**Mr. Siegel-**

Extends condolences to both the Ritchie and Simmons families, described both men as being big advocates for Port Jervis and will be missed.

Mrs. Trovei-

Expressed sympathy to both families and stated Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Simmons were role models and will be missed.

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Mr. Foster-

Expressed condolences to both families and stated both Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Simmons are the reason why he got involved with being a council member, he looked up to both men.

Mr. Bavoso-

Expressed sadness over the passing of Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Simmons and stated both will be sorely missed.

Mrs. Hendry- No comment

Mr. Belcher-

Described Mr. Ritchie as a gentle man and enjoyed working alongside him for the past 8 years and described Mr. Simmons as a great man who loved Port Jervis.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Expressed condolences to both the Simmons and Ritchie families.

Ms. Randazzo-

Expressed condolences to both the Simmons and Ritchie families.

New Business:

Ms. Randazzo- No comment

Mayor Decker wished Ms. Randazzo a happy birthday.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Announced that the Recreation Department will be doing a bus trip to see the JETS on October 23rd, 2016. Tickets sell out fast and Mrs. Fitzpatrick urged residents to get tickets.

Mr. Belcher-

Thanked the camera man.

Mrs. Hendry- No comment

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Mr. Bavoso-

Urged residents to attend the 9/11 memorial service and the Fall Foliage Festival being held September 25th, 2016.

Mr. Foster-

Announced the 1st ward neighborhood watch meeting will be on September 14th at 6:30pm at Fire Company #5.

Mrs. Trovei- No report

Mr. Siegel-

Mr. Siegel urged all incoming 4th graders to sign up for "Every Kid in the Park" program which gives students free park admissions for 1yr. He also reminded everyone to attend Woofstock on September 18th, 2016.

Public Comment

Kathy Hylas, Council for the Arts, reminded anyone interested in the Hudson River School of Artist Homes Tour, that tickets are available on the website, portjervisCouncilforthearts.org, or Smith Plumbing.

Peter Grech, stated everyone has a right to speak in a public forum.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer