

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 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Oney. Acting Director of Public Works John Farr, Acting Building Official Laurie Powrie, Fire Chief Jeffrey Rhoades, Police Lieutenant William VanInwegen, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger Police Chief William Worden, and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso were also present.

Attendance

Mayor Decker and Scouts Branden Weiss and Joey Ennis of Scout Troops 67 and 68 led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Youth Report, given by Mr. Michael Conklin, included the following:

Youth Report given

- Spring sports have begun.
- The High School freshmen class is selling Tri-State area discount cards.
- Meet the Candidates Night for those running for the School Board will be May 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The next School Board meeting will be May 6, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School cafeteria.
- New York State testing resumes for Grade 3 through Grade 8.
- The ASK Elementary school musical will be held May 9 and May 10, 2014.
- The 5K Delaware River Run/Walk will be May 4, 2104. Volunteers are welcome.
- Child fingerprinting will be done at Sav-A-Lot by Detective Stan Busczek on May 3, 2014.
- The Lion's Club will be hosting a fishing derby for children ages four (4) through fifteen (15) on May 10, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the YMCA-YWCA Camps in Huguenot, New York. The Lion's Club is forming a Tri-State Lion's Club for those twelve (12) and eighteen (18) years old.
- Over 100 blankets were donated to participants of the Honor Flight. Mayor Decker extended accolades to Mr. Conklin and his brother for their help with the Honor Flight program.

There was no Senior Report given.

Senior Report given

Anyone wishing to provide the Council with the Veteran's Report can contact the Mayor's office.

Veteran's Report

Ms. Anne Horsham, a First Ward resident, spoke about the importance of the transportation vouchers which are available for expectant mothers and the prenatal care for these women. She also discussed the lack of availability of free immunizations for children.

Public Comment given

Mrs. Waizenegger read the public hearing notice for proposed Local Law #2-2014.

Public hearing for proposed Local Law #2-2014

There was no public comment given.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to close the public hearing for proposed Local Law #2-2014.

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

Mrs. Waizenegger read the public hearing notice for proposed Local Law #3-2014.

Public hearing for proposed Local Law #3-2014

There was no public comment given.

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to close the public hearing for proposed Local Law #3-2014.

Mayor Decker commented that this proposed law has been developed over the past two (2) years.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel, to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2014 regular meeting.

Minutes of the 4/14/2014 Regular approved

Mrs. Waizenegger noted a correction to the motion to adjourn the meeting in the draft of the minutes.

AYE: 4 ABSENT: 1 (ONEY) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 3 (BELL, CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) MOTION FAILED

Committee
Reports given—
Finance
Committee

The Finance Committee discussed first quarter budget figures and the actuarial proposal.

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Waligroski, to authorize hiring USI Consulting Group to perform the City of Port Jervis' GASB 45 actuarial service at a fee of \$6,500 and to authorize the Mayor to execute contract documents regarding this service for the fiscal years 2014 through 2016.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to authorize the City Clerk-Treasurer to solicit bids and sell equipment and vehicles deemed as surplus (per listing attached to the resolution) to the highest bidder as applicable or dispose of any unsellable materials as scrap.

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

The next Finance Committee is May 19, 2014 after Department of Public Works (DPW) and Fire and Emergency Management meetings.

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to approve the unpaid bills in the following amounts for payment: General Fund - \$244,841.17, Water Fund - \$38,059.04, and Capital Fund - \$104,675.39.

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

Fire and
Emergency
Management
(FEM)
Committee

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Siegel, to approve for active membership Dylan McCarthy, of Delaware Engine Company #2, into the Port Jervis Fire Department.

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

The next FEM Committee meeting will be May 19, 2014 following the DPW Committee meeting.

Code
Committee

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bell, to set a public hearing for May 12, 2014 for proposed Local Law #4-2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to set a public hearing for May 12, 2014 for proposed Local Law #5-2014 7:05 p.m. or as soon after the previous public hearing.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Waligroski, to set a public hearing for May 12, 2014 for proposed Local Law #6-2014 at 7:10 p.m. or as soon after the previous public hearing.

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

Department of
Public Works
(DPW)
Committee

The DPW Committee discussed the Water Clarifier and Promenade projects, water pumps installed at the Water Filtration Plant, bids sent out for new dump trucks and salt spreader, and new T-shirts for employees.

The next DPW Committee meeting will be May 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

The DPW Update included the following: garbage and recycling will be on a normal schedule for the next two (2) weeks, bagged leaves and tied brush will be picked up in all wards each Monday, there will be no loose leaf pickup this spring, and fire hydrant flushing will continue for the next couple of weeks.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Waligroski, to accept the material supply contract for 2014-2015.

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

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bell, to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract between Orange County and the City of Port Jervis for the "Bus Operator Agreement" and to accept benefits of the New York Statewide Mass Transportation Operating Assistance Program.

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

Bon Secours Community Hospital will be holding a seminar that will support the Police Department's DARE program on May 19, 2014 at the Erie Trackside. Those wishing to attend this dinner seminar must pre-register. The \$15 registration fee will be donated to the DARE program.

Police Committee

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to authorize the Police Department to sell a 2003 Nissan Altima, VIN 1N4AL11DX3C135935, seized as proceeds of an narcotics operation and allocate the proceeds of the sale of this vehicle to the City of Port Jervis Asset Forfeiture Account.

A copy of the certificate of title and DMV-901 form was given the City Clerk-Treasurer for the record.

Mayor Decker noted that this vehicle was seized as a result of a drug arrest and the sale will benefit the City.

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

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

The final drawdown for the Beach Road Pump Station was submitted to the New York State Office of Community Renewal.

Liaison Reports given—
Community Development Agency (CDA)

The application process for the NYS Community Development Block Grant was reviewed, and Mayor Decker spoke about possible public facility projects to be done with grant funds. The deadline is June 30, 2014, and a public hearing should be held at the end of May 2014.

The next CDA meeting will be May 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Recreation Center.

The next IDA meeting will be May 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)

The next ADA meeting will be May 1, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

ADA

The April Housing Authority meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be May 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Hillside Terrace.

Housing Authority

The Recreation Update was given and included the following:

Recreation Commission

- The 21st Annual Delaware River Run will be held May 4, 2014.
- Parks and playgrounds, including Skateboard Park, are now open for the season. Hours were given.
- The 2014 Summer Schedule is nearly complete.
- Youth Center attendance and hours were detailed.

The next Recreation Commission meeting will be May 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Youth Center.

The City-Wide Yard Sale will be May 3, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Everyone was invited to attend and support this event.

Tourism Board

Other events to attend include the High School's Art Show being held at Up Front Exhibition, a 100-mile run fundraiser being held by Christian Motorcycle Association, and a concert given by the String Ensemble of Greater Newburgh Orchestra on May 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Deerpark Reformed Church.

The next Tourism Board will be May 13, 2104 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

The next ZBA meeting will be June 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board

The Planning Board held a pre-submission for 74-76 Kingston Avenue and approved several Conditional Use Permit renewals. A public hearing for Ruby Group is scheduled to be held at the next meeting on May 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Senior Advisory There are no major issues to report. The Orange County Senior Health and Fitness Day will be May 28, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Montgomery, New York. A variety of activities will be held. A County bus will provide free transportation for anyone wishing to attend; seating is limited.

Access 23 TV report New shows will begin May 6, 2014, and “Keeping County Strong” celebrated 23 years on the air.

Mayor’s Correspondence reviewed Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Waligroski, to authorize Calvary Christian School’s use of Riverside Park for their Annul Field Day on May 15, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., which will include the use of the bathrooms, fields, pavilion, and playground equipment.

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

The New York State budget has been passed, and Mayor Decker reviewed some items from the budget.

Mayor Decker thanked those who participated in the Community Service Saturday. The next location will be cleaning the canal on May 3, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Mayor Decker encouraged everyone to attend the DARE dinner seminar and High School Art Show.

Trees were planted during Arbor Day at the Middle School and the West End Park.

Mayor Decker proclaimed April 26, 2014 as John Bell Day in Port Jervis.

City Clerk-Treasurer’s report given Mrs. Waizenegger reminded property owners of the second quarter water and City taxes due by April 30, 2014.

Old Business discussed—Local Law #2-2014 approved Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Waligroski, to designate itself as lead agency for the purposes of SEQRA review of proposed Local Law #2 of 2014 being entitled “A Local Law to Require Escrow Deposits for Consultant fees for Certain Applications in and to the City of Port Jervis, Orange County, New York.”

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to adopt a Negative Declaration pursuant to SEQRA for proposed Local Law #2-2014.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bell, to approve Local Law #2-2014.

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

Adopt-A-Tree program participants have planted various planters throughout the City, such as those on Jersey Avenue. Anyone seeing persons vandalizing the planters, please report it to the Police Department. More trees will be planted in the future.

Mr. Siegel thanked Mrs. Horsham for bringing to the Council’s attention the problems with getting necessary services for child immunizations and expectant mothers.

Mr. Ritchie thanked those who were present at the Second Ward meeting and commented on the importance of department heads’ attendance at the ward meetings.

The First Ward meeting will be April 30, 2014.

Mr. Bavoso spoke about the Second Ward meeting and thanked Mr. Ritchie for conducting the meeting.

Old Business
(continued)

Mr. Bavoso thanked Mr. Bill Schill for his work painting windows in downtown Port Jervis.

Traffic delays can be expected at Jersey Avenue/East Main Street from 5:00 p.m. to approximately 7:30 p.m. on the evenings during the month of May for the Soap Box Derby practices.

The Third Ward meeting also went well.

Mr. Bell, Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. Siegel wished Mr. Oney well.

New Business
discussed

The next IDA meeting will be May 14, 2014.

Mr. Waligroski encouraged everyone to attend the ASK Elementary school's performance of *Aladdin, Jr.*

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to set Executive Session to DPW personnel and contractual, Recreation personnel and contractual, and the City's website.

Executive
Session set

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

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

Mr. Ritchie and Mayor Decker asked that motorists and residents exercise care during the times of increased traffic in the City. Line painting on the roads will be done when the weather gets warmer.

There will be a benefit for Katy Onofry-Sandberg on May 2, 2014 at the Erie Trackside.

Mr. Siegel also commended Mr. Schill for the window paintings downtown.

Mrs. Anne Horsham invited everyone to attend the "Thank You" event being held at Empowering Port Jervis.

Public
Comment given

Council entered Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

Council Enters
Executive
Session

The meeting was reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

Meeting
reconvened

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to accept Media Solstice to do the City's website.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell, to hire the following Recreation employees, pending any necessary background checks.

- Laborers—Joe Dicarlo and MacKenzie Decker
- Recreation Specialists and Skateboard Park—Courtney Daughtery and Nicky Mole
- Recreation Leaders—Alan Cordisco, Leigh Metz, Sarah Burns, John Bright, Jackie Avdoyan, Corie Propollo
- Youth Center Summer Leader—Laura Eckerson
- Lifeguards and Beach Attendants—Shannon Ritegart, Danielle Reed, Stanley Busczek, Heather Molander, Kathleen Murphy, Scott Reed
- Recreation Specialist—Teddy Wulff

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

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bell, to execute the closeout agreement between the City of Port Jervis and Pioneer Construction of Honesdale, Pennsylvania for the Beach Road Pump Station.

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

April 28, 2014

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Siegel, to enter into a contract to offer the purchase of 4, 000 gallons of water by Harrison and Burroughs Bridge Constructors, Inc. for the project at a cost of \$400.00.

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

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Bell, to fill the City Marshall's position by Mr. Stanley Siegel.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 1 (ONEY) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 (ABSTAIN) CARRIED

Meeting adjourned Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

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

**Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk-Treasurer**

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