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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 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Potter and all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Siegel. Director of Public Works Vincent Lopez, Fire Chief Jeffrey Rhoades, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, and Corporation Counsel Kevin Preston were also present.

Attendance

Mayor Potter led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Waizenegger summarized the minutes from the August 12, 2013 regular and July 29, 2013 special meetings.

Minutes of the 8/12/2013 Regular Meetings summarized and approved

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie, to accept the minutes of the July 29, 2013 special meeting.

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

Motion by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Waligroski, to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2013 regular meeting.

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

Boy Scout Aaron Aumick, of Troop 173, spoke about his Eagle Scout project to install two (2) monuments in Veteran's Park to honor WWII and Vietnam Veterans. He anticipates unveiling the monuments on November 11, 2013. Mayor Potter recommended Mr. Aumick coordinate with Mr. Lopez for DPW assistance. Mr. Decker also recommended he contact the local Naval Ship and VFW.

Information Updates given—Eagle Scout Project, STAR Exemption Recertification, RC World, and Serial Bond Purchase

Motion by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Decker, to permit Boy Scout Aaron Aumick to proceed with his Eagle Scout project to install two (2) monuments in Veteran's Park.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (SIEGEL) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

City Assessor Yvonne Duryea spoke about changes to the Basic STAR exemption recertification process. Beginning with the 2014 Assessment Roll, residents eligible for the Basic STAR exemption will be required to reregister with the Department of Taxation via a simple process done online or telephone. The change in the process is an attempt to protect against fraudulent activities. Enhanced STAR recipients will not be affected. Letters will be mailed to current Basic STAR recipients beginning September 9, 2013, and the deadline to reregister is December 31, 2013. New property owners after March 1, 2013, Mrs. Duryea noted, will register with the Assessor's office.

Mr. John Fernandez, of RC World, gave the Council an update on the remote controlled car races at Riverside Park. He spoke about upcoming races to end the season and his interest in having dirt and indoor tracks added to the site. He thanked the Council for their support. Mr. Oney suggested Mr. Fernandez speak to Mr. Lopez concerning the creation of a dirt track.

Mrs. Waizenegger explained the City's new Moody's A1 rating and serial bond purchase, which will be used, in part, to purchase large equipment for Public Works and Police and Fire Departments. The City's score is very favorable and will aid in obtaining a lower interest rate for the bond purchase.

The Finance Committee discussed the new bond rating and a change in cellular phone service.

Committee Reports

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Decker, to authorize changing cellular carriers from Sprint to Verizon.

given—Finance Committee

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (SIEGEL) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The next Finance Committee will be September 16, 2013 after the DPW and Fire and Emergency Management Committee meetings.

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Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Belcher, to approve the unpaid bills in the following amounts for payment: General Fund - \$239,619.78, Water Fund - \$35,996.63 and Capital Fund - \$67,205.66.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (SIEGEL) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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

The next FEM meeting will be September 16, 2013.

**Code  
Committee**

The next Code Committee meeting will be September 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

**DPW  
Committee**

Garbage and recycling will be one (1) day later in all wards due to the Labor Day holiday. First Ward paper and cardboard pick up will be September 6, 2013.

Profiling of Erie Street will begin September 3, 2013 and last for approximately two (2) days. Paving is tentatively scheduled to begin September 9, 2013 and last for three (3) days. Profiling and paving are subject to weather and the contractor's schedule. Residents in that area will be notified.

Mr. Lopez will meet with FEMA representatives to discuss the Spillway Project to determine a clear and concise scope of work.

Motion by Mr. Oney, seconded by Mr. Belcher, to accept O'Hara Mason Contractors LLC as the lowest responsible bidder for the ADA Compliant Concrete Sidewalk Replacement Project in the amount of \$42,931.00.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (SIEGEL) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The next DPW Committee meeting will be September 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

**Police  
Committee**

Motion by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Decker, to accept the Police Department's July report.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (SIEGEL) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The City conducted a dual operations drug raid and probation violators round-up with the Orange County Sheriff's office on August 23, 2013. Numerous arrests were made.

The next Police Committee meeting will be September 3, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

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

The next CDA meeting will be August 28, 2013. The agency's accountant will be attending.

**ADA**

The next ADA Committee meeting will be September 5, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

**Tourism Board**

The Board discussed the upcoming Fall Foliage Festival.

**Recreation  
Commission**

The Recreation Update was given and included the following:

- Youth Center hours were given. Teen Night will be held Friday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- The Summer Concert Series ends August 29, 2013.
- The ACME Extreme Downhill event will be held August 31, 2013 through September 1, 2013 on Skyline Drive.
- Rotary Skateboard Park will close August 27, 2013.
- The Fall/Winter Recreation Schedule is available.

The next Recreation Commission meeting will be August 27, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Youth Center.

The Zoning Board of Appeals approved the application for 165 Jersey Avenue. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board

There was no August Planning Board meeting. The next Planning Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

The Plumbing and Electrical Boards' next meetings will be September 4, 2013 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Plumbing and Electrical Boards

Mayor Potter accepted the resignation of Mr. Roman Fedorka from the Shade Tree Commission.

Mayor's Correspondence reviewed

The Town of Deerpark Museum will be holding an open house at the schoolhouse and grange building on August 31, 2013 from noon to 5:00 p.m. and September 1, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. There will be music, food, and period displays.

Mayor Potter reminded skateboarders to use Skateboard Park and explained the difference between skateboards and the long boards that will be used in the upcoming long board races.

No public comment was given.

Public Comment given

There will be a primary on September 10, 2013 in Port Jervis for the Working Family Party and Conservative Party registered voters. Fourth Ward Conservatives will be selecting a candidate for 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman, and Working Family Party registered voters from all wards will be selecting a candidate for Orange County Executive. Voting will be at the Howard Wheat Engine Company #4's firehouse on Owen Street from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

City Clerk-Treasurer's Report given

Mr. Decker commented on the 234<sup>th</sup> Anniversary bus tour of Brant's raid that he attended, Fort Decker improvements, and Community Day.

Old Business discussed

Mr. Decker, Mr. Belcher, Mr. Waligroski congratulated Mr. John Bell on his participation at the Little League World Series and the four (4) new police officers who recently graduated from the Police Academy.

Mr. Bell thanked Councilmen for their congratulations for his son. He noted that his son was one (1) of sixteen (16) chosen worldwide to umpire at the Little League World Series. The organization had received 10,000 resumes, and the umpires are volunteers. Mr. Bell encouraged everyone to attend the event in the future.

On behalf of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Neighborhood Watch, Mr. Bell accepted the Police Department's thanks for their participation at the National Night Out.

Mayor Potter and the Council extended their well wishes to retired police officer Michael Halloran and his family.

New Business discussed

Mr. Belcher updated the Council on the electric and natural gas savings. The July savings total \$4,366.94.

Mr. Decker reminded motorists to drive safely and watch for school children in crosswalks.

Mr. Decker noted that studies to be completed for the Whitewater Park will be paid from grant funds.

Everyone was encouraged to make a scarecrow for the Fall Foliage Festival contest.

Mr. McCarthy spoke about Mr. John Bell reaching a personal goal of participating in the Little League World Series and complimented Councilman and Mrs. Bell on their son's accomplishments.

Mr. Ritchie encouraged residents to continue supporting the events happening in the City.

Mr. Oney complimented the Tourism Board on the flyer created to advertise the Fall Foliage Festival.

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Neighborhood Watch meeting on August 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

**Public Comment  
on Agenda Items  
given**

**An unidentified resident commented on the good job she feels the Council is doing for the City.**

**Meeting adjourned**

**Motion by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Decker, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.**

**AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (SIEGEL) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED**

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**Robin Waizenegger  
City Clerk-Treasurer**

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