

August 24th, 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 24th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Bell. Acting Director of Public Works John Farr, Fire Chief Jeffrey Rhoades, Building Official Dave Rivera, Police Chief William Worden, 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-

BOCES SYEP-Summer Youth Employment Program

Mayor Decker and Larry Gotham explained how students obtain class credit and work experience during the summer months. Students were awarded certificates of participation while Mayor Decker and Larry Gotham thanked everyone involved in making this such a great program.

Mary Alice Presto-Prevention Education

Spoke about the importance of prevention education. Invited citizens to several events in our area that cover a range of topics from drug prevention to dealing with drug recovery. All events are listed on the City's website www.portjervisny.org.

Mayor Decker issued a proclamation to Ms. Presto declaring the month of September National Recovery Month.

Youth Report given by Mr. Michael Conklin-

No report to be given.

Senior Report-

Senior Club had a BBQ at D & H Canal on August 12th and invited all senior citizens to participate in future events. 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-

Jack Austin, Empowering Port Jervis, is looking to run an overnight program for people in need of shelter during the winter months and asked the council for help finding a new location. The objective of this program is to reduce homelessness throughout the City. Mr. Austin suggested using a City owned building for the program and asked for the council to start a committee in order to find a solution to this problem.

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Chris Van Houten, 2nd ward, asked the council if there could be a light attached to the flag pole at Point Peter.

Stacey Davis, 4th ward, had concerns about the poor conditions of the sidewalks in her neighborhood.

Wayne Kidney, 1st ward, spoke about the inequitable distribution of the sewer fees to 2 & 3 family homeowners. Wants the March 9th, 2015 sewer fee to be repealed.

Robin Waizenegger, City Clerk Treasurer, announced the Rotary Club will be hosting "Backpack Snack Attack" food drive at the Montague, NJ Shoprite Sept 12th to fight against weekend hunger in school age children.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the minutes of the August 10th, 2015 regular meeting.

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

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$1,147,120.66

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

The next meeting will be held on September 24th, at 7pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee-

Announced 25 and 50 year members.

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the removal of Laurence D. Murray & Gerald E. Acton from active membership rolls with regrets.

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

Next meeting September 21st 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-

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the pre application of the CWRS program grant.

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

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Mr. Siegel asked Mayor Decker to explain the I & I study.

Mayor Decker explained that the study will show which sewer lines need to be replaced first. He believes Wagner Place, Owen Street, Jersey Ave and Fowler Street will need to be addressed first.

Mr. Oney noted this project could potentially cost the City 99 million dollars and obtaining a 25 million dollar grant, is huge.

Mr. Waligroski added that the project may not be 99 million dollars. The study uses camera snakes to investigate and some sewer lines may not need replacing.

UPDATE:

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Waligroski to approve the July, 2015 DPW minutes.

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

Due to the Labor Day holiday on September 7th, garbage pickup will be pushed back by one day.

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.

Orange & Rockland Utility Company will be working on the upgrades well into the month of September.

The next meeting will be September 9th at 7:00pm.

Police Committee-

The next meeting will be September 9th at 6:30pm.

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Last meeting was July 28th.

The next meeting will be August 26th at 7pm.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

Discussed Future Homes Technology/Excel Company regarding their Pilot agreement with the City.

Next Meeting September 9th 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-

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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:

The Summer Rec program will end Friday August 28th.

Back to school hours at the Youth Center will be Monday-Thursday from 3:00pm to 7:00pm, Friday 3:00pm-10:00pm and Saturday 11:00am-3:00pm. Friday evenings from 6:00pm-10:00 is our teen night and open only to Middle School and High School students.

There will be 2 concerts this week to conclude the Summer Concert Series. First, Side F/X will perform August 25th at 7:00 pm and the last performance will be Mike Pacer on August 27th at 7:00pm both at Riverside Park.

The ACME Extreme Downhill racing event is returning to Port Jervis and Sky Line Drive on September 4th, 5th and 6th. If you haven't had the opportunity to watch this event, please stop by and watch these extreme athletes.

Our 1st Annual Tri-State Triathlon, held back on August 16, 2015 was a success. 47 men and women completed the 400 meter swim, 10mile bike and 5k run. Complete race results can be found at www.tri-statetriathlon.com. Special thanks to all involved in making this event a success.

The Recreation Dept. is sponsoring a trip to see the NY Jets take on the Washington Redskins at MetLife Stadium in the Meadowlands on Sunday October 18, 2015. Cost for the trip-including ticket, transportation and tailgate are only \$125.00 per person. If you opt out of the tailgate the cost is only \$85.00 per person. The bus will leave Port Jervis at 8:15am and return approximately 7:00pm. Game time is 1:00pm. Tickets are limited so sign up early.

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 September 16, at 7:00 at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

The Tourism Board is sponsoring a new event called, The Celtic Festival. It will be held August 6th, 2016 at Riverside Park.

The Tourism Board is working on the Fall Foliage Festival being held September 27th, 2015 and reminded vendors that applications are due this week and that Kris KindleMart applications are on the City's website.

The next meeting will be on September 8th, at 6:30pm in the down stairs conference room.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

No report to be given.

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

Planning Board-

Set a public hearing for September 18th to discuss a pre-submission application for line lot change and consolidation for 4 and 6-8 Johnson Ave.

Mayor Decker briefed the board on the progress of 100 Pike Street and stated that there have been delays in construction that have been since rectified and everyone will see more activity moving forward.

Board members look into training classes to gain more knowledge and experience in certain areas to better serve the

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community.

The next meeting will be held on September 15th 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.

Access 23 TV-

Nothing to report.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Mr. Decker read a letter from the Borough of Matamoras thanking the City for our generous sale of the street sweeper for the sum of \$1.00.

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Oney to approve the 2016 contribution to the Upper Valley Delaware Scenic Byway in the amount of \$500.00.

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

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve an additional date for the Car Show on Oct 6th due to rain cancellations.

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

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Siegel to allow Orange County Safe Homes to hold their annual clothes line event on October 15th from 10:00am-4:00pm at Orange Square Park.

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

Mr. Decker read a letter from Marissa Storms asking the council to please re-open West End Beach.

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Motion by Mr. Siegel to suspend all bid proposals for the blue stone project.

AYE: 1(Mr. Siegel) ABSENT: 1(Mr. Bell) NAY: 7 ABSTAIN: 0 DENIED

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to adjourn at 8:15pm for a brief executive session to discuss the blue stone bids.

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

Mayor Decker called the meeting back to order at 8:30pm.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Waligroski to accept the bid offer from New England Architecture Center.

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

Mr. Siegel doesn't understand why we would give up our blue stone to enhance other communities.

Mr. Oney respects Mr. Siegel's perspective however, doesn't associate the blue stone steps to the historical value of the City like he does with the Rec Center, the cannon or the monument. He noted that we are not giving away these stones for free but getting \$18,000 dollars for the steps. Mr. Hill will also be pouring new concrete sidewalks along Church Street and resetting all the sidewalks at Skinner's Park.

Mr. Waligroski explains that in consecutive meetings citizens have complained about the condition of the sidewalks throughout the entire City. This project will not only deter accident lawsuits but will be safer for families to enjoy the park as well.

Mayor Decker partnered with Gillinder Glass to create a sun catcher with the new City seal design pressed into each piece. He presented the sun catcher and noted that moving forward it will be used as the new "Key to the City". Mr. Decker noted that the "Key to the City" should be a representation of the City and what better way than to create something that is made here in Port Jervis.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Nothing to report

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

1st Assembly of God's Community Day was a great event and thanked everyone involved. Informed citizens that Pastor Joe will be leaving the Church and moving to Florida. He expressed his appreciation for all Pastor Joe has done for our community.

Invited everyone to visit the Farmer's Market every Saturday till 1pm on Front Street.

Mr. Oney- No old business

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Mr. Ritchie- No old business

Mr. Hendrick- No old business

Mr. Bavoso-

Encouraged citizens to seek out their elected officials on issues they may be having or want to address.

Mr. Cunningham- No old business

Mr. Belcher-

Noted that when citizens come to meetings and give input, it is taken seriously and things have been changed due to public comment. He wants anyone with an issue to call him, all of his contact information is public.

Mr. Waligroski- No old business

Mr. Bell- No old business

New Business:

Mr. Bell- No new business

Mr. Waligroski- No new business

Mr. Belcher-

Noted he was glad Ms. Storm's wrote a letter regarding her request asking to re-open West End Beach. Reminded everyone Access 23 will be hosting an open house the same day as the Fall Foliage Festival.

Mr. Cunningham- No new business

Mr. Bavoso- No new business

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Mr. Hendrick- No new business

Mr. Ritchie-

Commented on the success of the Triathlon and looks forward to the event to be bigger and better next year.

Mr. Oney- No new business

Mr. Siegel-

Reminded everyone the importance of the Street Drugs Awareness seminar being held at the trackside August 31, 2015.

Explained that street drugs are one of Port Jervis's most serious issues.

Invited everyone to the last 2 musical events of the summer held at Riverside Park.

Public Comment

Executive Session set-

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to allow Executive session for Police regrading personnel, DPW regrading personnel and contractual, and discussion on Front Street Properties with invitation to Police Chief William Worden, Acting Director of Public Works John Farr, Building Official Dave Rivera, Mr. Lamoreaux and advice of counsel.

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

Motion by Mr. Oney, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to adjourn to executive session at 8:57pm.

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

Meeting Reconvened at 10:40pm

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to amend the previous resolution regrading PT Lieutenant's salary to \$32.05hr not to exceed \$15,000.00 a year.

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

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Siegel to reject the Wagner Place sanitary sewer bid based on the engineers recommendation and place the project for re-bid.

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

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Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve a special meeting to be held on September 2nd, 2015.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Mr. Bell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned -

Motion by Mr. Cunningham seconded by Mr. Bavoso to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

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

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer