

May 26th, 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 Tuesday May 26th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Carl Hendrick. Acting Director of Public Works John Farr, Building Official David Rivera, Fire Chief Jeffrey Rhoades, Director of Recreation John Faggione, Police Chief William Worden, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger and Special City Counsel Michael Fox was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance-

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

Youth Report given by Mr. Michael Conklin-

May 30th, at 8:00pm the high school is hosting a comedy show. Proceeds benefit the junior class and tickets are available at pjhs.ticketleap.com.

Congratulated Coach John Faggione and the Lady Raiders softball team on the #192 win for Coach Faggione. Faggione passed former Coach George Rollman as the winningest coach in Port softball history.

8th graders Harry Tomasi and Rudae Gadson were selected to represent the Port Jervis School District this year in the Junior Leadership Orange program. The program strives to identify emerging young leaders, providing them knowledge and skills that foster vision.

Announced 2 parent involvement nights happening at ASK/HBE. June 2nd at ASK and June 10th at HBE. For more information, visit pjschools.org

Congratulated Romin Perez and his family on being the grand prize winner of tickets to the Radio City Music Awards.

Reminded everyone to check out the PJ Rec's Facebook page to see the summer schedule of events.

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-

Mayor Decker mentioned the great showing at the Memorial Day ceremonies.

Public Comment-

Merlinda Craig, 3rd Ward; talked about how she fell near her home due to uneven sidewalks. Wanted to know what was going to be done to fix the sidewalks throughout the City especially in front of abandon houses.

Wayne Kidney, 1st Ward; spoke about how his front porch was burglarized of furniture and plants. Encouraged citizens who have flood insurance to call their agent to ensure proper payment amounts. Read an article from the Times Herold Record that talked about how 1 and 4 renters use half the families' income to pay monthly bills.

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Todd Kowinsky, 4th ward; Updated the council on the progress they are having in the 4th ward. Neighbors are working together to clean up the abandon homes. They currently have 29 people involved. Complimented the new sidewalks on Ball Street and thinks it makes the neighborhood look more lively.

Tom Faggione, new county legislator, introduced himself to the council and explained he will be representing Port Jervis, Town of Deer Park and Town of Mount Hope. He is looking forward to working with the council to bring new ideas to life.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Waligroski , Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the minutes of the May 11th , 2015 regular meeting.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 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 \$241,002.92

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the issuance of a Capital Note.

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

The next meeting will be held on May 28th, at 6:00pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee-

The next meeting will be June 15th following the DPW meeting in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

Last meeting was May 6th, at 7:00pm.

Will be discussing updating the fees for fire police and fire inspector false calls at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be June 3, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Last meeting was April 6th.

UPDATE:

Garbage and Recycling is one day late due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Hydrant flushing is complete. Mr. Cunningham thanked everyone for their patience during this time.

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

Orange County DPW is holding a hazardous waste collection event on June 6th at the bottom on Hamilton Street. This event is free to all county residents. To find out what will be collected log onto www.orangecountygov.com or call (845) 291-2664.

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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 in the council chambers with the agenda being executive session for interviewing candidates for the position of sergeant. The committee will have a recommendation for the council tonight in executive session.

Next meeting will be June 10th at 7:00

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

No report

The next meeting will be Wednesday May 27th at 7pm on the second floor of the Recreation Center.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

The last meeting was May 13th at 6:00pm

Welcomed new board member Maria Mann. Reviewed an emailed from Bon Secours Hospital regarding their balloon payment to the City. Talked about the status of the Future Homes Technology property and what their involvement in the City will be. Discussed the status of vacant store fronts at 100 Pike Street and was looking into emailing Bill Paladino to see if he could attend or conference the next IDA meeting.

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 April 28th.

Renovations are complete; the final project looks beautiful.

The next meeting will be May 26th, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

Recreation Commission:

Updates:

- 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 summer programs will start on Monday June 29th and run through Friday August 21st.
- 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.

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- 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.
- Teen night will have its last dance of the season on May 29. Starting on Friday June 5th, the Youth Center will be open from 11am-6pm. Teen Night will resume in September.
- Parks are now open for the season, please remember that smoking and dogs are not permitted in City Parks.

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 May 27st, 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-

No report to be reported.

The next meeting will be held on June 2nd, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

The last meeting was held on May 19th, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

A public hearing was held regarding 130 West Main Street. After a discussion they approved the conditional permit for a conversion of a 3 family house to a 2 family house.

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

Plumbing Board-

The last meeting was held on May 6th.

Nothing to be reported.

The next meeting will be held on June 3rd 6:30pm in the Council Chambers.

Electrical Board-

The last meeting was held on May 6th.

Nothing to be reported.

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The next meeting will be held on June 3rd at 6:45pm in the Council Chambers.

Senior Advisory-

There are no major developments to discuss.

Access 23 TV- No report.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Community Service Saturdays will begin in July with help from BOCES. They will be concentrating on cleaning up the turn table, tow path and canal.

Summer Recreation has pages of events and activities taking place this summer. Please refer to the Port Jervis's Website for a complete listing.

Mayor Decker spoke to Bill Palladino, owner of 100 Pike Street, on the construction delays at the site. Explained minor setbacks in the roof re-design and asbestos testing, however, is confident we will see major progress in the coming weeks.

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.

Mayor Decker is looking forward to seeing everyone at the Dinner along the Delaware Event. It's taking place on Friday July 3rd at 6:00pm and fireworks will be set off from Point Peter around 9:15pm.

Summer fun fair at Kadampa Meditation Center in Glen Spey is a free event being held June 6th, 2015. Reminded citizens that all events will be posted on the new City's Website.

Port Jervis Volunteer Ambulance Corp is hosting a breakfast fundraiser on June 6th at 9:00am to help offset their recent financial struggles.

A Technology Awareness presentation will be held on June 2nd at the First Presbyterian Church and will provide free tips on technology safety, social media and privacy concerns.

Mayor talked about the Crop Hunger Walk for World Hunger. This year's goal is to raise \$14,000 to feed hungry people. The walk date is October 18th at 2:00 and will start at the Matamoras Fire pavilion.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, second by Mr. Belcher to approve the Hunger Walk event.

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

The 17th Annual Arts Walk and summer street fair hosted by the Tri-State Chamber of Commerce is Saturday July 18th with a rain date of July 19th, 2015. This event takes place, 11am-5pm, on Front Street and is free of charge. Requesting Sussex Street to be closed from the railroad tracks up to Ball Street and parking to be restricted in this area starting at 6:00am.

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Motion by Mr. Cunningham, second by Mr. Bavoso to approve the Arts Walk Event.

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

Accepted with regrets as of May 15th Sandy Decker, Deputy Clerk Treasurer, will be removed from office due to her absence of one full year.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, second by Mr. Belcher.

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

In an effort to rid the City of crime, the City has teamed up with various organizations to launch "Be Part of the Solution". It talks about community, police and City government all working together to help stop crime. Urges people to work together and remember if you see something say something, be part of the solution.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Spoke about how plastic is coming to the City Clerk's Office, hoping to start around July 1st. Citizens will be able to pay their bills using a credit card in the office and online.

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

He spoke about how nice it was to see so many children enjoying the parade over the weekend. Agreed that the sewer tax needs adjustment regarding the equitable distribution of fees and thinks the water should be metered rather than a flat fee.

Mr. Oney- No old business

Mr. Ritchie-

Agreed with Mr. Siegel and Mayor Decker regarding Memorial Day parade and thought there was nothing better than seeing all the children along the parade route holding signs and waving flags to support the veterans.

Mr. Hendrick- Absent

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Mr. Bavoso- No old business

Mr. Cunningham- No old business

Mr. Belcher-

Reiterated on the success of the parade over the weekend and loved that the parks were filled with children. Mentioned how he will be showing the council meeting on Wednesdays instead of Thursdays from now on. The Orange & Rockland rate increase is gaining awareness and they have suspended the hearing for another month.

Mr. Waligroski-

Reminded citizens to be careful and alert on 84 due to construction.

Mr. Bell- No old business

New Business:

Mr. Bell-

Congratulated Mrs. Waizenegger on her 36th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Waligroski- No new business

Mr. Belcher- No new business

Mr. Cunningham- No new business

Mr. Bavoso- No new business

Mr. Hendrick- Absent

Mr. Ritchie-

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2nd ward meeting is set for June 30th at 7:00pm.

Mr. Oney- No new business

Mr. Siegel-

Wants to be informed with what Mr. Kowinsky plans on doing next. In regards to Future Home Technology, Mr. Siegel thinks the city should have them clean up their property that's full of debris. Suggested to the council on showing a weekly video on a blow up projection screen in the park and thinks it could be beneficial to local businesses. Expressed sadness at Sandy Decker's departure and that she will be missed greatly.

Public Comment

Wayne Kidney, 1st Ward; Congratulated John on passing Mr. Rollman on his softball wins and the promotion of Officer Fitzpatrick to Lieutenant. He questioned several areas of the budget and clarified that he isn't opposed to the fee itself but the unfairness of how it's charged to multifamily homes. Wants the council to charge per unit regardless of homestead status.

Merlinda Craig, 3rd Ward; announced neighborhood watch meeting May 27th at 7:00pm

Executive Session set-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Waligroski to allow Executive session for legal matters regarding water, Recreation and Police personnel, with invitation to Chief of Police William Worden and Lieutenant , DPW Director Jack Farr, Director of Recreation John Fagg and building official Mr. Rivera.

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

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to adjourn to executive session at 8:15pm.

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

Meeting Reconvened at 9:40pm

Motion by Mr. Bell , seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve the proposal from Clough Harbor Associates for the wetland delineation services for the Port Jervis white water park.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Mr. Cunningham to approve the proposal to have Aecom conduct a mussel survey.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Hendrick) NAY: 2 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve the replacement of the blue stone sidewalks with concrete sidewalks at 178 & 180 Ball Street.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Oney to adopt the superior officer bargaining contract as written with an exception to salary changes which are to take effect upon the retirement of Lieutenant VanInwegen, that they not be applicable to him. Retroactive pay for the Chief and remaining Lieutenant shall be split between 2 years.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Hendrick) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Bell to promote Michael Worden to sergeant effective June 1st, 2015.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Hendrick) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Waligroski announced a resolution that West End Beach will not open for swimming this season and to rename the area West End Park and Recreation Area to better reflect the use of the area.

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to rename West End Beach to West End Park and Recreation Area.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Hendrick) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell to authorize Cheap Tree Removal to remove the broken siren from Farnum Senior Center on Ulster Place.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Hendrick) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve Nick Chuckran, Daniel Smith and Sydney Sauschuck as seasonal hires for the Recreation department.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Hendrick) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned -

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Hendrick) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer

