

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, August 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Waligroski. Recreation Director John Faggione, 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, and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso were also present.

Attendance

Mayor Decker and Edgar Diaz of Boy Scout 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 Summer Concert series continues.
- The Port Jervis Free Library’s summer program will end August 4, 2014.
- Majestic theaters’ free movies will end August 21, 2014.
- Fall Foliage Festival volunteers are needed.
- Fall sports will begin soon.

Ms. Marissa Storms, of 158 Ball Street, complimented the Mayor on the work he is doing for the City.

Public Comment given

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to accept the minutes of the July 28, 2014 regular meeting.

Minutes of the 7/28/2014 Regular meeting approved

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to approve the unpaid bills in the following amounts for payment: General Fund - \$143,696.13, Water Fund - \$33,559.17, and Capital Fund - \$143,535.77.

Committee Reports given—Finance Committee

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Siegel, to authorize the City Clerk-Treasurer to certify and file with the State of New York Office of Taxation and Finance the Certificate of Adjusted Base Proportions report submitted by the City Assessor.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to approve the USDA loan resolution for grant funds in the amount of \$243,000 plus an additional amount of \$500,000 above the originally approved amount for improvements to the Port Jervis Water Treatment Plant.

Mr. Oney asked for clarification of the previous Bond resolution approved by the Council for this project.

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

Mayor Decker noted that the Port Jervis Volunteer Ambulance Corps’ (PJVAC) presentation would be addressing the Corps viability to continue serving the public. He requested that anyone having questions, comments, or complaints to submit them to the Mayor’s office, in writing, within the next two (2) weeks, and he will forward those received to the ambulance corps for a response.

Port Jervis Volunteer Ambulance Corps presentation

Mr. Sean Aumick, of the PJVAC, noted that he had also given a presentation to the Town of Deerpark concerning the financial circumstances facing the organization. He stated that the Corps’ services are not supported by tax dollars, and due to the current financial difficulties, the group is asking the local governments for economic support. He gave a brief history of the Corps and explained how the organization bills for services. He spoke about their expenses and revenue, noting that the organization cannot continue to sustain itself at the current rate of loss. He offered the following three (3) possible options for the City: contract with another provider, reduce or eliminate services, provide the organization with approximately \$130,000 of the tax dollars (between Port Jervis and Deerpark at a rate of sixty percent (60%) for Port Jervis and thirty percent (30%) for Deerpark), or create an EMS service for the City that would be attached to a current City service such as the Fire Department. He stated that the Corps does not wish to be a burden to the community and hopes to continue to provide the best service it can.

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**PJVAC
Presentation
continued**

Mayor Decker again encouraged the general public to forward any questions, comments, or complaints to the Mayor's office and thanked the organization for their presentation.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to approve Kenneth Vance, of Excelsior Engine Company #5, and Keegan Dunn, of Howard Wheat Engine Company #4, as probationary drivers for the Port Jervis Fire Department in the companies stated.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to approve the following events for the Port Jervis Fire Department:

Delaware Engine Company #2—September 20, 2014, Old Timers Night at the fire station and September 28, 2014, Gold Fish Fundraiser at Fall Foliage Festival

Maghogomock Hook and Ladder Company #7—August 16, 2014, company picnic at the fire station and September 27, 2014, attend Orange County parade

Neversink Engine Company #1—August 23, 2014, Shohola Fire Company and Wurtsboro Fire Company Wetdown.

Port Jervis Fire Department—August 29 and August 30, 2014, coin toss

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to accept the Fire Department's report of twenty-five (25) or more members.

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

The next FEM Committee meeting will be August 18, 2014 after DPW.

The next Finance Committee meeting is August 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

**Code
Committee**

The next Code Committee meeting will be September 3, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

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

The DPW Update included garbage and recycling will be on a normal schedule for the next two (2) weeks, roads are being prepared for paving, and residents are being asked to conserve water due to difficulties with the Water Treatment Plant processing water during the summer algae bloom.

The next DPW Committee meeting will be August 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bell, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Dial-A-Bus driver Clifford Bartlett.

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

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bell, to approve the sale of approximately 2,000 gallons of water to Cascade Drilling for \$400.

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

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to appoint the City of Port Jervis as lead agency to conduct an environmental review of the proposed modifications of the SPEDES Permit for the NYCDEP-operated Wastewater Treatment Plant.

This is in response to the NYS DEC's approval of the SPEDES Permit as requested by the NYS DEP.

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

The next DPW Committee meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on August 18, 2014.

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

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

Mr. Hendrick thanked everyone involved in the National Night Out event.

With the aid of the FBI and several other law enforcement offices, an arrest was made in conjunction with the recent attempted bank robberies and threats of violence in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

The September Police Committee meeting will be announced at the next Council meeting.

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to approve the filing of the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant application.

Liaison Reports given—
Community Development Agency (CDA)

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

The next CDA meeting will be August 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Recreation building.

The next IDA meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)

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

ADA

A building numbering change will aid both EMS personnel and visitors in locating residents.

Housing Authority

The next Housing Authority meeting will be September 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Hillside Terrace.

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to accept the Recreation Commission's July report.

Recreation Commission

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

The Recreation Update was given and included the following:

- The summer playground program concluded August 8, 2014.
- The Youth Center's summer program will finish August 15, 2014.
- The Summer Concert Series at Riverside Park continues; the final concert will be August 21, 2014.
- The last outdoor movie at Riverside Park will be August 20, 2014.
- West End Beach will close August 15, 2014.
- The 2nd Annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament was held at Church Street Park on August 9, 2014. The Recreation Department thanked all those who participated and attended.
- The Claws and Paws field trip has been cancelled.

The next Recreation Commission meeting will be August 20, 2104 at 7:00 p.m. at the Youth Center.

The Fall Foliage Festival will be September 28, 2014. Mr. Bavoso encouraged everyone to attend.

Tourism Board

The *Christkindlemart* will be held November 30, 2014.

The next Tourism Board meeting will be September 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

The next ZBA meeting will be September 2, 2014.

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and Planning Board

The Planning Board will hold public hearings for 74-76 Kingston Avenue and 5 Cross Street at the next meeting on August 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bell, to approve Matthew Kowal, of Maghogomock Hook and Ladder Company #7, as a Junior Member in the Port Jervis Fire Department.

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

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

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

Plumbing and Electrical Boards The next Plumbing and Electrical Boards' meetings will be held in the September 3, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Senior Advisory There are no issues to report.

Access 23 TV There was no Access 23 TV report.

Mayor's Correspondence reviewed Community Service Saturday will be August 23, 2014 and will be cleaning 169 Front Street.

Mayor Decker spoke about the work done by participants in a BOCES program who assisted with the Community Service Saturday project at the Tow Path.

Direct efforts of patrolmen of the Port Jervis Police Department aided in the arrest of an individual involved in the recent bomb threats.

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to approve the Assembly of God's Community Day at Riverside Park on August 23, 2014.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to authorize a change in the fees for violations pertaining to Section 10 of the City code for vacant buildings.

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

Mayor Decker noted that the highway trust fund letter has been signed and efforts are being made for a permanent solution to the problem.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Barbara Dwyer-Anderson on the Civil Service Commission.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bell, to appoint Ms. Marlene Horan to the Civil Service Commission.

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

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to approve the Acme Extreme Downhill Racing event on Skyline Drive on August 29, August 30, and August 31, 2014.

There will be no camping permitted near the event. Authorization is pending approval of the Recreation Department, Police Department, DPW, ambulance corps, and with the submission of the proper insurance.

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

Metro North parking fees are being temporarily reduced. There has been a four percent (4%) increase in ridership.

Senator Bonacic has sent a letter of support concerning Mayor Decker's request about the automated railroad crossing.

The CROP Walk will be held October 19, 2014.

Mayor Decker noted that he has a timeline for the New York State Department of Transportation's highway improvement/bridge project and noted that Memorandums of Agreement have been signed. Construction is now projected to begin in 2015-2016.

City Clerk-Treasurer's Report given Mrs. Waizenegger clarified the appointment of Ms. Marlene Horan to the Civil Service Commission to have a term to expire May 31, 2015.

Mr. Siegel spoke about the Godeffroy Cemetery and encouraged those interested in history to visit the site.

Old Business discussed

Residents were asked to remove posted Yard Sale signs after the sale has concluded. Mr. Siegel read the City code in regards to this topic.

Residents were asked to report Code violations to the Building Official's office.

Residents were reminded about crosswalk safety and the dangers of walking in the street.

Mr. Ritchie thanked volunteers and agencies for their participation in National Night Out.

Mr. Ritchie reminded motorists to be cautious in the area of construction on Interstate 84.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bell, to accept the low bidders for each of the three (3) contracts and enter into contracts with the low bidders for the Water Treatment Clarifier upgrade project as reviewed by GHD Consulting Engineers, Inc. The low bidders were as follows: Contract One: W. M. Schultz Construction, Inc., of Ballston Spa, NY \$3,125,750; Contract Two: Ray S. Pantel, Inc., of Middletown, NY \$210,860; and Contract Three: Pearl River Plumbing and Heating & Electric, Inc. Db a Bertussi's, of Pearl River, NY \$187,006.

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

The 4th Ward Neighborhood Watch meeting will be August 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Hose 4's firehouse.

New Business discussed

Mr. Cunningham commented on National Night Out and on the grand opening of Rite-Aid.

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Bell, to set Executive Session to discuss DPW contractual and litigation matters.

Executive Session set

An invitation was extended to Mr. Farr to attend.

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

Mr. Siegel spoke about the Veterans' memorial being built in Deerpark and the purchase of bricks to support the memorial.

Mr. George Belcher, 2nd Ward resident, thanked BOCES for helping with cleaning the towpath and noted that petitions for the railroad crossing and parking issues are on his Facebook page.

Public Comment given

Mrs. Laura Myer, a business owner, spoke about the location of banners to advertise City tourism events.

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Siegel, to enter into Executive Session at 8:39 p.m.

Council Enters Executive Session

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

The meeting was reconvened at 9:57 p.m.

Meeting reconvened

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Bell, to allow Daughters of the American Revolution to install a monument in Orange Square Park.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to accept the expense calculation for the Dinner on the Delaware event with a overall profit of \$241.34.

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

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bell, to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

Meeting adjourned

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