

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Attendance-**

Mayor Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Siegel and Mrs. Fitzpatrick.

Meeting opened at 6:30pm by Mayor Decker.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to allow Executive session to discuss, a potential contract for a PILOT agreement regarding the Energy in the Bank project with the City Assessor, a discussion with the Police Chief regarding potential hiring of officers as a personnel matter, a personnel matter involving a former Department Head and City benefits, a potential contract agreement for a Recreation Department sponsored 5K run/walk series, a potential contract agreement on a marketing proposal for the City, a potential contract agreement regarding selection of realtor/realtors for the sale of City owned properties and to seek advice of council regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Mr. Siegel, Mrs. Fitzpatrick) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:31pm

Meeting reconvened from executive session at 7:36pm

### **Attendance-**

Mayor Decker and all members of the Common Council were present. Building Official David Rivera, DPW Director Jack Farr, CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, Police Chief William Worden, Police Sergeant James Flynn, 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-**

PJHS freshman class orientation will be held Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm at the high school. They will be sharing information that will help both students and parents get ready for the start of ninth grade. Please arrive by 5:45pm as this event is scheduled to start promptly at 6:00pm. Important information packets will be distributed. Event is for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents. The PJHS Interact Club hosted their annual Kids Reading Program. Club members read to younger students and everyone enjoyed milk and cookies served up by the Easter Bunny. The Interact Club will hold a Burger Bash, Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00pm-8:00pm at Burger King. Students at PJMS are learning about healthy lives and smart decision-making. With help from the American Heart Association, students at PJMS learned how to keep their hearts healthy and reduce heart disease by exercising, eating healthy and living tobacco free. The NYS Grade 7 and 8 Math Assessments are scheduled for May 2-4.

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There is a modified schedule for these students on these days. ASK 4<sup>th</sup> graders just completed their unit on the Solar System. In this unit, students learn about the Earth, the Moon and the Sun. These classes researched about some of our other planets, completed research packets and models which are displayed in ASK's library. Students at HBE are always learning about the Seven Habits. In February, third grade students learned about Habit #5: Seek first to understand, then to be understood. This habit stresses empathy. Fulfilling this lesson, students and their families packed and delivered 73 "Comfort Bags" for cancer patients at Orange Regional Cancer Treatment Center. The NYS Grade 3-8 Math Assessments are scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>.

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Senior Report-**

No report.

#### **Veteran Report-**

Mr. Siegel announced that a Veterans Gala, to honor local veterans, will be held November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Milford and a meeting to discuss the event will be held May 9<sup>th</sup> at VFW #161 at 6:00pm.

#### **Public Hearing**

##### Local Law #7 Sewer Use Law

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Foster to keep the proposed Local Law #7 public hearing open till the next Council Meeting.

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

#### **Presentations-**

Bob Lefferts educated the Council and the residents of the history of the Port Jervis Little League, which started in 1953. Mr. Lefferts gave kudos to Frank Lehn, who was the Recreational Director at the time. He also thanked everyone who participated in the opening day ceremony, where the 1953 players were honored.

Police Chief, William Worden and representatives from Safe Homes of Orange County introduced a new domestic violence program. The new initiative will establish partnerships with various agencies including the PJPD, Safe Homes of Orange County, The District Attorney's Office, Court and Probation. The goal is to assess domestic violence risk on scene and through information sharing provide resources to those affected.

#### **Public Comment-**

Danielle Glynn, Sparrowbush Fire Company, will be hosting the Orange County Annual Fire Parade on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. She asked the Council to consider road closures to accommodate the detour for the parade route.

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, Seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the road closures of Park Avenue, Grandview Avenue and Skyline Drive for the Orange County Fire Parade on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

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

Bob Lefferts, former resident, suggested naming the new Recreation Center, The Frank Lehn Center.

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**Minutes Approved-**

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the minutes of the April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular meeting.

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

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee**

Mrs. Trovei reported that the committee discussed insurance renewals, bonds and seasonal staffing.

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$378,618.89.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve \$2,500.00 to be used from the contingency account for stump removal.

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

The next finance meeting will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the council chambers.

**Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee**

Watch our Facebook page: Port Jervis Fire Department and our website [www.pjnyfd.com](http://www.pjnyfd.com) for information about the PJFD.

The next meeting will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

**Code Committee-**

Next code meeting to be held May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

**Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-**

**Update:**

Garbage and recycling will on their normal schedules for the next two weeks.

Yard debris pickup will continue City wide on Monday's from now until June 5th. There will be no weekly pick up until the fall season after June 5th. Please remember that the yard debris needs to be placed in cans of 35 gallons or less or by using biodegradable or compostable bags.

The City bulk waste truck and brush/compost pile is open every Saturday from 7:15 am until 11:30 am. Please be sure you have a bulk waste dump permit prior to arriving at the bulk waste dump truck. These permits can be obtained by going to the City Clerk's office Monday thru Friday from 8am-5pm for the cost of \$10 per permit.

Hydrant flushing will be ending this week. My office wants to thank everyone for their patience during this needed process.

The next DPW meeting will take place on Monday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm here in the Council Chambers.

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Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. VanHorn to approve the April 2017 DPW committee minutes.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the yearly commodities bid for materials, which have been reviewed and approved by Corporation Counsel.

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

#### **Police Committee-**

Mr. Foster reported that the Police Department will be participating in Operation Safe Stop program and a No Empty Chair Program the week of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Announced that the Drew Methodist Church will be having a Town Hall meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the heroine epidemic.

Motion by Mr. Foster, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve 2000 Dodge Caravan- Former ACO Vehicle- VIN 2B4GP25R3YR726835, 1997 Chev Blazer- Former ACO - VIN 1GNDT13W9V2216107, 2009 DODGE former patrol vehicle- VIN 2B3KA43V79H639183 and 2 asset forfeiture vehicles Hyundai Sonata VIN KMHWF35HX5A146430, Nissan Maxima VIN JN1CA21D5VT851730 as surplus vehicles.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, Seconded by Mrs. Trovei to approve the Police Leadership Youth Academy that will be held July 24- 31<sup>st</sup> at the PJMS.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to authorize Mayor Decker and Chief Worden enter into an inter-municipal agreement with Orange County to receive up to \$10,000 in grant funds for active shooting training.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the March 28<sup>th</sup> Police Committee meeting minutes.

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

The next meeting will be May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm.

#### **Liaison Reports:**

##### **Community Development Agency (CDA)-**

The next meeting will be April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

##### **Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-**

The next meeting will be May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

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**American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-**

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

**Housing Authority-**

The next meeting will be April 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

**Recreation Commission:**

The 24th Annual Delaware River 5K Run is scheduled for Sunday May 7, 2017. The race will start at 9:00 am. Race registration will take place at Riverside Park from 7:15 am-8:45 am. You can sign up for the race on line at [www.delawariver5krun.com](http://www.delawariver5krun.com) or by requesting a race application from the Recreation Office- contact us at 845-858-4045 or email us at [pjrec@frontiernet.net](mailto:pjrec@frontiernet.net). Hope to see you all on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Arbor Day will take place this Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm along the walking trail on River Road. We hope you can join us! City Parks and Playgrounds are now open for the season. Enjoy them! Please remember that smoking is prohibited in ALL City parks and playgrounds. Also, dogs are not permitted in the parks or playgrounds. Please help us keep YOUR parks clean- put your garbage in the garbage cans and report and damage to the Recreation Office. Thank you.

Please take advantage of the great hiking and biking trails at Point Peter and Watershed Park. We have over 20 miles of trails and the Outdoor Club of Port Jervis is working very hard at maintaining these trails and installing new signs and markers. Dogs are permitted on these trails as long as they leashed. Updated maps are available at the Recreation Office. No MOTORIZED VEHICLES are permitted. Violators will be fined! Please also Pack In and Pack Out- leave only foot prints and tire treads! Help keep our land clean!

New side-walks have been installed at Church St. Park (on the Seward Ave. side) and trees have been trimmed and new grass has been planted in Orange Square Veteran's Park. Additional benches will be placed in park in the near future. Thank you to the DPW and Recreation maintenance staff for all their hard work on these projects.

The 2017 Summer Program is being put together. We anticipate it being completed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May.

The next Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday May 16 at 7:00 pm at The Youth Center.

**Tourism Board-**

Mr. Belcher announced that the City-wide yard sale will be held May 6<sup>th</sup> rain or shine. Maps will be ready by the first week of May. The Sportsman's Expo will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Riverside Park 10:00am-5:00pm

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

**Zoning Board of Appeals-**

No report.

The next meeting will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

**Planning Board-**

Discussed a pre submission & approval for the Port Jervis Bakery located at 4 East Main Street, a presentation by US Crane and Rigging relating to the project located at 100-200 Skyline Drive and the NYC DEP Sewer Repair project.

The next meeting will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Plumbing Board-**

No report.

The next meeting will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm.

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**Electrical Board-**

The next meeting will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:45pm.

**Senior Advisory-**

Mr. Siegel wished Ann a happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Access 23 TV-**

Mr. Belcher reported that everything is going well at the station.

**PJV Ambulance Report-**

Mrs. Randazzo announced that on May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> the PJVAC will be having a coin drop fundraiser on East Main Street and thanked Mrs. Trovei for her donation of coin drop signs.

The next PJVAC will be held May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Mayor's Correspondence-**

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the Cruzin Port Event.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the Orange County Health Dept. to host a health living event at Veterans Square Park on June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 am-3:00 pm.

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

Mayor Decker announced that on April 29<sup>th</sup> The Peoples Climate Movement will hold a demonstration march, Community Service Saturday will begin at Riverside Park from 9:00am-12:00pm, The Annual Arbor Day Ceremony will take place at 1:00pm on the riverbank located on Ferry Street and at 1:30pm trees will be planted in memory of Mr. John Quevedo on the Towpath.

Mr. Decker urges the public to attend the annexation public hearing being held at the Deerpark Senior Center on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

He reminded residents to save water bottles to help fund the White Water Park and a recycling container will be placed near Riverside Park.

Announced that the Drew Methodist Church will be having a Town Hall meeting on May 11th, to discuss the heroine epidemic.

**City Clerk Treasurer's Report-**

Mrs. Waizenegger reminded residents that water bills are due by April 28<sup>th</sup> and tax bills are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Belcher to waive the 30 day waiting period for an on premise liquor license for Foundry 42.

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

**Old Business:**

**Mr. Siegel-**

Mr. Siegel stated that the annual Easter Dash was a successful event, he also explained to the residents the health and safety reasons on why residents must use bio-gradable bags. He invited everyone to partake in Engine #4 Sausage and Pepper take out being held on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Mrs. Trovei-**

Announced that the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward meeting will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> at Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company No. 1.

**Mr. VanHorn-**

Mr. VanHorn invited everyone to the dancing for our paws event at the Erie Trackside from 6-10pm on April 28<sup>th</sup>, all proceeds will benefit the Port Jervis/Deerpark Human Society and announced he will participating in the 5K race.

**Mr. Foster-**

Mr. Foster thanked Bob Lefferts for his presentation.

**Mr. Bavoso-**

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Foster to authorize Corporation Counsel and the City Assessor to negotiate a PILOT agreement for Energy in the Bank.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 2(Mrs. Trovei & Mrs. Fitzpatrick) CARRIED

**Mrs. Hendry-** No comment

**Mr. Belcher-** No comment

**Mrs. Fitzpatrick-**

Mrs. Fitzpatrick thanked Bob Lefferts for his presentations.

**Mrs. Randazzo-**

Mrs. Randazzo congratulated the PJ Little League on the opening ceremony and thanked Operation PJ Pride on their recent meeting. She also announced that on April 30<sup>th</sup> The Loft will be having a free yoga session with all donations benefiting PJ Pride.

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Mrs. Randazzo announced the 4<sup>th</sup> ward neighborhood meeting will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Howard Wheat Engine Co. 4.

**Mrs. Fitzpatrick-** No comment

**Mr. Belcher-** No comment

**Mrs. Hendry-** No comment

**Mr. Bavoso-** No comment

**Mr. Foster-** No comment

**Mr. VanHorn-**

Mr. VanHorn stated that on one hand he is excited about the proposed annexation as it could provide economic development for both Town and City. However, he cannot support the annexation at this time for many reasons. The first being the 50/50 tax split, and the second coming from an ethical stand point as he believes there is a conflict of interest with how the annexation was negotiated.

**Mrs. Trovei-** No comment

**Mr. Siegel-**

Mr. Siegel announced that Governor Cuomo created a citizen preparation course and the next training class will be held May 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-8:00pm at the OC Emergency Management Center. The training will help individuals prepare for disasters. The Rotary Interact Club will be having a burger bash at Burger King on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00pm. He also urges the public to attend the annexation public hearing on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Deerpark Senior Center.

**Public Comment-**

Harold Butler, Cruzin Port Organizer, thanked the Council on approving the Cruzin Port event.

**Meeting Adjourned –**

Motion by Mr. Foster seconded by Mr. Bavoso to adjourn the meeting at 9:35p.m.

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Robin Waizenegger  
City Clerk Treasurer