

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, June 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Decker and all members of the Common Council were present. Recreation Director John Faggione, Acting Director of Public Works John Farr, Fire Chief Jeffrey Rhoades, Police Lieutenant William VanInewegen, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso were also present.

Attendance

Mayor Decker and Scouts Nathaniel, Tyler, and Julian Jacob of Troop 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

- The last day of school will be June 26, 2014. Graduation will be June 27, 2014.
- Port Jervis elementary schools will be having a summer reading program beginning July 7, 2014.
- The Port Jervis Free Library’s summer reading program has begun.
- The Recreation Department’s summer programs have begun.
- Volunteer opportunities are available. Contact the Mayor’s office for more information.
- The Tri-State Youth Soccer Club will be having sign-ups for the summer soccer program.
- Majestic Theater will offer select free movies for their summer fun series.

Mrs. Waizenegger read the public hearing notice for proposed Local Law #8-2014.

Public Hearing held

Property owners will have to wait to begin renovations until after the local law is filed with New York State to qualify for the exemption in Local Law #8-2014.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Waligroski, to close the public hearing.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Daniel Cox, of 25 East Main Street, inquired about abandoned properties, grass cutting, and Orange and Rockland tree trimming. Mayor Decker explained that the City just passed a local law concerning abandoned properties, additional DPW staff has been hired for the purpose of cutting grass, and additional work that will to be done after the utility company’s tree trimming is completed.

Public Comment given

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2014 regular meeting.

Minutes of the 6/9/2014 Regular meetings and 6/16/2014 and 6/17/2014 Special meetings approved

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Waligroski, to accept the minutes of the June 16, 2014 special meeting.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to accept the minutes of the June 17, 2014 regular meeting.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 2 (CUNNINGHAM, WALIGROSKI) CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to approve the unpaid bills in the following amounts for payment: General Fund - \$281,753.08, Water Fund - \$30,249.07, and Capital Fund - \$30,923.78.

Committee Reports given—Finance Committee

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

The Finance Committee discussed a bid for the City’s audit firm, the tax lien sale on November 18, 2014, a proposed local law to override the two percent (2%) cap, gross utility tax, and Time Warner Cable.

The next Finance Committee meeting is July 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting date, the fourth Thursday of the month, is a permanent change.

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to set a public hearing for proposed Local Law#10-2014.

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

**Fire and  
Emergency  
Management  
(FEM)  
Committee**

Mr. Waligroski reviewed the 25- and 50-year Fire Department members.

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to approve the addition of Kenneth Vance, of Excelsior Engine Company #5, and Nathan Westfall and Junior Member Andrew Aumick, of Mahagomock Hook and Ladder #7 to the Port Jervis Fire Department.

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

The Firemen's Parade will be July 12, 2014 beginning with line-up at 1:00 p.m.

**Code  
Committee**

The meeting date for the Code Committee will be changed. The next meeting date has not been set and will be announced.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Oney, to accept the Code Committee's June minutes.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to set a public hearing for July 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for proposed Local Law #10-2014, which will be addressing parking permits for off-street parking.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to accept Local Law #8-2014.

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

**Department of  
Public Works  
(DPW)  
Committee**

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell, to accept the DPW Committee's May minutes.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell, to accept the DPW Committee's June minutes.

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

The DPW Committee discussed the Promenade Project bids and the possibility of a rebid.

The DPW update included the following:

- Garbage and recycling will be on a normal schedule.
- Cardboard and paper recycling will be picked up on July 7, 2014 due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.
- Yard waste will be picked up in the Fourth Ward on June 27, 2014 and in the First Ward on July 7, 2014.
- Painting crosswalks and making pothole repairs continues.
- The compost pile at the landfill will be open the first full week of each month throughout the summer.

**Police  
Committee**

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to accept the Police Committee's May minutes.

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

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

**Liaison Reports  
given—  
Community  
Development  
Agency (CDA)**

The 2014 CDBG application has been submitted, and the 2013 application is still being prepared.

The next CDA meeting will be June 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Recreation building.

**Industrial  
Development  
Agency (IDA)**

The IDA approved the refinance of the loan for 100 River Road LLC.

The next IDA meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

The next ADA is tentatively scheduled for September 2014.

ADA

The next Housing Authority meeting will be July 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Hillside Terrace.

Housing Authority

The Recreation Update was given and included the following:

Recreation Commission

- West End Beach is open daily from 11 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. A five dollar (\$5) per vehicle fee will be charged for non-residents on weekends.
- The summer programs begin June 30, 2014.
- Youth Center hours were given.
- Rotary Skateboard Park is open daily. Park hours were given.
- The Summer Concert Series at Riverside Park will begin July 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The concerts are free and will be held each Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

The next Tourism Board meeting will be July 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

Tourism Board

The next ZBA meeting will be July 1, 2014.

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and Planning Board

The Planning Board set a public hearing for Rea Trust on Kingston Avenue, discussed Ellicott Development's Rite-Aid project, and approved a six-month extension of the Orange and Rockland site plan. The next Planning Board meeting will be July 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

The Plumbing and Electrical Boards will resume their meetings in the fall.

Plumbing and Electrical Boards

The property manager for Water's Edge is being transferred to another location, and Mr. Siegel thanked her for her work at Water's Edge.

Senior Advisory

There was no Access 23 TV report.

Access 23 TV

*Dinner Along the Delaware* will be July 5, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., with a fireworks show afterwards. Tickets are available at the Recreation Department. Businesses wishing to sponsor the event can also contact the Recreation Department. The proceeds from this event will be split with the Borough of Matamoras.

Mayor's Correspondence reviewed

National Night Out will be August 5, 2014 at Riverside Park. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to authorize the Port Jervis Democratic Committee's Tri-State Talent Show on September 13, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Proceeds from this event will go to Empowering Port Jervis. Authorization is pending Recreation Department approval.

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

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Siegel, to authorize a special Cruzin' Port on July 23, 2014 for the Street Rodder Event from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Portions of Front Street will be closed for the event, and Cruzin' Port organizers will have event staff provide and manage the barricades along Front Street.

Riverside Park will not be used for this event.

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

There will be a workshop addressing abandoned properties in Newburgh, New York on June 30, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The Fire Department is seeking volunteers to join the department.

**City Clerk-  
Treasurer's  
Report given**

There were no items from the City Clerk's office to report.

**Old Business  
discussed**

Mr. Siegel commented on Pennsylvania's Jason Jones' honor escort June 17, 2014.

Mr. Siegel commented on the Naval Ship's 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner and congratulated and thanked area veteran's groups for all they do for our community.

Mr. Siegel and Mr. Bavoso commented on the Flag Day ceremony and thanked the participants.

Mr. Siegel encouraged residents to notify the Building Official's office of any code violations they may see in neighborhoods in the City.

The next DPW Committee meeting will be July 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

The next Fire and Emergency Management Committee meeting will be July 21, 2014 after the DPW Committee meeting.

Mr. Waligroski commented on a serious issue on Orange Street that was rectified by the DPW and Building Official's offices in a short period of time and thanked those offices for their quick response to the problem.

**New Business  
discussed**

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to authorize the City Clerk-Treasurer to mail notifications to taxpayers with delinquent taxes on July 1, 2014 and whose properties will be subject to the tax lien sale on November 18, 2014 if delinquencies remain unpaid on that date.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to authorize a \$750 disbursement from the Ruggeri Fund for the Senior Club's Hudson River Cruise trip.

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

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bell, to authorize the Mt. Carmel Society's 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Procession on July 13, 2104 from the Society's hall to St. Mary's Church on Ball Street.

The Police Department will be notified of the event.

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

**Executive  
Session set**

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to set Executive Session to discuss Police personnel, Recreation personnel and contractual, and City contractual.

An invitation to attend was extended to Mr. Faggione and Lieutenant VanInwegen.

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

Residents were asked to refrain from posting yard sale signs on locations that are illegal by New York State law, specifically utility poles. Mr. Siegel also requested signs be removed after a yard sale was over.

Mr. Siegel and the Mayor met with Orange and Rockland representatives to discuss aesthetically acceptable ways of tree trimming. They will examine the trees afterwards to ensure that the truncating work is acceptable. Mr. Siegel stated that the Council may consider a local law to require the utility company to replace any trees that die as a result of the trimming process.

**Public  
Comment given**

There was no public comment given.

**Council Enters  
Executive  
Session**

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to enter into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

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

**Meeting  
reconvened**

The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

**Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Siegel, to approve a letter in support of the development and operation of a destination casino resort in Tuxedo, New York.**

**AYE: 7 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 1 (HENDRICK) ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED**

**Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell, to approve hiring as seasonal employees for the Recreation Department Recreation Specialist and Track Instructors Hans Zanger and McKenzie Leroy and Substitute Beach Attendant Jason Larrison and to accept the resignation of Cory Popolla as Recreation Leader and to hire Jessica Whitney to fill this vacancy.**

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

**Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded Mr. Siegel, to approve hiring Mr. John Barbarino as a police dispatcher beginning June 24, 2044.**

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

**Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of agreement between BOCES and the City of Port Jervis for the summer youth program.**

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

**Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.**

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

**Meeting  
adjourned**

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**Robin Waizenegger  
City Clerk-Treasurer**

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