

August 10th, 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 August 10th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

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

Pledge of Allegiance-

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

Presentations-

Borough of Matamoras thanked the council for their donation of the street sweeper at a cost of \$1.00. They expressed their appreciation and are beyond grateful.

Youth Report given by Mr. Michael Conklin-

Friday August 14th will be the Port Jervis High school summer school graduation at 9:00am in the High School cafeteria. Fall Sports practices officially begin Monday, August 17th for those who have all of their paperwork in. Wednesday August 19th at 6:30 pm the middle School orientation for parents to learn about life at the Port Jervis Middle School. Tuesday August 25th at 6:00pm is the HBE Kindergarten orientation. Wednesday August 26 at 9:00am is the High School orientation for parents and students and Thursday August 27th at 5:30 is ASK's Kindergarten orientation. September 3rd is the first day of school for all students. The next school board meeting will be held August 18th at 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-

Public Comment-

Peter Tomasi, 2nd ward, invited everyone to attend the annual Talent Showcase at Riverside Park to help raise money for Operation PJ Pride on September 13th, starting at 1pm.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the Talent Showcase, a City event, at Riverside Park on September 13th.

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

August 10th, 2015**Minutes Approved-**

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, Seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve the minutes of the July 27th, 2015 regular meeting.

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

Committee Reports:**Finance Committee-**

The finance committee discussed the certificate of adjusted base proportions.

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the Assessor's Certificate of adjusted base proportion report.

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

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 \$133,986.17

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

The next meeting will be held on August 20th, at 6:00pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee-

Reported that the Fire Department responded to 51 calls for the month of July

Next meeting August 17th at 6:30 in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

Last meeting was August 5th.

The next meeting will be September 2nd, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Last meeting was July 6th.

UPDATE:

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the August 3rd, 2015 DPW minutes.

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

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.

Parts of the City will be getting new blacktop and Mr. Cunningham reminds citizens to be patient during construction.

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Orange & Rockland Utility Company will be working on the upgrades well into the month of September. The next meeting will be announced at the August 24th meeting.

Police Committee-

The next meeting will be announced at the August 24th meeting.

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Last meeting was July 28th.

Thanked Mrs. Maginsky for sending out 7 grant applications.

The next meeting will be announced at the August 24th meeting.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

Will be discussing Future Homes Technology/Excel Company regarding their Pilot agreement with the City at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Aug 12th at 7pm.

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

Last meeting was July 7th.

Next meeting to be held October 1st at 6:00pm in the council chambers.

Housing Authority-

Last meeting was held on July 28th.

No report to be given.

The next meeting will be August 25th, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

Recreation Commission:

Updates:

PJ Rec summer programs are still in full swing. Farnum Park and Riverside will close on August 21 however; Church Street Park and the Youth Center will continue summer hours through August 28.

August 13th PJ Rec will hold its annual summer Olympics at Church Street Park from 10am-2pm.

Five Creations will perform Thursday Aug 13th at Riverside Side Park and Side F/X on August 20th, all part of the Free summer concert series.

Sunday August 16th, 2015 we will be sponsoring our 1st annual Tri-State Triathlon. You can swim the Delaware, bike through the Hawks Nest and run through Port Jervis. You can participate as an individual or do it as a team. Please visit our webpage at www.tri-statetriathlon.com for more information.

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August 19th The First AG Church and PJ Rec will host its last outdoor movie of the summer. The movie will start at 7:00pm at Riverside Park.

PJ Rec will be attending the Scranton Railriders baseball game in Scranton PA. We have a full bus of 45 going including close to 20 kids that were awarded free tickets for good behavior at the playgrounds this summer.

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 August 12, at 5:00 at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

The Tourism Board is working on the fall foliage festival being held September 27th, 2015. Invited everyone to Access 23 for an open house being held the same day as the fall foliage festival.

The next meeting will be on August 11th, at 6:30pm in the down stairs conference room.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

Continuation of 140 Jersey Avenue issues regarding handicap ramp and parking. Nothing was resolved. The board's attorney, Mr. Fink, advised them to make a decision. Upon vote of the board members, the variances were denied.

The next meeting will be held on September 1st, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

Nothing to report

The next meeting will be held on September 18th 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-

Advised everyone that there are vacancies at Water Edge.

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Access 23 TV-

Nothing to report.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the NYS DOT resolution regarding the Neversink River bridge project in the amount of 762,775.00.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the NYS DOT resolution regarding the Neversink River bridge project in the amount of 150,946.00.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve 1st Assembly of God Church to display banners throughout the City for Community Day being held August 22nd.

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

Mr. Decker read a letter from Pike County Safe Haven, thanking the City of Port Jervis for the donation of used cell phones.

Mayor asked Mr. Hill if he would like to speak in regards to his proposal to the City.

Mr. Hill explained his offer to the Common Council, regarding replacing 3 Park sidewalks in exchange for blue stone. He sees this as a gift to the City because of the dire need to replace the sidewalks.

Corporation Counsel, Mr. Bavoso, suggested to the council that the Blue Stone proposal for the new sidewalks should go to competitive bid.

Farmers market is now open. Every Saturday 8am-1pm in the Mini Mart and will be running till October.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Liquor License renewal for Arlene & Tom's Restaurant was presented.

The Clerk reminded citizens to read the election postcard that is being circulated through the mail. Thursday September 10th primary elections are being held at the Farnum Senior Center only.

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel

Mr. Siegel received the election notice in the mail and thinks the county should inform citizens better of changes to election centers. Thanked everyone involved in National Night Out. Encouraged everyone to check out the Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings, admits this years is better than previous years. Expressed his condolences on the passing of 60 year member of the Fire Department, Jerry Acton.

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Mr. Oney- No old business

Mr. Ritchie- No old business

Mr. Hendrick- No old Business

Mr. Bavoso- No old Business

Mr. Cunningham-

Thanked Chief of Police, William Worden, on hosting a wonderful event. Mr. Cunningham estimated that over 4,000 residents came to support National Night Out.

Mr. Belcher-

Thanked Ellen Waugh, administrative assistant, for all her hard work that went into making National Night Out a reality.

Mr. Waligroski- No old business

Mr. Bell- No old business

New Business:

Mr. Bell-

Invited everyone to attend the Neighborhood watch meeting Aug 19th at Hose 4 Firehouse.

Mr. Waligroski- No new business

Mr. Belcher- No new business

Mr. Cunningham- No new business

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Mr. Bavoso-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the competitive bid process for the Bluestone Project.

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

Mr. Siegel thinks it's sad if the City turns over the any City owned Bluestone.

Mr. Belcher reminded everyone that in some parts of the City, the Bluestone is crumbling.

Mr. Bell wanted to know if they could use certain language in the bid that reads; whoever buys the Bluestone must replace the sidewalks.

Mr. Bavoso was tasked with verifying if the bids had to be separate or could be combined.

Mr. Hendrick-

Mr. Hendrick thinks replacing the park sidewalks is a good idea because citizens want and deserve a safe walkway.

Mr. Ritchie- No new business

Mr. Oney- No new business

Mr. Siegel- No new business

Public Comment

Sharon Siegel, 4th ward, read an article titled "Why Do Old Places Matter" and strongly believes that the Bluestone here in the City of Port Jervis is part of history and doesn't want to see it go to waste.

Chris Vanhouten, 1st ward, asked to be allowed back into the fire department.

Daniel Allen, 3rd ward, expressed that he loves the look of Bluestone, however fixing the sidewalks are the right thing to do.

Peter Tomasi, 2nd ward, thinks Mr. Hill's proposal is OK because most of the Bluestone is broken around the City Parks but he doesn't agree with individual home owners giving up perfectly fine Bluestone for cement.

Executive Session set-

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to allow Executive session at 9:25pm for DPW for Personnel, Building for Contractual, Fire Department for Contractual and seek advice of the City Counsel with invitation to William Bavoso, Michael Fox, Building Official David Rivera, Acting Director of Public Works John Farr and Fire Chief Jeffery Rhoades.

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Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to adjourn to executive session at 9:25pm.

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

Meeting Reconvened at 9:34pm

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to allow Mr. Rivera 1 week vacation time as recognition of additional time worked above and beyond normal scheduled hours during his first year.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the leasing of the Wells building at \$3,000.00 per month with authorization to the Mayor to execute any necessary documents.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve the final draft of the sub-lease for Energy in the Bank with authorization to the Mayor to execute any necessary documents.

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

Meeting Adjourned -

Motion by Mr. Cunningham seconded by Mr. Bavoso to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

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

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer