

June 22nd, 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 22nd, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

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

Pledge of Allegiance-

Mayor Decker, Andy Aumick, Noah Webb, Joe Mahaney, Danny Klotz, Nick Rutkowski, Aidan Webb, Mike Mahaney and Joshua Maldando from Boy Scout Troop 173 led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Youth Report given by Mr. Michael Conklin-

Graduation will be held this Friday, June 26 at 7pm at Chase Field.

Port "Paw" Pride is in full swing at the Middle School this week with the help of Ms. Stone, donations will be made to the local human society to show the importance of helping others.

Bill Harris and his staff of the Middle School food service department said goodbye to Ashley Ehles. She thanked the PJCS and BOCES C-TECH program for allowing her to intern in her home school district.

The last day of school is June 25.

Students at HBE experimented with solar energy, using pizza boxes to create solar cookers. They "cooked" and ate s'mores using the heat produced from the sun.

Kindergarten Moving Ceremonies and Sixth Grade Graduation Ceremonies are being held this week.

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

The next Board of Education meeting is July 1st, 2015 at 7:30pm in the High School Cafeteria.

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 Hearing-**2015 Local Law #3-**

Mrs. Opelt, 4th ward, spoke about the rebate check and if citizens will be receiving the refund this year. The council informed her that yes the rebate check will be distributed. She also spoke about the importance of the tax cap and does not want the City to exceed it.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Waligroski to close public hearing on 2015 Local Law #3.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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New York State Community Development Building Grant, CDBG-

CDA Director, Valerie Maginsky, explained the grant in detail and what the qualifications are.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Bell to close public hearing on the NYS CDBG.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Public Comment-

John DiCarlantonio, of Warwick, thanked Access 23 for allowing his daughter to intern at the studio, where she is gaining hands on experience while attending college.

Peter Tomasi, 2nd ward, talked about the importance of level sidewalks on city owned properties. Boy Scout Troop 173 has offered to volunteer their time to help repair and level sidewalks throughout the City. Mr. Tomasi also asked for permission of the council to allow the Blue Stone to be fixed and preserved at Skinners Park as part of an Eagle Scout Project.

Merlinda Craig, 3rd ward, announced 3rd ward neighborhood watch meeting will be held June 24th at 7:00pm with special guest Scott Robertson.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the minutes of the June 8th, 2015 regular meeting.

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

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee-

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the resale of surplus cell phone equipment.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Waligroski to approve the donation of 16 used cellphones to Orange & Pike County Safe Homes.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Belcher to authorize the City Clerk to proceed with a tax lien sale.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$719,567.48

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee-

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Reminded everyone that the annual Fireman's Day Parade will be held July 11th.

Code Committee-

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

Will be discussing Local Law #4 at the next meeting. Reminded citizens to keep their grass cut to avoid fines.

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

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Last meeting was June 10th.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Waligroski to approve the minutes from the June 10th DPW meeting.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The water clarification project is behind schedule and will need more time to complete.

Some hydrants in the City need to be replaced. Mr. Cunningham explained the cost of repairing some hydrants would be more costly than replacing the hydrants in their entirety.

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

Due to the 4th of July holiday falling on a Friday, the 1st ward paper pick up will be that following Monday.

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

Police Committee-

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the minutes from the June 10th Police committee meeting.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the monthly Police committee report.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Discussed selling a surplus patrol vehicle to the Port Jervis Volunteer Ambulance Corp "as is" to assist the Corp with their fleet operation.

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the resale of a surplus 2007 Dodge Charger to PJVAC in the amount of \$1.00.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Next meeting will be July 16th at 7:00.

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Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Last meeting was May 27th.

Section 8 housing applications will be available at various locations throughout the City. Please call 845-858-4024 for any questions.

The New York State Affordable Housing Corporation granted the City of Port Jervis with \$350,000.00 to rehabilitate 10 single family, owner occupied houses within the City. Citizens can apply by calling the Community Development Agency at 845-858-4024.

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

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

Last meeting was June 10th.

At the last meeting 100 Pike Street was discussed. Tim O'Brian, site manager, gave an update on the progress of the mini mall. He informed us that they settled unresolved claims with contractors, removed asbestos, and will be working on the roof next. The roof is estimated to take 4-5weeks. Although this project has had delays it is moving forward.

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.

No report to be given.

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

Recreation Commission:

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 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.
- 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.

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.

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Tourism Board-

Stephen Crane Red Badge of Courage Day was a huge success. Mr. Belcher thanked everyone who made this event come to life. The Tourism Board also mentioned that it is already working on the fall foliage festival being held September 27th, 2015.

The next meeting will be on July 14th, at 6:00pm in the down stairs conference room.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

There was no report to be given today.

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

Planning Board-

There was no report to be given today.

The next meeting will be held on July 21st at 7:00.

Plumbing Board-

Nothing to be reported.

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

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-

Encourages young adults to get involved with TV production.

Mayor's Correspondence-

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10 families will be receiving a helping hand, thanks to the NYS CDBG. City of Port Jervis was award the grant in the amount of \$350,000.00. The grant helps with renovation costs to families in need.

Expressed appreciation and thanks to the Tourism board, William Schill and all involved in making Stephen Crane Day a great day for the City.

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. Many local vendors will be serving food. This event is such an enjoyable event. Tickets can be purchased from the Clerk's Office from 8-5pm and at the Rec Department.

Mayor Decker informed everyone that the roofing material has arrived for 100 Pike Street and work will be completed in the coming weeks.

On June 30th, 2015 at 4:00pm & 7:00pm the Orange County Emergency Services will host a public hearing conference regarding the Orange & Rockland rate hike. For more information call (800)-335-2120.

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-

Thanked everyone involved with the planning of Stephen Crane Day. He learned a lot about Port Jervis, he never knew before and already can't wait for next year's event.

Reminded citizens that the Fire Department is seeking volunteers. If interested stop at any fire station or go to pjnyfd.com for an application.

Reminded 4th ward residents that cardboard pickup is the 4th Friday of the month.

Mr. Oney- No old business

Mr. Ritchie-

Stephen Crane Day should be commended, it was a great event.

Mr. Hendrick-

Is a fellow board member of RECAP and is excited to be working with the CDA in regards to the Community Development Building Grant.

Mr. Bavoso-

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Praised the Stephen Crane Memorial Day and said that his favorite part was the cemetery tour. He hopes that the Tourism Board will conduct more tours in the future.

Mr. Cunningham-

Thanked the Tourism Board & William Shill for a great out of the box idea.

Mr. Belcher-

Announced the 2nd ward meeting will be June 30th. He also reminded everyone that the Stephen Crane opening ceremony, Flag Day ceremony and tonight's meeting will be shown Wednesday June 23rd at 6:00pm on Access 23. Orange & Rockland rate increase is gaining interest. Encourages everyone to join him on June 30th at 4:00pm & 7:00pm at the Orange County Emergency Services Auditorium to speak in opposition of the proposed rate increase.

Mr. Waligroski-

Loves seeing people participating in events like Flag Day and The Soap Box Derby. Informed everyone that Orange & Rockland will be replacing gas lines on Kingston Avenue and replacing them into the sidewalks which will result in new sidewalks being installed at no cost to the City.

Mr. Bell-

Thanked Mike Worden for participating in the last 4th Ward neighborhood watch meeting. He was patient and answered a lot of questions. He believes that events like Stephen Crane Day, Flag Day and The Soap Box Derby really bring people together.

New Business:

Mr. Bell- No new business

Mr. Waligroski- No new business

Mr. Belcher- No new business

Mr. Cunningham- No new business

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Mr. Bavoso- No new business

Mr. Hendrick- No new business

Mr. Ritchie- No new business

Mr. Oney- No new business

Mr. Siegel-

Encourages everyone to attend the annual Fireman's Day Parade on July 11th. Promises it will be a great day. Orange County is offering a course in chemical suicide and urges all emergency personnel take advantage of the class. Shared 3 things that he learned from Stephen Crane Day; **1.** The Bavoso and Plotsky house once burned, **2.** Memorial Statue in Veteran Square Park cost a total of \$10,000 and **3.** The Port Jervis Free Library cost \$24,998.00 . He commented on how well they stood the test of time.

Public Comment

Joe Curtis, 2nd Ward, spoke about his disappointment over the closing of Buckley's Corner Store and the code committee decisions on 140 Jersey Avenue and thinks the committee should be more accommodating towards business owners.

Executive Session set-

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to allow Executive session for Police, DPW, Building and Rec Personnel, contractual matters, and advice of the City Counsel with invitation to the Police Chief William Worden, Director of Recreation John Fagg, Director of Public Works John Farr, Building Official Dave Rivera.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bell to adjourn to executive session at 8:25 pm.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Reconvened at 9:50pm

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Bell to adopt Local Law #3 2015.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve a special meeting on June 29th at 6:30pm for police personnel.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS:0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve Sydnie Leroy and Mackenzie Leroy as Tennis Instructors for the 2015 Summer Track Program.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY:0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to appoint Officer Kevin Reilly to Detective to fill Mike Worden's position.

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

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to appoint Officer Kevin Moscatiello to Sergeant fill Officer Chris Sargente's Position effective July 1st, 2015.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 2 (Waligroski & Hendrick) CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Waligroski to hire Joseph Piscitelli to the position of provisional Water Treatment Plant Operator pending his Civil Service exam results.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Belcher to allow McGoey, Hauser and Edsall to solicit bids in the newspaper for the purpose of attaining bids for the Wagner Place Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the hire of Gretchen Washalski as a part-time temporary employee for the City Clerk's Office.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned -

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

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer

