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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 9th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance-

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

Meeting opened at 6:30pm by Mayor Decker.

Pledge of Allegiance-

Mayor Decker led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to allow Executive session to discuss a contractual matters involving the DPW, potential contract agreement for lease or purchase of property by the City of Port Jervis, potential personnel matter involving an appointment to a City Board, potential contract issue involving work done on City property and to invite the Director of Public Works and to seek advice of counsel regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

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

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:31pm

Meeting reconvened from executive session at 7:30pm

Attendance-

Mayor Decker and all members of the Common Council were present. CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, DPW Director Jack Farr, Police Chief William Worden, City Clerk Treasurer Robin Waizenegger and Corporation Counsel were also present.

Youth Report-

Spring sports are underway at the high school. PJHS Drama Club presents Grease. Shows will be Thursday, April 12th, Friday, April 13th and Saturday, April 14th at 7:00pm and Saturday, April 14th and Sunday, April 15th, at 2:00pm.

HOBY provides students, for whom most are selected by their school, to participate in unique leadership training, service-learning, and motivation-building experiences beginning a lifelong dedication to improving the lives of others. Sophomores please let your counselor or Mrs. Schields know by April 11th if you're interested in applying to the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership program.

The spring freshmen orientation is on Thursday, April 26th, from 6:00-8:00pm, at the PJHS. Staff will be here to meet with you, talk about our HS programs, discuss with you options for your child, as well as see our different clubs and activities we have at PJHS. Parents or guardians should accompany each student. Encourage your child to dress to impress, as they never get a second chance to make a first impression. Please RSVP by April 13th to Mrs. Nicolette at the HS main office.

Students from Mrs. Mesnick and Ms. Monahan's 4th grade class celebrated writing in their classrooms. Students worked very hard throughout the writing process to plan, research, and format digital books on their chosen topics.

Port Jervis City School District is offering an early kindergarten registration. Check the pjschools website for dates and times.

The 2018 summer youth employment applications are now available in the high school guidance office. Deadline for return is Thursday, April 12th. Anyone interested in the summer youth employment at the middle school, please see Mrs. Lehn or Hargett in the guidance office.

HBE PTA will hold an adult comedy show and full dinner on Friday, April 27th, 2018 at the Erie in Port Jervis. Doors open at 6:30,

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dinner begins being served at 7pm. 90 minutes of comedy to follow! Contact HBE for more info. Mark your calendars for Sunday May 6th, 2018 as we hold the 25th Annual Delaware River 5Krun. Don't miss this great community event. Start running now. May 6th will be here in the blink of an eye. Registration is now open.

PJ Recreation is looking for Summer Lifeguards. Trainees must attend all lifeguard-training sessions visit the youth center for more information.

Senior Report-

Mr. Siegel noted he attend the last senior club meeting and addressed recent concerns about the Farnum building.

Veteran Report-

Mr. Siegel informed veterans that the DRC program delivers decisions on disability compensation cases within 30 days. For more information Mr. Siegel suggested reaching out to local VA clinics.

Public Comment-

Denise Conklin Billman, 4th ward, asked the council if they will resist Cornerstones attempt in establishing a methadone clinic within the City.

Mayor Decker noted the council has no say in the matter as long as it's done legally.

Linda Vanhorn, 4th ward, asked several questions regarding 10 Patterson Street and the homestead program. Mrs. Vanhorn also announced the next taxpayers meeting will be at Howard Wheat Engine #4 on April 19th at 7:00pm.

Joan McBride, 3rd ward, asked for clarification on the process of letting a property title rest.

Mrs. Waizenegger explained the process.

Ed Degroat, 3rd ward, noted that it's been 2 years since he started fighting with City about claims of a motorcycle shop operating in a residential zone. He claims that a truck repair shop is now operating at the same location. Mr. Degroat warned residents to pay attention to the proposed annexation between the City of Port Jervis and the Town of Deerpark and questioned whether the City has proper representation.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the minutes of the March 26th, 2018 regular meeting.

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

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

Mrs. Trovei reported that the finance committee discussed serial bonds, capital notes, cash flow, insurance, parking and fire equipment replacement plan.

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the minutes of the March finance meeting.

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

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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 \$587,240.86.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to allow the use of unused funds from the 2013 serial bond in the following manner: from Berme Rd supply lines to Jersey Avenue sidewalk for \$66,526.28, from USDA water system improvements to Jersey Avenue sidewalk for \$83,408.72. Total reallocated funds are \$149,935.00

Mr. Siegel disagrees with the allocation and stated the city should be using the money to repair water pipes instead of new sidewalks.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the resolution to close the 2015 capital note and authorize the City Clerk Treasurer to transfer the remainder of the funds to be added to the 2017 capital note for police department vehicle related purchases.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the resolution to close the 2016 capital note and authorizes the City Clerk Treasurer to do so.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the 2018 capital note in the total amount of \$155,412.00 and authorizes the City Clerk Treasurer to solicit bids, complete issuance of same and facilitate the purchase of all items noted in combination with the financing of any prior year capital note debt repayments as necessary.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Siegel to accept the proposal for services with DVD Environmental in the amount of \$5,200.00 and authorizes the Mayor and or City Clerk Treasurer to execute all documents necessary for the services to comply with grant requirements. It also authorizes the work to be supervised and coordinated between the City Building Official and the CDA Director as Grant Administrator.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to authorize the finance committee to make the decision regarding the renewal of the city's insurance policies at their May 16th, 2018 meeting.

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

The next meeting will be held on April 18th, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a 2-month medical leave of absence for Joseph J. Rennish, Jr. (will provide medical clearance upon his return); and appoint Mark R. Fuller, Jr. as First Lieutenant in his absence.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the removal of Catherine A. Kaufman from Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 active rolls.

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

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Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the resignation of Aaron M. Aumick as Second Lieutenant from Excelsior Engine Company No. 5.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Marc DeJesus as a junior member for Excelsior Engine Company No.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Engine #1 to attend a firefighter 1 class at BOCES on April 13th, 2018.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the following events for Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company No. 1; host a chicken barbecue at their firehouse on May 5th, 2018 and attend the Sussex County parade in Ogdensburg on October 6th, 2018.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the following events for Delaware Engine Company No. 2; attend a Wet Down in Johnson on May 5th, 2018 and attend the OCVFA parade in Greenwood Lake on September 20th, 2018.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the following event for Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4; host a Tricky Tray on September 15th, 2018 at their firehouse to benefit the Port Jervis Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve The Port Jervis Little League to use the facilities of Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 to take team photographs on April 21st and April 22nd, 2017.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve following event for Excelsior Engine Company No. 5; to attend the 70th anniversary parade in Flanders.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a withdraw of a previously approved request for Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 to attend a Public Safety Day on August 3rd, 2018 due to a change in schedule by the event sponsor.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve following events for Tri State Hose Company No. 6; attend a Wet Down in Johnson on May 5th, 2018 and attend the Sussex County parade in Ogdensburg on October 6th, 2018.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve following Port Jervis Fire Department events; host the 168th Annual Inspection Day Parade on July 14th, 2018 and all related activities the previous week; and hold a coin toss on City streets during the Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day holiday weekends.

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

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

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The next meeting will be held on April 16th, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the minutes of the March Code Committee meeting.

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

The Code committee discussed parking, sidewalk cafés and an open container law.

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the resolution regarding planning board and ZBA Fees. The application fee will total \$275.00 which will include; a \$100.00 advertising fee, \$150.00 building department fee and a \$25.00 adjoiners fee.

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

The next meeting will be held on May 2nd, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the minutes of the April DPW meeting.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution authorizing the DPW Director to sign an agreement with Fin-Tek Ozone for a 3 year term for Ozone generator maintenance at the water filtration plant.

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

Update:

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

Yard debris will be getting picked up on Mondays in all wards. Yard debris must be in cans of 35 gallons or less or be placed in biodegradable/compostable bags. No debris will be picked up unless either of those means are used or if garbage is mixed in with your yard debris. Brush must be tied and bundled in 12" or less bundles.

If your debris is not picked up on Monday's, please be patient as it might take a couple of days to accomplish this task.

The next DPW meeting will take place on Monday May 7th, 2018 at 6pm here in the Council Chambers.

Police Committee-

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the March monthly police report.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the hire of Courtney Baxter as a part time Police Clerk, with a start date of April 24th, 2018.

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

Mr. Foster noted the Police Department will be conducting proactive enforcement to help reduce texting while driving and will be working with the Town of Deerpark to participate in a teen driving safety initiative "No Empty Chair" from April 23rd - April 27th, 2018.

The next meeting will be held on April 24th, 2018.

Liaison Reports:

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Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Mrs. Trovei reported that the committee discussed section 8, directors report and grant updates.

The next meeting will be April 25th, 2018 at 7:00pm on the second floor of the Youth Center.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

Next meeting will be on April 16th, at 6:30 pm in the council chambers.

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

Next meeting will be held on June 4th, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Housing Authority-

Next meeting will be held on April 24th, 2018 at 7:30 at Hillside Terrace.

Recreation Commission:

Saturday April 14, 2018 the Recreation Department is hosting a Spring Park Clean-up called Spring Port Pride Day. We are in need of volunteers- both adult and kids to help us clean up the city parks from the harsh winter that just passed. We are meeting at Farnum Park at 10 am. We are hoping to clean up Farnum Park, Church St. Park and Veterans Park- on Pike Street. The clean-up will be over at noon. Bring work gloves and a rake if you have one. Light refreshments will be served at Farnum Park at noon. For more information or to sign up contact the Recreation office at 845-858-4045 or pjrec@frontiernet.net. On Sunday May 6, 2018 the Recreation Department is hosting its 25th Annual Delaware River 5K Run and Walk! The race will start at 9:00 am at Riverside Park. Registration will take place 7:15 am- 8:45 am. Applications are available at the Youth Center or on our Facebook page or you can register on-line at www.delawareriver5Krun.com. Come celebrate "25 Years Running" with us on May 6!

Congratulations to the kids that braved the cold and blustery weather yesterday and participated in the Recreation Departments 1st EGGcellent Spring Races at Church St. Park. The kids had a great time and all went home with smiles on their faces. Thank you to all of the volunteers- Middle School and High School students, Recreation Commission members and community members that came out and helped. Looking forward to next year's races.

The Recreation Department is looking for lifeguards this summer for West End Beach. Lifeguards must be at least 16 years old and be lifeguard certified. Lifeguard courses are being offered at the YMCA in Middletown in late May and early June. Contact the Recreation office at 845-858-4045 for more information.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

Mr. Belcher reminded residents that the City Wide Yard sale applications must be in by April 11th, 2018.

The next meeting will be on April 14th, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Council chambers.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

The next meeting will be on May 1st, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Council chambers.

Planning Board-

The next meeting will be held on April 17th, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

The plumbing board will be held on May 2nd at 6:30pm in the Council chambers.

Electrical Board-

The electrical board will held on May 2nd at 6:45pm in the Council chambers.

Senior Advisory-

No report.

Access 23 TV-

No report.

PJV Ambulance Report-

Mayor Decker noted that finances are looking good and that trees are scheduled to be removed around the ambulance building to prevent future hazards.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the 1st Assembly of God Church outreach events; clothing giveaway at the rec center on April 14th & October 6th from 10:00am - 12:00pm, movie night at Riverside park from 7:00pm-10:00pm on July 11th, July 27th, August 10th, and August 22nd and a back to school bash at Riverside Park on August 18th, 2018.

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

Mayor Decker announced that the Arbor Day ceremony on April 28th will be held at the promenade after the promenade dedication, Orange County Community College will be offering summer courses at half price and the PJHS Drama Club presents Grease with shows starting on April 12th, 2018

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

No report.

Old Business:

Mrs. Randazzo- No comment

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Thanked everyone who attended the last sausage and pepper fundraiser.

Mr. Belcher- No comment

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Mr. Santini- No comment

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mr. Foster- No comment

Mrs. Mann- No comment

Mrs. Trovei- No comment

Mr. Siegel-

Mr. Siegel stated he enjoyed the rec Easter event at Church Street Park and asked the council to consider abandoning the homestead program and sell the remaining city owned properties thru a real estate agent.

New Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Mr. Siegel announced the Paramount in Middletown will be hosting a fundraiser for the Middletown Fire Police on April 21st, 2018. He also noted the next worship and prayer service will be held April 29th at 10:30am at Deerpark Reformed Church.

Mrs. Trovei- No comment

Mrs. Mann-

Motion by Mrs. Mann, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution stating that the governing board of the City of Port Jervis does fully support and endorse the proposed rail realignment and new parking plan as originally designed by Bernard Kozykowski dated August 19th, 1994.

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

Mr. Foster- No comment

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mr. Santini- No comment

Mr. Belcher-

Mr. Belcher stated he would not be available all week, as he has scheduled medical appointments.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Mrs. Randazzo-

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the side letter of agreement with the CSEA in regards to uniform allowance article 10 section 5 as well as article 12 section 2 in regards to dental and optical.

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

Public Comment-

Linda Vanhorn, 4th ward, inquired about the joint meeting between the City of Port Jervis and the Town of Deerpark regarding the possible annexation deal and asked the council to forego the homestead program.

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Bavoso seconded by Mr. Foster to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm.

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

Robin Waizenegger
Clerk Treasurer