

November 14th, 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 November 14th, 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, Mike Fox, 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-

The U.S. Army can deploy troops and vehicles around the globe in a matter of days. Recently, the Army invaded the faculty parking lot at PJHS with its state of the art adventure semi. The Port Jervis High School is participating in a local effort to collect new shoes for the Kucher's Kids Shoe Drive. Everyone can donate new shoes at the shoe collection box in any school or the main office. Financial donations can also be made and 100% of your donations will go to the purchase of new shoes. The shoe drive is being sponsored by the Tri-State Chamber of Commerce.

The PJHS Guidance Department hosted the annual college and career week 2016! Events included the college and career fair Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016. Over 100 colleges and careers attended.

Middle School yearbooks are now on sale. If you order the book on-line until January 27th, the cost will be \$16.33 (including tax). You can opt to add personalization to the yearbook cover. If you would like to send in your order to the school, the cost will be \$18.00. All checks should be made payable to Port Jervis Middle School.

The HBE Halloween Family Fun Night was held on Friday, October 28th. The PTA hosted "Trick or Treating through the School!" Students were dressed in their costumes and went trick or treating down the hallways. There was also pumpkin painting. Every child received a 5lb pumpkin to paint and bring home.

65 A.S.K. girls in grades 4th-6th participated in the intramural basketball program. The program was coached by Nicole Beam, JV girls' basketball coach, and some of the JV & varsity girls' basketball players. The program focused on quality basketball instruction in a positive and fun environment. It focused on individual skills including dribbling, shooting, passing, defensive skills and much more. By the end, they played full games which helped teach basketball fundamentals.

PJSD is teaming up with Eat Smart NY and Shoprite to nourish your neighbor by collecting nutritious foods for local families in need. We know that when donating to hungry families, it's important to choose foods that will not only fill them up, but nourish them with options that will support their overall health and wellbeing. A shopping cart will be placed in every school's main office to place and donated food.

The next school board meeting will be held November 15th at 7:00 pm.

Senior/ Veteran Report-

Mr. Siegel read an article explaining a new program "Health IT Report" allowing seniors/veterans to gather medical information electronically which will in turn result in quicker response time for programs such as social security.

Public Hearing-**2017 Budget**

Brienna Parsons, 4th ward, asked if the council would be willing to forego their stipends in an effort to reduce the proposed tax increase.

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Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to keep the public hearing open relating to the 2017 budget.

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

Public Comment-

Ed Degroat, 3rd Ward, asked Mayor Decker when he'd be willing to go to Farnum Street to discuss the potential sale of property on Farnum Street.

Mayor Decker replied that he will try and arrange that within the next 2 weeks.

Brienna Parsons, 4th ward, informed residents that she is collecting donations for a group of activists planning a trip to Standing Rock Reservation.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the minutes of the October 24th, 2016 regular meeting.

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

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$245,441.02.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the resolution relating to the 2017 Orange County youth bureau funding.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to the USDA loan funding.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to the USDA loan budget modifications.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to the 2017 Holiday schedule.

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

The next finance meeting will be held on November 16th, at 6:30pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Jonathan Ross for active membership for Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4.

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

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Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Mark J. Clavelli for a transfer from Fowler's Rescue & Salvage Company No. 3 to Neversink Engine Company No. 1.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Megan L. Metzger for a transfer from Fowler's Rescue & Salvage Company No. 3 to Delaware Engine Company No. 2.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Michael R. Jergensen for a transfer from Tri State Hose Company No. 6 to Neversink Engine Company No. 1

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

Mr. Siegel informed everyone that Chris Edwards would be at the library on November 17th from 6:30-8:00pm to discuss his book "Coming through the Flames".

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

Code Committee-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve a public hearing to be held on November 28th, 2016 at 7:00pm relating to Local Law #15.

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

Mr. Bavoso discussed the proposed law relating to bag leaf pick up and asked for council input.
 Mayor Decker suggested leaving loose leaf collection as is and if residents choose to bag leaves then bags must be bio-degradable.
 Mr. Siegel noted that the costs of bio-degradable bags are comparable to plastic bags.
 Mr. Bavoso will revise law noting all comments and send to council for review.

Mr. Bavoso discussed the proposed event fee and asked for council input.
 Mrs. Hendry doesn't agree with the section of the law that would allow returning events to pay a lower fee for each returning year.
 Mr. VanHorn suggested using discretion from year to year.
 Mr. Siegel also disagrees with the fee decreasing for returning events.
 Mayor Decker noted this fee would not apply to City events.
 Mrs. Hendry commented that City events would have to fill out an application for the purpose of cost analysis.
 Mr. Bavoso will revise law noting all comments and send to the council for review.

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

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

UPDATE:

Garbage and recycling will be on its normal schedule for the week of Nov. 14th.
 The week of Thanksgiving, November 21st, will be as follows:
 Monday-normal pick up
 Tuesday-normal pick up
 Wednesday- 3rd and 4th wards
 Paper pick up in the 4th ward will take place on Monday the 28th of November.

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Bag leaf and tied up brush will be picked up on Mondays in all wards until leaf season is complete.

Our reservoir system is getting to a dangerous low level and reduction in water usage is imperative. The DPW Director has reviewed the usage since our voluntary restriction has been in place and he has not seen any substantial reductions in water use.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to the eminent domain procedure for the Neversink bridge replacement.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to the Neversink bridge replacement project as part of an OCTC Transportation Improvement program.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to the safe routes to school sidewalk replacement project as part of an OCTC Transportation Improvement program.

Mr. Siegel hopes the City takes the opportunity to inform residents prior to the start of this the project to ensure everyone is on the same page.

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

Next meeting will be held December 5th, 2016 at 6:00pm

Police Committee-

The next meeting will be November 15th at 7:00pm.

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Discussed financials, grants and publications at the last meeting.
The next meeting will be November 16th at 7:00pm.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

Ms. Randazzo explained that the committee toured 100 Pike Street and was updated on the progress of the plaza.

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

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

Next meeting to be held December 8th at 6:45pm in the Mayor's Conference room

November 14th, 2016**Housing Authority-**

The next meeting will be November 22nd, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

Recreation Commission:

The Recreation Department's Winter Youth Basketball will start on December 17, 2016. It ends on February 25, 2017.

Registration will take place at the Youth Center on Saturday December 3- 9:00 am-12:00 pm and December 5, 6 and 7- 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm. Youth Basketball is for boys and girls in grades 3-6. Cost is only \$35. There is no pre-registration as we have limited spots for the program.

The Youth Center schedule over Thanksgiving break is as follows: November 21, 22 and 23- 11:00-3:00 pm The Youth Center is closed November 24th and 25th.

If you have not yet, please take some time to check out the hiking and biking trails at Watershed Park and Elks-Brox Park. We have trails for everyone- beginners or easy trails to advanced or challenging trails. Please remember to pack in and pack out- leave only footprints and tire treads. Also please remember as we approach hunting season that hunting is prohibited inside The Watershed Park and Elks Brox Park.

The next scheduled Recreation Commission meeting is this Wednesday November 16 at 7:15 pm at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

Mr. Belcher reported the tourism board will be having a Holiday Lighting Contest with two categories traditional or festive. Register by Tuesday, December 13th at 5:00pm by emailing pjtourismboard@gmail.com or call 845-858-4017.

The next meeting will be on December 13th at 6:30 pm in the City hall basement conference room.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve the Christmas tree lighting on November 26th at 6:00 pm at Graeb Point.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals-

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

Planning Board-

The next meeting will be held on December 13th at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

Applications were submitted for review.

The next meeting will be held on December 7th at 6:30pm.

Electrical Board-

Applications were submitted for review.

The next meeting will be held on December 7th at 6:45pm.

Senior Advisory-

Mr. Siegel reminded seniors to sign up for the Deerpark/Port Jervis Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for seniors.

November 14th, 2016**Access 23 TV-**

Mr. Belcher thanked cameraman and reported that Mr. Richards suggested trying to get more funding through the cable franchise agreement.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Thanked all residents who showed support for an American hero, who was brought home Saturday.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve with regret the resignation of Michael Fox, Deputy Corporation counsel.

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

Reminded residents of Christkindlmarkt being held November 27th, NYS Rifle Association's annual meeting being held May 20th, 2017 at Riverside Park, "If you see something, say something" event being held at Drew United Methodist Church on Wednesday November 30th, 2016.

Mr. Decker discussed the PJVAC current financial difficulties and recent closure. He noted that Deerpark and Port Jervis will be working together in hopes of finding a solution and a meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 17th, 2016.

