

June 8th, 2015

Regular Meeting-

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 8th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Waligroski. Building Official David Rivera, Fire Chief Jeffrey Rhoades, CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, Lieutenant Fitzpatrick, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, Special City Counsel Michael Fox and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance-

Mayor Decker, Joe Ennis from Boy Scout Troop 68, Lynnlee Ennis from Girl Scout Troop 268, led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Youth Report given by Mr. Michael Conklin-

Congratulated Michael Ilejay and Collin Ulmer who both earned Honor Roll throughout their Orange Ulster BOCES career.

The National Technical Honor Society recognized Leigha Phillips, Randi Lewis, Michael Ilejay and Emily Palm for their leadership in career and technical education at an Induction Ceremony on May 27th.

The Last day of school for PJHS is June 10th. Graduation will be Friday, June 26th at 7pm at Chase Field.

The Middle School has announced the bus schedule for the end of the year testing. Dismissal is at 10:30am on June 18th, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. The last day of school, June 25th, dismissal will be at 10:00am.

Parent Involvement Night will be held at H.B.E. on Wednesday June 10th.

Encourages parents to visit the Port Jervis Recreation Department's Facebook page for information on summer programs and scheduling.

The next school board meeting is June 9th at 7:30 at the High School.

Senior Report-

There was no report to be given today.

Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm in the Farnum building.

Veterans Report-

There was no report to be given today.

Public Comment-

Wayne Kidney, 1st Ward; Spoke about the Sewer fee and Local Law #12. He stated that the 2 and 3 family homeowners represent 16% of the total number of homeowners in Port Jervis and that class or group of people are paying 29% of the annual total of revenue budgeted. Mr. Kidney thinks this is discrimination and hopes that the council will sincerely attempt to bring financial fairness to the City.

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Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the minutes of the May 26th, 2015 regular meeting.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 (Waligroski) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 (Hendrick) CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee-

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Belcher to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$666,001.38

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

The next meeting will be held on June 25th, at 6:00pm in the council chambers.

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Belcher to set a public hearing for June 22nd at 7:00, to discuss local law #3.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee-

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to accept new member Patrick Gregory to Excelsior Engine Company #5

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Delaware Engine Company #2 to attend the Warwick Parade and have a Gold Fish Game at the Soap Box Derby.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to remove Richard Coffill from active membership rolls.

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

Mr. Siegel thanked the Fire Departments 25 and 50 year members for their service to the community. He also reminded everyone that the Fireman's Day Parade is July 11th, 2015.

Code Committee-

Last meeting was June 3rd, at 7:00pm.

No report given.

The next meeting will be July 1, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Last meeting was May 18th.

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Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Oney to approve the minutes from the May 18th DPW meeting.

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

UPDATE:

Garbage and Recycling is on its regular schedule for the next two weeks.

No loose leaf pick up, so please bag your yard debris and put by the road. It will be picked up on the same Friday as your paper pick up.

The City of Port Jervis Dial-A-Bus will be out of service June 20th, 2015 due to the bus being used for Red Badge of Courage.

The City compost and brush pile will be open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month.

Next meeting will be held Monday June 15th, 6:30pm in the council chambers

Police Committee-

The last meeting was May 13, at 6:30pm

Congratulated Mike Worden on his promotion to sergeant.

Next meeting will be June 10th at 7:00

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Last meeting was May 27th.

Public hearing was held to discuss the City's 5 year plan regarding section 8 housing.

The next meeting will be Wednesday June 24th at 7pm on the second floor of the Recreation Center.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

There was no report to be given today.

Next meeting to be held June 10th at 6:00pm

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

Last meeting was May 7th.

No report to be given

Next meeting to be held July 9th at 6:00pm in the council chambers.

Housing Authority-

Last meeting was held on May 26th.

Renovations are complete; the final project looks great.

The next meeting will be June 23rd, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

Recreation Commission:

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Updates:

- On Friday July 3rd, 2015 the 2nd annual dinner along the Delaware will be from 6:-8:30pm at Riverside Park. Fireworks to follow. Tickets are \$15.00 each or \$8.00 for children 4-12, and will be available at the youth center or the City Clerk's office.
- The summer programs will start on Monday June 29th and run through Friday August 21st. Flyers can be picked up at the Youth Center or mailed.
- West End Beach will not be open this summer for swimming. There will be no lifeguards on duty. The park will be open for launching in and out of the river, as it has been in the past.
- The Youth Center will be celebrating its 20th year anniversary on June 30th, at 6:00pm. All former and current mayors, council members and youth employees are invited to attend.
- Friday hours at the Youth Center will be 11:00am-6:00pm on June 24th, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Youth Center.

For any questions on programs or events contact the Recreation Office at (845) 858-4045 or email us at pjrec@frontier.net. The next meeting will be Wednesday June 24st, at 7:00 at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

Plans for the Stephen Crane Red Badge of Courage Day are underway and will be held on June 20th in Veterans Square Park. Several events are taking place throughout the day from 10:00am-6:00pm.

The next meeting will be on June 9th, at 6:00pm in the down stairs conference room.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

Last meeting was held on June 2nd.

During last meeting they had a continuation of the public hearing regrading 140 Jersey Ave. The owners are looking for variances that were denied, however the public hearing was reopened for more discussion. The next public hearing will be July 7th, in hopes to find a compromise between the parties involved.

The next meeting will be held on July 7th, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

There was no report to be given to today.

The next meeting will be held on June 16th at 7:00.

Plumbing Board-

Nothing to be reported.

There are no meetings during the summer months except when necessary.

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Electrical Board-

Nothing to be reported.

There are no meetings during the summer months except when necessary.

Senior Advisory-

There are no major developments to discuss.

Access 23 TV- No report.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Invited everyone to come down and watch the largest Soap Box Derby event in the world. Will be held June 14th and immediately following the ceremonies, Riverside Park will be celebrating Flag Day.

The Senior High School is having prom Friday June 12th, 2015.

Reminded everyone that the Dial-A-Bus will not be operational during Stephen Crane Day on June 20th. Both buses will be used the day of the event to shuttle guests to and from the cemetery.

Dinner along the Delaware Event is taking place on Friday July 3rd at 6:00pm and fireworks will be set off from Point Peter around 9:15pm. Tickets can be purchased from the Clerk's Office from 8-5pm and at the Rec Department.

Mayor explained that if you see something, say something and do something is working great in the 4th ward. Urges people to work together and remember if you see something say something, be part of the solution.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Reminded citizens who take advantage of the installments for the City taxes that the 2nd half is due by June 30th.

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Asked the council if they received an answer from the insurance company regarding swimming at West End Beach. Mrs. Waizenegger informed Mr. Siegel that the insurance company wants no swimming. Mr. Siegel expressed disappointment with that decision.

Was perplexed by the 140 Jersey Avenue zoning issues and will be attending the next meeting to get clarification.

Mr. Oney- No old business

Mr. Ritchie-

Addressed Mr. Siegel's concerns about 140 Jersey Avenue and said the board wanted to give another opportunity to make sure all research is done before making a final decision.

Mr. Hendrick- No old business

Mr. Bavoso- No old business

Mr. Cunningham- No old business

Mr. Belcher-

Thanked everyone for responding to fight the Orange & Rockland rate increase.

Mr. Waligroski- Absent

Mr. Bell- No old business

New Business:

Mr. Bell-

Neighborhood watch will be held on June 17th at Hose 4 at 7pm.

Mr. Waligroski- Absent

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Mr. Belcher-

Cautioned citizens to be careful on Route 84 due to the ongoing construction.

Mr. Cunningham-

Read a letter from the Lady Mount Carmel Society asking permission to use the city streets for their 92nd annual precession July 12th, 2015.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Hendrick to approve the event for The Lady Mount Carmel Society.

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

Mr. Bavoso- No new business

Mr. Hendrick-

Sends condolences to the Ropke family. Anna Ropke passed at 100years old and will be missed greatly.

Mr. Ritchie- No new business

Mr. Oney- No new business

Mr. Siegel-

Middletown Community Health Center is hosting a Health Fair on July 18th from 10:00am-2:00pm with events every ½ hour.

Public Comment

Executive Session set-

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to allow Executive session for Police Personal, litigation matters, contractual matters, and advice of the city council on various topics, with invitation to Lieutenant Fitzpatrick, City Assessor Yvonne Duryea, and CDA Director Valerie Maginsky.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Waligroski) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bell to adjourn to executive session at 7:45pm.

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

Meeting Reconvened at 9:20pm

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the certorrari settlement on SBL # 12-5-2

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to authorize Michael Fox to make an offer of settlement to Mr. Williams and his counsel for \$3,000.00.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 1 (Waligroski) NAY: 2 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve Chris Sargente to begin investigative duties at the Orange County Child Abuse Taskforce.

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

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Oney to grant authorization to the Mayor, Chief Worden and Corporation Council to enter into a contract and agreements with Orange County and PBA regarding this assignment.

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

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the buyout of 8,000.00 to Lieutenant VanInwegen upon retirement.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 (Waligroski) NAY: 1 (Bell) ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell to set a public hearing for June 22nd for CDBG Application.

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

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the hire of 2 part time temporary seasonal DPW employees for grass cutting.

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

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve to close Mill Street on July 19th, 2015

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

Meeting Adjourned -

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to adjourn the meeting at 9:25p.m.

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

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer