

May 14th, 2018

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 May 14th, 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 DPW personnel, contractual matter regarding the promenade, contractual matter with the CSEA, police personnel, police contractual matter with Orange County, potential contract with the Outdoor Club, contractual matter with SAM, contractual matter with Orange/Ulster BOCES, contractual matter regarding solar power, contractual matter regarding public utility, and to invite Director of Public Works and Police Chief 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. DPW Director Jack Farr, Building Official David Rivera, Police Chief William Worden and City Clerk Treasurer Robin Waizenegger were also present.

Youth Report-

Spring sports are in the home stretch and many fall sport signups have started. The School Board is please to announce that our Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Mike Rydell, will be appointed to serve as our Superintendent for a three year period effective July 1st, 2018.

Mike's proven style of collaborative leadership will be instrumental in continuing to ensure that children receive the outstanding educational experience we are all accustomed to in Port Jervis.

The PJSD Art Department will present the K-12 Art Show Exhibition at the PJHS Café from 6-8pm on May 18th, 2018. The Art Department is thrilled to host the fourth annual K-12 Art Show which this year will also include the Technology Education and Family and Consumer Science Departments with the K-12 Art Department. Students from all of PJSD were invited to be part of the exhibition.

The PJCS presented the Theodore Kuykendall Community Service Awards on May 10th at ASK. Winter Scholar- Athletes were awarded at the Board of Education meeting on May 1st, 2018. In order for a team to be considered a Scholar-Athlete Team, the team's total grade point average of 75% of their roster, must be 90.00 or above. Athletes from all teams were recognized.

The Building Education Planning Team, otherwise known as B.E.P. T., chooses an initiative each year that will benefit the student body at PJMS. This year, B.E.P.T purchased reusable water bottles to reduce the amount of plastic water bottles that end up in landfills each year. PJMS students received the bottles just in time for Earth day!

Students in Mrs. Weiboldt's Science classes worked on the new Breakout boxes in the library. Students work together by

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reading clues from visuals using computer resources to figure out clues to help them open the boxes to get to the next clue to solve problems.

Congratulations to ASK and HBE students who auditioned for and were selected to be part of the Orange County Music Educators Association Music Festival on April 28th at Warwick Valley High School. Fifteen chorus and band students represented our district by rehearsing and performing challenging music with the top music students from throughout our county.

As part of the new technology initiative, the kindergarten students in Mrs. Babcock's classes got to explore the new breakout boxes. They were joined by then assistant Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Rydell. The students had to solve letter puzzles in order to unlock the box. The students had to figure out 5 puzzles in order to get to the prize inside the box. Then, Mr. Rydell surprised the students with a sneak peak of the new virtual goggles. The students got to see planets, a space station, and took a trip to the Artic.

Kendyle Paige, a local rising star from Pine Bush visited our students at HBE on Friday, April 27th. Students had been learning about Ms. Paige all week in music class and her role on the hit singing competition show "The Four." Students prepared questions for Kendyle. After performing she answered their questions and listened to some of our very own HBE singers perform for her.

HBE's Character Education program celebrated Habit 8, "Find Your Voice," with an Open Mic Friday during lunch periods. Students in grades K-6 sang, read pieces of original writing, played various instruments, and some offered comic relief. The 25th Annual Delaware River Run was a great success. The REC department thanks all of the participants, volunteers, spectators, DPW employees, police personnel, Outdoor Club of PJ and the PJ VAC for all of your help and support!

Senior Report-

Mr. Siegel warned seniors against phone scams.

Veteran Report-

Mr. Siegel informed veterans that new VA apps are now available.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve a Memorial Day parade on May 28th, 2018, a Veteran's Day parade on November 11th, 2018 and a Pearl Harbor Day service on December 9th, 2018.

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

Public Hearing-

Local Law #2- Tax Cap

Mrs. Randazzo opened the public hearing.

No public comment

Mrs. Waizenegger discussed the property tax cap formula set forth by NYS Comptroller Office.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to close the public hearing on proposed local law #2.

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

Local Law #3- Unlicensed Vehicles

Mrs. Randazzo opened the public hearing.

No public comment.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Siegel to close the public hearing on proposed local law #3.

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

Presentations-

Chief Worden spoke about the role of a Police Chaplin and introduced Mr. Thomas Zahradnik as the new police chaplain for the Port Jervis Police Department.

Mrs. Waizenegger administered the oath of office and Mr. Zahradnik thanked everyone.

Public Comment-

Ed Degroat, 3rd ward, spoke about claims of a motorcycle shop operating in the 3rd ward, asked the council about previous conversations relating to the same matter and urged the council to look at pictures. Mr. Degroat also stated that the City has used taxpayer's money to invest in a property located on Front Street.

Mrs. Trovei interjected and clarified that money was spent to repair the Front Street building only because it was declared a dangerous building.

Jose Bolaco, 3rd ward, made complaints regarding residents on Farnum Street.

Mayor Decker suggested Mr. Bolaco call the Police department.

Joan McBride, 3rd ward, thanked the council for repairing the handicap ramp at the Farnum building.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the minutes of the April 23rd, 2018 regular meeting.

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

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the April finance meeting minutes.

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

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 \$864,127.50.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution determining and specifying the capital purposes for which the proceeds of certain capital notes of the City shall be used for federal tax purposes.

Mrs. Waizenegger noted the resolution is due to changes in the federal tax code.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to the increase to all non-moving violations fine and fees by \$15.00. effective July 1st, 2018.

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

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Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the resolution relating to the 2018 capital appropriations.

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

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

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Mr. Siegel announced Officer Appreciation Night will be held on June 4th at 7:00pm at Engine #4 firehouse.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Neversink Engine Company No. 1 fundraiser to sell tee shirts to benefit multiple sclerosis (MS).

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 request to attend the Orange County Volunteer Firemen's Association parade in Greenwood Lake on September 15th, 2018.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 requests for a date change to Host a Rabies Clinic on October 14th, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at their firehouse.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the Port Jervis Fire Department requests to participate in the National Night Out on August 7th, 2018.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 request to elect Justin M. Brewster as Second Lieutenant through the end of the calendar year.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Morgan R. Mosher, Jr. as active membership for Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Caleb C. Perkowski as junior membership for Excelsior Engine Company No. 5.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Maria Trapini as active membership for Tri State Hose Company No. 6.

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

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Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Brian S. Vanderveer as active membership for Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4. request for the following transfers from Fowler's Rescue & Salvage Company No. 3: Michael B. Latini, Jr., Richard J. Amato, Michael Amato.

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.

The next meeting will be held on May 21st, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the April code committee minutes.

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

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve local law #2 of 2018 relating to the override of the tax levy limit.

Mrs. Randazzo noted that it's hard to stay within tax cap proposed by state.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 3 (Santini, Mann, Siegel) ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve local law #3 of 2018 relating to unlicensed vehicles.

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

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve a public hearing to be set for May 29th, 2018 at 7:30pm for proposed local law #4, 421F exemption.

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

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve a public hearing to be set for May 29th, 2018 at 7:31pm for proposed local law #5, sidewalk cafés.

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

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a public hearing to be set for May 29th, 2018 at 7:32pm for proposed local law #6, cell tower moratorium.

Mr. Bavoso noted the moratorium would be for 6 month with options to renew.

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

The next meeting will be held on June 6th, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the May DPW committee minutes.

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

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Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the hiring of Matthew Crown for the position of Step 1 Laborer in the DPW. This hire is subject to a 6 month probation period starting on his date of commencing work for the City of Port Jervis. This hire will be starting with the salary of Step 1 laborer as listed in the salary schedule in the CSEA contract.

Mr. Bavoso noted with 2 current vacancies the city should be filling both positions.

Mr. Belcher agreed and noted that the city lost 2 positions and the city should have replaced those 2 positions.

Mr. Siegel stated the city cannot afford to hire 2 positions.

Mrs. Randazzo commented the city has to remain hesitant and positive at the same time and find a happy medium.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 3(Trovei, Belcher, Bavoso) ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the hiring of 2 temporary seasonal employees for the purpose of grass maintenance in the City of Port Jervis. This position is limited to less than 988 hrs. per year.

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

Update:

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

The week of May 28th will have garbage and recycling picked up a day late in all wards due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

Also, be advised that 1st Ward papers will still be picked up as scheduled on Friday

June 1st.

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.

DPW crews are currently removing sidewalks in the downtown business district so please use caution when traveling in that area.

The next DPW meeting will take place on Monday June 5th, 2018 at 6pm here in the Council Chambers.

Police Committee-

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the Police Chief to sign and execute a Memorandum of understanding with NYS division of Criminal Justice Services to participate in the Regional Crime Analysis Center Activities.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Mann to approve the Police committee meeting minutes.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Mann to approve a consultant to review the street camera bid.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the Mayor to sign and execute contracts with the County of Orange to accept funding and participate in the County wide investigative unit.

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

Mr. Foster noted that the 2018 Click or Ticket campaign will be conducted throughout the Memorial Day weekend.

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

Liaison Reports:

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Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Mrs. Trovei reported that financials, section 8, outreach, and grant opportunities were discussed at the last meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the NYS downtown revitalization initiative submission, which is due no later than June 1st, 2018.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve a public hearing to be set for May 29th, 2018 at 7:33pm to discuss the NYS Community Development Block Grant submission options.

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

The next meeting will be May 16th, 2018 at 7:00pm on the second floor of the Youth Center.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

Mrs. Mann reported that the IDA committee discussed recent projects at 100 Pike Street.

The next meeting will be May 21st, 2018 at 6:00pm.

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 May 22nd, 2018 at 7:30 at Hillside Terrace.

Recreation Commission:

The 2018 Summer Recreation schedule is completed and can be picked up at the Youth Center, it can be emailed to you or you can read it on Facebook. The summer program will start on Monday June 25th. West End Beach will open on Friday June 15th (weather permitting and river conditions permitting). For more information contact the Recreation office at 845-858-4045 or email us at pjrec@frontiernet.net. The Youth Center will be closed on Monday May 28th for Memorial Day.

The next Recreation commission meeting is scheduled for this Thursday May 17th at 7:00pm at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

Mr. Belcher noted the tourism board discussed upcoming events.

The next meeting will be on May 9th, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Council chambers.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

The next meeting will be on June 5th, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Council chambers.

Planning Board-

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The next meeting will be held on June 19th, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

The plumbing board will be held on June 19th at 6:30pm in the Council chambers.

Electrical Board-

The electrical board will held on June 6th at 6:45pm in the Council chambers.

Senior Advisory-

M. Siegel reminded seniors to turn in absentee ballots for tomorrow's school board vote.

Access 23 TV-

Mr. Belcher thanked the cameraman.

PJV Ambulance Report-

Mayor Decker noted that the PJV held a successful fundraiser.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Mayor Decker read a letter of recognition from Senator Sue Serino awarding Port Jervis the Hudson River valley greenway communities' council compact grant.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the Crop Hunger Walk on October 14th, 2018.

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

Mr. Decker invited residents to the Sportsman Expo being held at Riverside Park on May 19th, 2018, reminded everyone that OCCC will be offering summer courses at half price at the Port Jervis location, and reminded residents to vote on the school budget and board members.

Mr. Decker informed residents that a joint meeting will be held to discuss the potential annexation with the Town of Deerpark on May 21st, 2018 at the Deerpark Senior Center at 7:00pm.

Mayor Decker also wished Mr. Belcher good luck on his medical procedure.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

No report.

Old Business:

Mrs. Randazzo-

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Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the Mayor to sign Orange-Ulster BOCES summer work agreement.

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

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mr. Santini- No comment

Mr. Bavoso-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the extension on the solar project lease until August 31st, 2018 at a rate to be negotiated by Corporation Counsel and the Mayor.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve an expenditure of \$25,000.00 for a wireless sound system to go from Fowler to Sussex Street for purposes of City usage.

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

Mr. Bavoso also offered condolences to the Decker family.

Mr. Foster- No comment

Mrs. Mann- offered condolences to the Decker family.

Mrs. Trovei- No comment

Mr. Siegel- offered condolences to the Decker family and praised a recent event that honored fallen Fire Police members.

New Business:

Mr. Siegel- noted the next worship and prayer service will be held May 18th at 7:00pm at Drew Methodist Church and gave a warming station 2017-2018 year end recap.

Mrs. Trovei-

Motion by Mrs. Trovei seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the event application for the 2018 farmer's market season.

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

Mrs. Mann- No comment

Mr. Foster- No comment

Mayor Decker- On May 15th 2018 the City of Port Jervis will be honoring and remembering PJPD Officer John Mackechnie at Saint Mary's Cemetery.

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mr. Santini- No comment

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Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Mrs. Randazzo- No comment

Public Comment-

Ed Degroat, 3rd ward, asked council if the city has been reimbursed for building expenses made to a property on Front Street. Council responded that yes the city has been reimbursed.

Mr. Degroat also urged the council to stop a motorcycle shop that he claims is operating on Farnum Street, which is located in a residential zone and stated UPS makes frequent stops at the location. He has also made recent complaints on the condition of the building to code enforcement.

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Bavoso seconded by Mrs. Trovei to adjourn the meeting at 9:07pm.

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

Robin Waizenegger
Clerk Treasurer