Motion by Ms. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve a waiver for a building department permit fee for the Port Jervis Little League's recent construction project.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Siegel to allow the Dial a Bus to conduct a Christmas lighting tour on December 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Ms. Randazzo to approve the Rick Drew Tree Lighting on December 4th at 6:00pm.

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

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Mrs. Waizenegger informed residents that the annual tax lien sale will be held November 15th, 2016 at 2:00pm. She noted that 38 properties are subject to the sale, which is sufficiently lower than previous years. The City Clerk also warned residents against fraud and O&R phone scams.

Old Business:**Mr. Siegel-**

Expressed gratitude toward the Giovanniello's family for allowing him to be part of such a great celebration. Mr. Siegel thanked all agencies involved with Veteran contributions.

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Mrs. Trovei- No comment

Mr. VanHorn-

Hopes citizens can heal from recent presidential election and encourages all to attend budget workshop meetings.

Mr. Foster-

Mr. Foster gave kudos to all involved with the Veteran Day ceremony and Mr. Boone on the opening of his new business. He also encouraged residents to attend budget workshop meetings.

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mrs. Hendry-

Congratulated Mr. Boone on the opening of Foundry 42 and thanked all involved with the Veterans Day ceremony.

Mr. Belcher-

Thanked the Naval Ship for showing support for Mr. Giovanniello by placing yellow ribbons around the City.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the Frontier Charter/ cable franchise agreement.

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

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Ms. Randazzo-

Thanked everyone for supporting Mr. Giovanniello's return home, encouraged residents to attend budget workshops and congratulated Mr. Boone on the opening of Foundry 42.

New Business:

Ms. Randazzo-

Thanked both the Fire Department and the Police Department on allowing her to attend functions over the past weekend and thanked both departments for their service. She also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

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Thanked Mr. Fox for his expertise and noted that he will be missed.

Mr. Belcher-

Congratulated Mr. Boone on the opening of Foundry 42 and is excited about the recent purchases of many downtown buildings.

Mrs. Hendry-

Encourages all residents to attend budget workshop meetings.

Mr. Bavoso-

Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hopes to see everyone at the Christkindlmarkt.

Mr. Foster-

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to allow Executive session to discuss, potential contract discussions on 3 bike events for 2017 and beyond, potential contract discussions on purchase of 26 Hill Street, request to address issues over billed water, potential contract discussions on land offer to the City, Nixle contract discussions, City Engineer contract for 2017 negotiations, discuss holding properties for tax sale purchase to Code, UDSB contract for 2017 discussions and discuss options with RR crossing and legal options with invitation to include John Faggione, David Rivera and to seek advice of council regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

Mr. VanHorn and Mr. Siegel feel that many items that will be discussed in executive session should be discussed openly with the public.

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

Mr. VanHorn-

Expressed excitement for the rejuvenation of downtown with the opening of Foundry 42.

Mrs. Trovei-

Mrs. Trovei expressed excitement for the opening of Foundry 42 and liked Mr. Boone's term rejuvenation. She also informed residents of a listening forum, on the road to recovery, will be held at the Goshen Senior Center. Anyone interested can contact her for details.

Mr. Siegel-

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Mr. Siegel encouraged all residents to attend budget workshop meetings. He also informed residents that Blue Ridge Cable is looking for part time help and spoke to the Animal Control Officer regarding the feral cat problem within the City. Mr. Siegel also commented that he is encouraged by the opening of Mr. Boone's new business, Foundry 42.

Public Comment- No public comment

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Foster to enter into executive session at 8:40pm.

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

Meeting Reconvened at 9:59pm

Motion by Mr. Foster seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve the mayor to execute the Humane Society contract for 2017 pending approval by City Attorney.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 (Mr. VanHorn) CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Trovei seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a water credit adjustment, for a pool that was removed, from March 2007 to present for 8 Ferry Street with the amount to be determined.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve SBL's 1-1-7.2, 2-1-19.22, 2-1-19.4, 2-1-19.5 to be reserved by the City for the tax lien sale being held November 15th, 2016.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher seconded by Mr. Bavoso to authorize Corporation Counsel to execute on behalf of the City the consent order which will resolve the dispute between the City, USA and the Good Will Church.

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

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Ms. Randazzo seconded by Mrs. Trovei to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 p.m.

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

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer