

<p>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 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Regular Meeting</p>
<p>Mayor Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Bell, Mr. Cunningham, and Mr. Waligroski. Recreation Director John Faggione, Director of Public Works Vincent Lopez, Assistant Building Official Laurie Powrie, Fire Chief Jeffrey Rhoades, Police Lieutenant William VanInwegen, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso were also present.</p>	<p>Attendance</p>
<p>Mayor Decker and Scout Megan Clune of Girl Scout Troop 443 led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.</p>	<p>Pledge of Allegiance</p>
<p>The Youth Report included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Students are currently out for spring break until April 21, 2014.</li> <li>▪ Congratulations were extended to those who performed in <i>Footloose</i>.</li> <li>▪ Eighth grade students enjoyed a recent Washington DC trip.</li> <li>▪ New York State testing will begin April 30, 2014.</li> <li>▪ The Port Jervis Recreation Department’s Candy Dash will be April 19, 2014.</li> <li>▪ There will be a Lion’s Club Fishing Derby at the YMCA Camps in Huguenot on May 10, 2014.</li> <li>▪ Matthew and Michael Aumick are requesting donations of blankets for attendees of the next veteran’s Honor Flight.</li> </ul>	<p>Youth Report given</p>
<p>Recently, seniors enjoyed the performance of <i>Footloose</i> and a bus trip to Woodloch Pines.</p>	<p>Senior Report given</p>
<p>The next Senior Club meeting will be held April 23, 2014 at the Farnum House. Port Jervis and Deepark seniors over the age of sixty (60) are invited to attend.</p>	
<p>Anyone wishing to provide the Council with the Veteran’s Report can contact the Mayor’s office.</p>	<p>Veteran’s Report</p>
<p>Mr. Adam P. Scopino, Jr., a second ward resident, spoke about his desire to have a person in the vacant Council seat.</p>	<p>Public Comment given</p>
<p>Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Hendrick, to accept the minutes of the March 24, 2014 regular meeting.</p>	<p>Minutes of the 3/24/2014 Regular approved</p>
<p>AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED</p>	
<p>The next Finance Committee meeting will be April 21, 2014 at approximately 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Committee Reports given—Finance Committee</p>
<p>Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to approve the unpaid bills in the following amounts for payment: General Fund - \$212,691.05, Water Fund - \$59,466.79, and Capital Fund - \$225,304.74.</p>	
<p>AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED</p>	
<p>Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to approve the events listed below for the Port Jervis Fire Department and company stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Howard Wheat Engine Company #4—May 31, 2014—Ladies Auxiliary sausage and pepper take-out</li> <li>▪ Maghogomock Hook and Ladder company #7—October 4, 2014—parade, Middletown, New York</li> <li>▪ All companies—May 26, 2014, November 11, 2014, and December 7, 2014—Memorial Day, Veterans’ Day and Pearl Harbor Day parades</li> </ul>	<p>Fire and Emergency Management (FEM) Committee</p>
<p>AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED</p>	

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Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Oney, to remove the following individuals from the active membership rolls of the Port Jervis Fire Department effective April 14, 2014:

- Neversink Engine Company #1—William Nealis and Caitlin Cardone
- Excelsior Engine Company #5—Jeffrey Elder

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0  
CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to accept the list of twenty-five (25) and fifty (50) year members of the Port Jervis Fire Department detailed by Mr. Siegel.

Mr. Siegel thanked the members for their years of service.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0  
CARRIED

Mr. Siegel thanked the members of the Fire Department who washed the sidewalks on Pike Street, Front Street, and Jersey Avenue over the weekend.

**Code Committee** The next Code Committee meeting will be May 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. and will finish the discussion of the abandoned/vacant properties law.

**Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee** The next DPW Committee meeting will be April 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

**Police Committee** Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to accept the Police Department's March report.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0  
CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Oney, to accept the Police Committee's March minutes.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0  
CARRIED

The next Police Committee meeting will be May 5, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

**Liaison Reports given—Community Development Agency (CDA)** CDA Director, Ms. Valerie Maginsky, has been reviewing staff procedures and attending various meetings. She and Ms. Hendrickson are working together to provide the agency with a smooth transition.

The next CDA meeting will be April 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

**Industrial Development Agency (IDA)** The IDA discussed the Rite-Aid project, which is on schedule. Attorneys' fees for the project were approved for payment. The agency sent a letter to a business in regards to a PILOT and is awaiting a response.

**ADA** The next ADA meeting will be May 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

**Housing Authority** The April Housing Authority meeting was cancelled.

There will be a Defensive Driving class on April 21, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in the Hillside Terrace Community Room. Those wishing to attend can call 845-856-8621 to register.

The next Housing Authority meeting will be May 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

**Recreation Commission** The Recreation Update was given and included the following:

- The Easter Candy Dash will be held April 19, 2014 at Church Street Park at 10:00 a.m.
- The Youth Center Spring Break schedule was given.
- Point Peter is now open for the season.
- All City parks are closed by 9:00 p.m., and dogs and pets are not allowed in the parks.
- Skateboard Park will be open April 19, 2014.
- The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Delaware River 5K Run and Walk will be May 4, 2014.

The next Recreation Commission meeting will be April 23, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Youth Center.

The Citywide Yard Sale will be held May 3, 2014. The deadline for sign-ups is April 18, 2014. Applications are available in the Mayor's office or at [pjtourism.com](http://pjtourism.com).

Tourism Board

The Tourism Board may have a meeting prior to the Yard Sale, but the next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 13, 2014.

The next ZBA meeting will be May 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board

The next Planning Board meeting will be April 15, 2014. A pre-submission for 74-76 Kingston Avenue and several Conditional Use Permit renewals are on the agenda.

The next Plumbing and Electrical Boards will be held May 7, 2014 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Plumbing and Electrical Boards

Mr. Siegel met with representatives and residents. There were no significant issues.

Senior Advisory

Apartments are available at Water's Edge.

Beginning in 2015, Port Jervis will be involved in a County program for food preparation and distribution for seniors.

Mayor Decker spoke about the Nutrition Program's lunch at the Farnum House. Mr. Siegel encouraged people to volunteer for the program as drivers.

Mayor Decker briefly detailed the proposed County-wide nutrition program, which will have a centralized kitchen in Arden Hill Hospital. The Port Jervis site will be a warming kitchen as a part of this program. More volunteer drivers could allow the program to expand its clientele.

The Access 23 TV report will be given at the second Council meeting of the month.

Access 23 TV report

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel, to accept with regret the resignation of Ray Ostrom as City Marshall.

Mayor's Correspondence reviewed

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The Tri-States Chamber of Commerce sent a letter of support for the 2014 Farmers' Market.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Oney, to authorize the City's membership in the Farmer's Market Federation of New York.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

CHIPS funding for the City has been increased but no specific dollar amount was given. Anyone who can help identify City roads that need repaving was asked to contact the Mayor's office.

Two (2) civil service examinations are being given: Youth Center Leader and Building Official. Those interested in taking the examinations can contact the Civil Service office for details.

Mayor Decker invited everyone to attend the Arbor Day Program on April 26, 2014 at West End Park at noon. Another Arbor Day celebration will be held at the Port Jervis Middle School on April 25, 2014, where students will participate in planting two (2) trees.

The Little League opening day and Community Service Saturday will be April 26, 2014 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Decker spoke about a petition being sent to the State's Fire Prevention and Building Code Council. The City seeks to be more involved in creating codes that are more restrictive so to meet the needs of the City.

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Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to authorize the memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to update the small urban area boundaries.

Corporation Council has reviewed the MOA. No boundaries have been changed, and the update is for NYSDOT reporting only.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0  
CARRIED

The Council will discuss the advantages for joining the Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress prior to approving the payment of the fee to join.

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Oney, to authorize the following street closures for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Soap Box Derby:

- Sussex Street—June 8, 2014—all day
- Jersey Avenue—April 28, May 1, May 5, May 12, May 21, and May 29, 2014—5:30 p.m. for practices
- Sussex Street—June 7, 2014—impound of cars from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0  
CARRIED

The Tri-States Naval Ship is offering a free Easter dinner for seniors. Orders must be placed by April 18, 2014 by calling 845-856-6289.

Port Jervis Youth Football registration continues in April at the Youth Center.

The Kids Fishing Derby, to be held at the YMCA Camps, will be May 10, 2014. Registration is required.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Delaware River 5K Run and Walk will be May 4, 2014 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

RUPCO representatives will begin their housing energy efficiency evaluations in Port Jervis in mid-May.

City Clerk-  
Treasurer's  
report given

There will be two (2) upcoming rabies clinics for cats and dogs: April 26, 2014 from noon to 3:00 p.m. in Newburgh and May 18, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Woodbury. Registration at the Clerk's office in both locations is required.

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to authorize Occupations, Inc. to see raffle tickets within the Port Jervis jurisdiction.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0  
CARRIED

Liquor license renewals have been received in the City Clerk's office from the Erie Hotel and Sam and Mabel's. Anyone having objections to these renewals can contact the Clerk's office.

Water and 2014 City tax bills are due by April 30, 2014.

Old Business  
discussed

Mr. Siegel thanked all those who attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Mr. Siegel congratulated MacKenzie Leroy and Aaron Aumick on achieving Eagle Scout and Vince Livingston for his 75 year scouting award.

Mr. Siegel reminded residents to report any suspicious activity to the Police Department and pedestrians to use caution while in crosswalks.

Mr. Oney gave the DPW update which included the following:

- Garbage and recycling will be on a normal schedule for the next two (2) weeks.
- Bagged leaves and brush will be picked up beginning Monday.
- The street sweeper is out and will continue to clean City streets.

Mr. Oney, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Hendrick, Mr. Bavoso, and Mayor Decker wished Mr. Lopez well in his retirement. They thanked him for his years of service, spoke about what a great asset he has been to the City, and noted that the City owes him a debt of gratitude for his work.

Old Business  
(continued)

Mr. Ritchie spoke about the traffic congestion on Interstate 84 due to the construction and reminded motorists to use caution when driving near the Port Jervis/Matamoras exits.

Mr. Bavoso encouraged residents to attend community events.

Mayor Decker thanked the Fire Department for cleaning the sidewalks downtown and the DPW staff for cleaning the median.

New Business  
discussed

Mayor Decker spoke about the New York State Department of Transportation's memorandum of agreement for the Neversink River Bridge Project. The City must wait thirty (30) days for any comments to be made from the Fish and Wildlife Service before proceeding with the project.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Neighborhood Watch meeting will be April 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to set Executive Session to discuss litigation, a contractual matter, IDA, and personnel for Recreation and DPW.

Executive  
Session set

An invitation was extended to Mr. Faggione and Mr. Lopez.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0  
CARRIED

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward meeting will be April 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Siegel spoke about his twelve (12) years working with Mr. Lopez.

Mr. Siegel reminded everyone of the tax deadline April 15, 2014 and encouraged fire fighters who qualify to file for the fire fighter credit.

Mr. Siegel wished everyone Happy Passover and Happy Easter holidays.

Mayor Decker invited anyone wishing to attend church service with him to come to the First Presbyterian Church on top of Sussex Street on April 20, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Robin Waizenegger, President of the Port Jervis Rotary, encouraged everyone to attend the Blood Drive at the Elks Lodge on April 16, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Rotary will also be selling roses, which will arrive around Mother's Day. All proceeds for these events go for scholarships.

Public  
Comment given

Council entered Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

Council Enters  
Executive  
Session

The meeting was reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

Meeting  
reconvened

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to authorize forgiveness of the water bill for account number 118-0608-00-01, 21 First Street, Mount Carmel Society, in the amount of \$1,937.78 minus the regular billing of \$163.49.

The excessive bill was due to leaving the water running over the winter, and the organization is aware that this is a one-time forgiveness.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0  
CARRIED

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**Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Mr. Oney, to approve Forest Colegrove as a Skateboard Park Supervisor, pending the return of his background check.**

The position has been budgeted.

**AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0  
CARRIED**

**Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Oney, to accept the resignation of Tim Crown as a Recreation Supervisor.**

**AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0  
CARRIED**

**Motion by Mr. Oney, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to permit Mr. Vincent Lopez to defer a portion of the payment of his retirement until 2015, which will be negotiated between Mrs. Waizenegger and Mr. Lopez.**

**AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0  
CARRIED**

**Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Hendrick, to accept the agreement between the City of Port Jervis and City Assessor, Mrs. Yvonne Duryea, regarding gasoline for business use of her personal vehicle.**

**AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0  
CARRIED**

**Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to allow Corporation Counsel to draw up a license agreement for Mr. John Fernandez, of RC Racing, to use the track located on City-owned property in Riverside Park between April 26, 2014 and June 1, 2014. The agreement will permit five (5) races at \$500 each which must be paid in advance. Mr. Fernandez must also provide the necessary insurance.**

**If Mr. Fernandez does not provide the necessary documentation or fees, the license will be revoked.**

**AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0  
CARRIED**

**Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Hendrick, to appoint Steve Duryea as the provisional and temporary Assistant Director of Public Works, to be effective April 26, 2014 at a stipend of \$100 in addition to his current pay.**

**AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0  
CARRIED**

**Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Siegel, to promote Scott Decker to Chief Water Plant Operator on a provisional and temporary basis, to be effective May 31, 2014, with out-of-title-pay during the time in this appointment.**

**AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0  
CARRIED**

**Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Siegel, to appoint Mark Muller as Water Maintenance Working Supervisor on a provisional and temporary basis, to be effective May 31, 2014, with out-of-title pay during the time in this appointment.**

**AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0  
CARRIED**

**Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Oney, to set a public hearing for April 28, 2014 for proposed Local Law #2-2014 and Local Law #3-2014.**

**AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0  
CARRIED**

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Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Oney, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Meeting  
adjourned

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0  
CARRIED

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Robin Waizenegger  
City Clerk-Treasurer