

March 27th, 2017

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 March 27th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present.

Meeting opened at 6:30pm by Mayor Decker.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher, to allow Executive session to discuss, a contractual matter involving a possible Tourism Board event involving the City contracting with a vendor to bring this event to the City of Port Jervis, a personnel matter involving a disability retirement that was granted and the effect upon City finances, a personnel matter regarding an agreement with CSEA, a contractual matter regarding the potential for building of new hiking and biking trails within the City, and to seek advice of council regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

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

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:35pm

Meeting reconvened from executive session at 7:35pm

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present. Building Official David Rivera, DPW Director Jack Farr, Police Chief William Worden, Recreation Director John Faggione, City Clerk-Treasurer Mrs. 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-

Thomas Bongiovi, PJCS D Superintendent, has the pleasure to announce that ASK Assistant principal Nicole EY has been named NWS Assistant Principal of the year for 2017 by the SAANYS/NAESP. This award showcases the excellence in leadership Mrs. Ey has shown as a valued member of our district. "Nicole Ey is a leader we are proud to call our own. Nicole takes pride in the fact that when she has an idea, she not only puts that idea into motion, but also stands alongside with others to see it through." Said Bongiovi. A state-wide awards reception and ceremony is planned in the Albany region for early May. Congratulations to Mrs. Ey! The NYS Grade 7 and 8 English ELA Assessments are scheduled for March 28th - 30th.

With family in the audience, fifth graders from HBE took to the stage and received certificates upon graduating from the D.A.R.E. Program. D.A.R.E. is a comprehensive program designed to teach students good decision-making skills to help them lead healthy lives. The NYS Grade 3-8 ELA Assessments are scheduled for March 28th-30th. PJSD Kindergarten registration is

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underway for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year.

Anyone interested in running for the PJCS D Board of Education, petitions are now available at the administration building, 9 Thompson Street, Port Jervis, NY. Three of the nine seats on the board are up for election May 17th.

The Drama Club of Port Jervis High School announces the dates of the spring musical, Guys and Dolls, March 30th-April 2nd, in the auditorium of the high school. Tickets for all shows are \$10.00 for adults, \$8.00 for students and seniors.

There will be a half day of school for all elementary school students, Friday, April 7th, 2017. Students will be dismissed at 11:00am.

The next Board of Education meeting will be held on April 4th.

Senior Report-

No report.

Veteran Report-

Mr. Siegel announced that the Hudson Valley Honor Flight Mission #15 from Stewart will be April 8th, #16 May 20th from Westchester and that a Veterans Gala, to honor local veterans, will be held November 9th, 2017 in Milford.

Public Hearing

Local Law #7 Sewer Use Law

DPW Director Jack Farr gave an overview of the proposed local law.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mrs. Hendry to keep the proposed Local Law #7 public hearing open.

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

Mrs. Hendry asked Mrs. Waizenegger if she could give her the fund balance prior to final vote.

Presentations-

William Onofry, business owner, asked the Council to consider approving the application for a continuation of nonconforming use for the property located at 191-193 East Main Street.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to set a public hearing to be held April 10th at 7:30pm.

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

Public Comment-

No public comment

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the minutes of the March 13th, 2017 regular meeting.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 2 (Mr. Foster & Mrs. Hendry) CARRIED

Committee Reports:

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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 \$431,966.74.

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

The next finance meeting will be held on April 19th, at 6:30pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve the March 20th meeting minutes.

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

Thanked residents for clearing around fire hydrants during the inclement weather.

Watch our Facebook page: Port Jervis Fire Department and our website www.pjnyfd.com for information about the PJFD.

The next meeting will be held on April 17th, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the resolution relating to the emergency demolition of the building located at 21 King Street.

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

Next code meeting to be held April 5th 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 next two weeks. The City water department will begin hydrant flushing the first week of April and this will continue for 5-6 weeks. We will be posting flushing locations on the City website located at www.portjervisny.org and we will also be sending out NIXLE notices on locations of flushing operations. If you haven't signed up for NIXLE please do so to be notified of hydrant flushing locations along with any issues that arise. During flushing operations in your area please refrain from doing laundry for a couple of days to avoid the dirty water on your clothes. If you do experience dirty water at your faucet, please turn on your Cold-water spigot only to flush your lines. Do not turn on the hot water line. Please remember that the new bag leaf law in the City of Port Jervis is currently in effect in regards to the use of "Biodegradable or Compostable Bags". This means that you must use these types of bags or garbage cans of 35 gallons or less to dispose of your yard debris. If you do not comply with this law a "Door Hanger" will be placed on your door to remind you of the new local law and you will only get one chance to correct the issue. Bag leaves/yard debris pickup will be announced shortly

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to the emergency repair of the HVAC system in City Hall.

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

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The next DPW meeting will take place on April 3rd, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers.

Police Committee-

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution authorizing the Police Committee to hear and render a decision on a taxi license appeal at their regular meeting on March 28th, 2017.

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

The next meeting will be March 28th at 6:00pm.

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Mr. Belcher informed the Council that The Fox & Hare Brewing Co are working hard and are moving forward with renovations.

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

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

The next meeting will be April 12th at 7:00pm.

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

Next meeting to be held June 5th at 6:30pm in the Mayor's Conference room

Housing Authority-

Mr. Siegel reported that repairs and upgrades are ongoing throughout buildings.

