

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 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

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

Attendance

Mayor Decker and Scouts Kandyce Bedford, LynnLee Ennis, Aalyiah Ford, Hannah Good, Sayde Miller, and Meghan Williams of Troop 229 led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Youth Report given

- Two (2) members of the high school wrestling team advanced to state Section 9 competition, and one (1) wrestler placed third.
- The Odyssey of the Mind competition was held, and teams were congratulated.
- Elementary schools held a Dr. Seuss celebration.
- Kindergarten registration continues.
- The next School Board meeting will be March 18, 2104.
- The “Cops versus Kids” basketball game was a success.
- A family literacy program is being held at Empowering Port Jervis beginning March 11, 2014.
- The Port Jervis Free Library will host “The Reading Dog” on March 15, 2014.

The Senior Club report, provided by Ms. Sue DiGiantomasso, included spring and summer events, including bus trips, movie night, exercise program, guest speakers, and card and board games.

Senior Report given

The next Senior Club meeting will be March 12, 2014. There will be a sign-up for the March 17, 2014 corned beef and cabbage dinner at that meeting.

Senior citizens are invited to attend the High School play “Footloose” being held March 30, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. free of charge.

The Senior Club is open to those residents sixty (60) years or older. Meetings are held every second and fourth Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Farnum House. There is a \$10 membership fee.

Mr. John Fernandez, of RC Racing, updated the Council and briefly discussed the proposal he was submitting to the Council for consideration. He spoke about the “signature” race proposed for May 31 through June 1, 2014 and expressed his appreciation for the support he has been given by the Council. Mayor Decker commented that he will distribute the information to the Council and Corporation Counsel.

RC World update given

No public comment was given.

Public Comment given

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2014 regular meeting.

Minutes of the 2/24/2014 Regular approved

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Waligroski, to approve the unpaid bills in the following amounts for payment: General Fund - \$49,605.64, Water Fund - \$9,587.16, and Capital Fund - \$33,712.76.

Committee Reports given—Finance Committee

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick, to authorize a disbursement of \$625 from the Ruggeri Fund for a Senior Club bus trip to Woodloch Pines.

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

March 10, 2014

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to authorize the 2014 Tax Warrant in the amount of \$4,553,067.21.

Mr. Bell and Mayor Decker spoke about the addition of unpaid maintenance bills to City tax bills and the increased burden on the City.

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

The next Finance Committee meeting will be March 17, 2014 after the Department of Public Works (DPW) and Fire and Emergency Management (FEM) meetings.

Fire and  
Emergency  
Management  
(FEM)  
Committee

January and February fire calls were reviewed.

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Siegel, to approve Aaron Aumick and James Fuller, Jr. as probationary emergency drivers for Excelsior Engine Company #5 of the Port Jervis Fire Department.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell, to approve the removal of Tim Schadt, of Neversink Engine Company #1, and William Marion, of Tri-States Hose Company #6, from the active membership rolls of the Port Jervis Fire Department.

Condolences were extended to the family of Mr. Marion, who was a 72-year member of the Fire Department.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to approve the inter-department transfer of Matthew S. Dloughy from Howard Wheat Engine Company #4 to Delaware Engine Company #2.

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

The next FEM meeting will be March 17, 2014 after the DPW meeting.

Code  
Committee

The next Code Committee meeting will be April 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Department of  
Public Works  
(DPW)  
Committee

The DPW update included garbage and recycling being on normal schedule for the next two (2) weeks and DPW crews continue to remove snow and fill potholes. The Beach Road Pump Station project is complete, and the pump is online. The pump has an estimated thirty (30) year lifespan.

The next DPW Committee meeting will be March 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Police  
Committee

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to accept the February Police Department report.

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

Mr. Hendrick reviewed the process for the selection of officers for the Traffic Safety Award and 2014 Shooters Cup. He highlighted those officers who were chosen for awards, certificates of recognition, and letters of accommodation. All awards, certificates, and letters have been added to the officers' personnel files.

The next Police Committee meeting will be April 7, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Liaison Reports  
given—  
Community  
Development  
Agency (CDA)

A special meeting of the CDA will be held March 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pike Street office.

The Oath of Office was administered to the new members of the ADA Committee, and members have referred to the Code Committee their recommendation of having a thirty-six inch (36") path cleared on City sidewalks after snow storms. Mr. Lopez requested the committee submit new projects for 2014 for consideration.

ADA

The next ADA meeting date will be announced at a future Council meeting.

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

Housing Authority

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell, to accept the Recreation Department's February report.

Recreation Commission

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell, to accept the Recreation Commission's February minutes.

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

The Recreation update was given and included the conclusion of the winter basketball program, the number of participants for after-school programs, and information about the spring Port Pride Day on March 22, 2014.

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

The Tourism Board continues planning the City-wide Yard Sale to be held May 3, 2014. The rain date for the event is May 4, 2014.

Tourism Board

The next Tourism Board meeting will be March 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

The March Zoning Board of Appeals meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be April 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board

Mr. Ritchie thanked Mr. Oney for attending the February Planning Board in his absence. The Board held a public hearing for Zahra Realty and a pre-submission for Dunkin' Donuts. The March 18, 2014 meeting will include a public hearing for Dunkin' Donuts and a pre-submission for The Ruby Group.

The Plumbing Board approved one (1) application for testing. The next meeting will be April 2, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Plumbing and Electrical Boards

The Electrical Board fined one (1) electrician for working without a license. The next Electrical Board will meet April 2, 2014 at 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Siegel met with representatives of Senior Advisory and with residents. He noted that several apartments are available at Water's Edge. He also thanked Ms. DiGiantomasso for providing the Senior Report.

Senior Advisory

Mr. Siegel thanked Mr. Belcher for assisting in resolving the issue of no digital signal for broadcasting the previous two (2) Council meetings.

Access 23 TV report

The Mayor's update included the following:

- Mayor Decker congratulated the high school wrestlers who competed in the Section 9 finals and those who were members of the Odyssey of the Mind teams.
- Several councilmen read during the Dr. Seuss celebration.
- April ward meetings will be scheduled, and an alternative for "shut ins" will be discussed.
- The Soap Box Derby Scholarship Dinner will be March 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
- The Cops vs Kids and BPW Tricky Tray events were both a success.

Mayor's Correspondence reviewed

Mayor's  
Correspondence  
(continued)

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to authorize the Tri-State Chamber of Commerce's Arts Walk to be held July 19, 2014, with a rain date of July 20, 2014.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to authorize the display of banners to advertise the Home and Garden Show on April 12 and April 13, 2014.

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

Mayor Decker briefly spoke about the NYSEERDA and RUPCO program.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Hendrick, to approve a partnership between the City of Port Jervis and RUPCO for the NYSEERDA energy program.

RUPCO's outreach coordinators will visit residents throughout the City, accompanied by a designated City employee or representative, to provide information concerning the state's energy program and eligibility requirements.

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

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to appoint Ms. Melissa Decker to the ADA Committee.

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

Retirements  
accepted

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bell, to accept, with regret, the retirement of Chief Water Plant Operator Kevin Keane, to be effective June 27, 2014. Due to accrued vacation time, Mr. Keane's last day of work will be May 16, 2014.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to accept, with regret, the retirement of the Director of Public Works Vincent Lopez, to be effective on or about April 26, 2014.

Mayor Decker thanked Mr. Lopez for his years of service and added that the City is losing a valuable asset.

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

City Clerk-  
Treasurer's  
report given

The City Clerk-Treasurer's office will begin collecting 2014 City tax on March 17, 2014 and is preparing for the internal audit.

Old Business  
discussed

Sav-A-Lot delivers groceries free of charge for senior and disabled customers, and patrons were asked to leave the shopping carts at the store.

Mr. Siegel continues to work on voice broadcasting capabilities.

Mr. Waligroski noted that DPW crews have been filling potholes and asked residents for their patience.

New Business  
discussed

Mr. Bell commented on the anticipated projected twenty-five percent (25%) increase in workman's compensation insurance costs.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Oney, to authorize Amendment #1 for the Water Clarification Project to GHD Consulting Engineers in the amount of \$6,000.

The funding is included in the existing contingency funds in the contract.

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

Youth Mock Trials will be held March 15, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at BOCES. Mr. Bavoso encouraged everyone to attend in support of the participants.

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Waligroski, to set Executive Session to discuss property litigation, unpaid water charges litigation, personnel (retirement), and contractual (cable).

Executive Session set

An invitation was extended to Mrs. Waizenegger and Mrs. Duryea to attend Executive Session.

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

Mr. Ritchie thanked Mr. Lopez for his assistance over the years and commented that he will be deeply missed. He also wished Mr. Keane a happy retirement.

Mr. Ritchie wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Mr. Siegel extended his condolences to the Hoskins and Culver families.

A 4<sup>th</sup> Ward meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The Neighborhood Watch meeting may be held at the same time.

Mr. Siegel commented on the traffic congestion on Interstate 84 due to construction between Matamoras, Pennsylvania and Montague, New Jersey. He recommended motorists travel through Port Jervis as an alternate route.

Mr. Siegel congratulated Mr. Lopez and Mr. Keane on their retirements.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Ward meeting will be April 3, 2014, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward meeting will be April 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Lorraine Marquez stated that Mr. Lopez will be missed. She spoke about parking problems on her street and suggested that a temporary "No Parking" sign be installed on narrow side streets until roads are widened and cleared of snow. She also discussed a neighborhood house that has broken pipes and sewage back-up. The sign recommendation will be forwarded to the Police Committee, and the broken pipe problem will be forwarded to the DPW.

Public Comment given

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Hendrick, to enter Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

Council Enters Executive Session

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

The meeting was reconvened at 9:03 p.m.

Meeting reconvened

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick, to accept the tax certorraris as presented as follows:

74-76 Hammond Street, SBL:13-11-11

Year	2010	Index#	2010/007842
	2011		2011/007120
	2012		2012/006265
	2013		2013/006110

23-25 N. Maple Avenue, SBL: 20-2-16

	2009		2009/8190
	2010		2010/007842
	2011		2011/007120
	2012		2012/0068906
	2013		2013/006110

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Meeting adjourned

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

Robin Waizenegger  
City Clerk-Treasurer