

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, February 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Decker and all members of the Common Council were present. Assistant Building Official Laurie Powrie, Director of Public Works Vincent Lopez, Fire Chief Jeffrey Rhoades, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, Police Chief William Worden, and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso were also present.

Attendance

Mayor Decker and Scouts Jacob Scott, William Mackin, and Matthew Ostrom of Wolf Pack 67 led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Waizenegger read the public hearing notice for proposed Local Law #1-2014.

Public

There was no public comment.

Hearing—
Proposed Local
Law #1-2014

The opinion from Orange County Department of Planning had been received. They determined there would be no negative impact.

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Waligroski, to close the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Michael Conklin gave the Youth Report, which included the following:

Youth Report
given

- Two (2) members of the wrestling team will advance to the state competition.
- There will be a basketball game held on March 5, 2014 between school district faculty and the Harlem Wizards.
- The *Schoolhouse Rock* play held recently at the Middle School was a success.
- Kindergarten registration will begin February 26, 2014.
- A “Read Across America” program will be held at Hamilton Bicentennial Elementary School.
- An In-Service Day will be March 10, 2014.
- The next School Board meeting will be March 4, 2104.
- There will be a “Cops versus Kids” basketball game on March 8, 2014.
- Family literacy programs will be held at Empowering Port Jervis.

At future Council meetings, Ms. Sue DiGiantomasso will provide information for the Senior Report, and Mr. Siegel will deliver the report.

Senior and
Veterans’
Reports

Mr. Siegel noted that Mr. Henry Dunn may be giving the Veterans’ Report at future meetings.

Mr. Michael D’Arcy and Ms. Meridith Nierenberg, Outreach Coordinators for RUPCO, gave a presentation for Green Jobs/Green NY. The coordinators spoke about NYSERDA and addressing state energy usage and environmental challenges. They briefly detailed the residential programs’ goals to retrofit homes and create “green” jobs. They discussed eligibility, house assessments, incentives, and low-interest financing. Ms. Nierenberg noted that the outreach coordinators are available to provide assistance with completing forms and providing program information.

RUPCO
presentation
given

Mr. David Hoovler, Orange County District Attorney, spoke about police enforcement activity in Port Jervis. He detailed recent activity concerning thefts at a local business and also a separate incident concerning drugs. Both investigations led to arrests. He praised the police department for their work. He highlighted a Court Connections program which will augment enforcement with a rehabilitation and treatment program. Mr. Hoovler extended an invitation to residents to contact him or visit his office. He noted that he will be returning to the Council for updates several times a year. Mayor Decker thanked Mr. Hoovler for attending the meeting and extended the City’s appreciation for aid given by the District Attorney’s office.

District
Attorney visits

Mr. Peter Grech, 4th Ward resident, thanked Mr. Siegel for suggesting the City hold an Ice Festival.

Public
Comment
given

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2014 regular meeting.

Minutes of the
2/10/2014
Regular
approved

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Committee Reports given— Finance Committee	<p>The Finance Committee discussed cash flow, insurance renewals, 2013 Capital Note, and State Comptroller's audit results.</p> <p>The next Finance Committee meeting will be March 17, 2014 after the Department of Public Works (DPW) and Fire and Emergency Management (FEM) Meeting.</p> <p>Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to approve the unpaid bills in the following amounts for payment: General Fund - \$248,631.99, Water Fund - \$29,683.01, and Capital Fund - \$961,367.24.</p> <p>AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED</p>
Fire and Emergency Management (FEM) Committee	<p>The new ladder truck was put into service February 24, 2014. Fire department personnel have completed training on the new apparatus.</p> <p>The next FEM meeting will be March 17, 2014 after the DPW meeting.</p>
Code Committee	<p>The next Code Committee meeting will be March 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Hendrick, to approve Local Law #1-2014.</p> <p>Mr. Siegel read information pertaining to the law and detailed the area of the City to be effected.</p> <p>Mayor Decker noted that work on this law had begun last year and will move specific residential properties out of the Central Business District.</p> <p>AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED</p>
Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee	<p>Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Siegel, to accept the DPW Committee's February 18, 2014 minutes.</p> <p>The DPW update included garbage and recycling being on normal schedule for the next two (2) weeks and DPW crews working overtime to clear snow, clean catch basins, and fill pot holes as a result of the recent storms.</p> <p>Residents were reminded of the "No Parking" regulation from December 1 through April 1 from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.</p> <p>The next DPW Committee meeting will be March 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.</p>
Police Committee	<p>Mr. Hendrick thanked Mr. Hoovler for attending the meeting and commended all those who participated in the recent arrests and conviction.</p> <p>The Ride-Along program, done in conjunction with Safe Homes, is designed, in part, to strengthen partnership between police departments and Safe Homes.</p> <p>Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to authorize Chief William Worden to execute the necessary documents for the competitive bidding for the purchase of Police In-car Patrol Cameras systems.</p> <p>AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED</p> <p>The next Police Committee meeting will be March 3, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.</p>
Liaison Reports given— Community Development Agency (CDA)	<p>The next CDA meeting will be March 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pike Street office.</p>
Industrial Development Agency (IDA)	<p>The IDA reviewed PILOT documents. Mrs. Waizenegger made modifications to the documents that will be helpful in future review of the agreement.</p>

The next ADA meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. ADA

The Housing Authority Board met with CDA, and another meeting will be held at a later date. Housing Authority

The next Housing Authority meeting will be March 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Hillside Terrace.

The Recreation Update was given and included information about Youth Basketball, Cops versus Kids basketball game, Youth Center hours, and the spring Port Pride Day. Recreation Commission

The next Recreation Commission meeting will be March 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Youth Center.

The next Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting will be March 4, 2014. Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board

The next Planning Board meeting will be March 25, 2014. A public hearing for 33-35, 37, and 39 East Main Streets and a pre-submission for 266-272 and 290-294 East Main Streets will be held.

Members of the Tourism Board attended the Tourism Industry Partners meeting and look forward to working with the Orange County Tourism Board in the future. Tourism Board

Ms. Debbie Scofield and Ms. Kristen Trovei attended the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway meeting as representatives for Port Jervis.

The City-wide Yard Sale will be May 3, 2014. More information will be given at future Council meetings.

The next Tourism Board meeting will be March 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

The next Plumbing and Electrical Boards will meet March 5, 2014 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Plumbing and Electrical Boards

Mr. Siegel met with representatives of Senior Advisory and with residents, and there are no issues to report. Mr. Siegel extended condolences to those families who have lost loved ones over the past few months. Senior Advisory

Access 23 TV thanked Tri-State Computer Store of Matamoras, Pennsylvania, for their donation of equipment. Access 23 TV report

The first regularly scheduled Access 23 TV meeting for 2014 will be March 5, 2014.

Mayor Decker wished Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell a happy 50th wedding anniversary. Mayor's Correspondence reviewed

The community conversation concerning children's mental health issues will be February 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to attend the Office of the Aging's dinner on May 15, 2014 must RSVP.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to authorize Mayor Decker to apply and execute all necessary documents for funds via the State and Municipalities Facilities Capital Program in the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of the "City of Port Jervis Motor Vehicle, Police and Recreation Expansion and Rehabilitation Project".

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mayor Decker appointed Ms. Debbie Scofield and Ms. Kristen Trovei to the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Committee.

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick, to appoint Mr. Michael Fox, of Jacobwitz and Gubits, as assistant Corporation Counsel.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 (BAVOSO) CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Waligroski, to appoint Jacobwitz and Gubits as the City's labor attorney.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mayor's Correspondence (continued) Mayor Decker complimented all those involved in the production of the Middle School's *Schoolhouse Rock* performance.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of committees. Anyone interested is asked to contact the Mayor's office.

City Clerk-Treasurer's report given The Orange County Department of Health will be holding a free rabies clinic on March 15, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to noon in Monroe, New York. Pre-registration is required by calling 782-0302.

The 2014 City tax bills will be mailed March 15, 2014.

Old Business discussed Motorists were reminded to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.

Mr. Siegel thanked all those who cleared snow from around fire hydrants and storm drains.

Mr. Siegel is researching a voice broadcasting system for those unable to receive email or text alerts.

Mr. Oney thanked emergency and DPW personnel for their work during the recent snow storms.

New Business discussed Mayor Decker will be attending the Sparrowbush Methodist Church on Sunday, March 2, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Anyone wishing to join him can meet on Sussex Street at 10:30 a.m.

Executive Session set Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Bell, to set Executive Session to discuss CSEA Memorandum of Agreement, maintenance subcontract for City-owned property, Telecom tower proposal, water rents, sale of City-owned properties, PBA contractual, Building Department personnel, and City purchases.

An invitation was extended to Mr. Lopez, Mrs. Waizenegger, and Mrs. Powrie to attend Executive Session.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Siegel stated that the Code Committee would be discussing a possible local law that would require property owners to remove unused or unneeded satellite dishes.

Mr. Siegel commented on the new restaurant *A Taste of Sicily* and commented that the owners are grateful for the help they received to get the business open.

Mr. Siegel thanked all those who attended the Fire Department's OSHA training and to Mr. Vandermark who taught the class.

Council Enters Executive Session Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to enter Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting reconvened The meeting was reconvened at 9:08 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to authorize the issuance of a Capital Note in the amount of \$103,636 and the refinance \$80,000 of the prior year's Capital Note, and to authorize the City Clerk-Treasurer to solicit bids, complete the issuance, and facilitate the purchase of all items noted in combination with the financing of any prior year Capital Note Debt repayments as necessary.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk-Treasurer