The next meeting will be March 28th, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

Recreation Commission:

The Recreation Department is holding a spring park clean-up- called PORT Pride Day on Saturday April 8, 2017. The clean-up will be held from 10 am-12 pm. Volunteers are welcome! We will be cleaning Church St. Park, Farnum Park, and West End Park and Beach. Light refreshments will be served at the Youth Center at 12:00 pm. If interested in helping us clean-up the parks please contact the Recreation office at 845-858-4045 or email us at pjrec@frontiernet.net. Thank you.

Saturday April 15 the Recreation Department will be sponsoring its annual Easter Candy Dash! The "Dash" will be held at 11:00 am on the upper level of Church St. Park. The event is FREE of charge and for boys and girls ages 9 and under. Be on time or all the candy will be gone.

The Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Mohegan Sun Pocono Casino on Saturday April 22, 2017. Cost for the COACH bus is only \$30 a person. Bus leaves PORT at 8:30 am returns at 6:00 pm. This trip is for adults only ages 21 and older. All participants receive \$25 in slot play and a \$5 food voucher! Participants must have valid ID on them. You'll have a great time enjoying all the excitement that is offered! Limited seats remain so don't miss out!

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The 24th Annual Delaware River 5K Run will be held on Sunday May 7, 2017. Race starts at 9:00 am. To register contact the Recreation office for an application or register on-line at www.delawareriver5krun.com. This event is a great family event- for boys and girls and men and women of all ages!

Church St. Park and Point Peter Park (vehicle entrance) will both be opened for the season the week of April 3rd. Please note the entrance gate to Church St. Park on Seward Ave will remain closed and locked until we finish with the sidewalk work. The entrances on Church St. and Orchard St. will be open.

The Youth Center schedule for the school spring break will be as follows: Friday April 7-Monday April 17- 11:00 am-3:00 pm. No TEEN night over spring break.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 19th, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center.

Motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the hire of Joseph Dicarolo as a seasonal Laborer for the Recreation Department.

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

Motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the 2017 Recreational fee schedule.

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

Tourism Board-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the tourism application to hold a carnival pending insurance confirmation.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the cost of a portable aquarium display at the Sportsmen's Expo being held May 20th, 2017, subject to contract to be negotiated.

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

Mr. Belcher announced that the City-wide yard sale will be held May 6th rain or shine and applications are due by April 12th.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals-

The next meeting will be held on April 4th at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

Board reviewed two resubmissions by McHomers and US Crane & Rigging. The next meeting will be held on April 18th at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

No report.

The next meeting will be held on April 5th at 6:30pm.

Electrical Board-

No report.

The next meeting will be held on April 5th at 6:45pm.

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Senior Advisory-

Mr. Siegel announced that Water's Edge monthly meeting will be held March 29th at 10:00am.

Access 23 TV-

No report

PJV Ambulance Report-

Mrs. Randazzo announced that the PJVAC will be held April 7th at 7:00pm and committee is working on future fundraisers.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve a special meeting to be held on April 19th at 3:30pm for the presentation of Michael Richardson, a labor consultation.

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

Mayor Decker invited residents to the PJHS spring musical, Guys and Dolls, being held March 30th-April 2nd, in the auditorium of the High School. Tickets for all shows are \$10.00 for adults, \$8.00 for students and seniors.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the Drew United Methodist Church to hold mass at Point Peter on Easter Sunday at 7:15am.

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

Mayor Decker informed residents that he attended a meeting with the White Water Park Committee and that the project is moving forward.

Mayor Decker displayed new Watershed Property signage.

Mr. Decker noted that bio-degradable bags for leaf clean up can be purchased at local establishments and that the prices are comparable to plastic bags and reminded residents that paper or biodegradable bags must be used for yard waste or be placed in garbage cans. He also stated residents will be granted amnesty 1 time and non-compliance after that will result in a monetary fine.

Mr. Decker urges residents to save plastic bottles and announced that the whitewater park committee is holding a recycling fundraiser to raise funds for the permitting stages of the project.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Mrs. Waizenegger informed residents that the 2nd quarter water bills will be mailed Friday March 31st and that field audit work will be occurring the week of April 3rd.

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Thanked all involved with providing a homeless shelter at Saint Peters Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Trovei-

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Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the February & March finance meeting minutes.

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

Mr. VanHorn- No comment

Mr. Foster- No comment

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mrs. Hendry-

Thanked the outdoor club for their continued effort with the trails.

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Thanked everyone that attended the Angel Softball Fundraiser.

Mrs. Randazzo-

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the contract with the Soapbox Derby making the annual Soapbox derby and annual practices to be covered under the City's insurance pending Corporation Counsel review.

Mr. Siegel asked if this contract was similar to the contract the City current has relating to the hiking trails. Mayor Decker responded yes.

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

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New Business:

Mrs. Randazzo-

Mrs. Randazzo announced that the next 4th ward meeting will be held on April 19th at Fine Company #4.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

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Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mrs. Hendry- No comment

Mr. Bavoso-

Mr. Bavoso congratulated his brother John Bavoso on his recent accomplishments.

Mr. Foster-

Mr. Foster wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover.

Mr. VanHorn- No comment

Mrs. Trovei-

Mrs. Trovei announced that the next 3rd ward meeting will be held April 26th at Fire Company #1 at 6:00pm. She also stated monarch butterfly brochures are available for anyone interested.

Mr. Siegel-

Mr. Siegel applauded Patrick Dunn on his recent accomplishments.

Public Comment-

William Onofry, representing the owners of 100-200 Skyline Drive, wants the Council to consider allowing the owners to acquire City owned property in order to fulfill the proposed plans.

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Foster seconded by Mr. Belcher to adjourn the meeting at 8:50p.m.

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

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer