

September 28th, 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 September 28th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

Councilman at Large Mr. Bavoso and all members of the Common Council were present except Mayor Decker. Director of Public Works John Farr, Building Official Dave Rivera, Lieutenant Fitzpatrick, CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, Fire Chief Jeff Rhoades, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, and Special City Counsel Michael Fox and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance-

Mr. Bavoso led all present in the pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mr. Bavoso is functioning as acting Mayor during the absence of Mayor Decker and will abstain from voting at this meeting.

Youth Report given by Mr. Michael Conklin-

Congratulated the Girls' Varsity Tennis team for beating Burke 6 matches to 1 on Thursday.

The Port Jervis High School guidance office will host senior information night, Thursday October 8th, 7:00pm in the auditorium. The topics being covered will be graduation requirements, diploma types, college essays, SAT's ACT, NCAA and college applications.

Port Jervis Middle School 8th graders listened to speakers from Breaking the Cycle program. This award winning program stresses honest communications and forgiveness as a way of resolving conflicts and easing the tensions that linger afterward. Thanked everyone on the successful Fall Foliage Festival event.

Congratulated the Varsity & JV Football Teams on their win against Monticello and reminded everyone that the Bell Game will be October 10th at 1:30 at the Middle School.

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. ASK and HBE faculty, staff and students are encouraged to participate in daily activities during the month of October to promote anti-bullying.

Schools will be closed Monday, October 12th to celebrate the Columbus Day Holiday.

The next Board of Education meeting will be held October 6th at 7:00pm in the High School Cafeteria.

Senior Report-

There was no report to be given today.

Veterans Report-

There was no report to be given today.

Public Comment-

No public comment given

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, Seconded by Mr. Hendrick to approve the minutes of the September 14th, 2015 regular meeting.

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

September 28th, 2015**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 \$492,665.84

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

Mr. Bell discussed the important role that Valerie Maginsky plays in obtaining grants on behalf of the City. Mrs. Maginsky has mentioned that she spends more time addressing issues pertaining to the City rather than the CDA. Mrs. Maginsky is currently working together with the City to find ways to generate revenue for the CDA during this financial hardship. Mr. Bell also mentioned the City's low fund balance which he is concerned about.

The next meeting will be held on October 22nd, at 7pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee-

Next meeting October 19th at 6:30 in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

Last meeting was September 2nd, 2015.

The next meeting will be October 7th, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-**UPDATE:**

Garbage pickup will be on regular schedule for the next week. However, garbage will be picked up one day later than normal the week of October 11th, due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

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.

The next meeting will be October 5th at 7:00pm.

Police Committee-

The next meeting will be October 5th at 6:30pm.

Liaison Reports:**Community Development Agency (CDA)-**

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The next meeting will be October 28th at 7pm.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

Discussed Future Homes Technology/Excel Company regarding their Pilot agreement with the City.
September 21st the IDA did a walk thru Future Homes facility and found no projects in progress and on September 30th the IDA will discuss the Pilot proposal presented to the City.

Next Meeting September 30th 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 August 25th.

No report to be given.

The next meeting will be September 27th, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

Recreation Commission:

Updates:

Friday October 9th the Youth Center will be having a dance from 6:30-9:30pm. The dance is for Middle School /High School students and must sign up at the Youth Center prior to the dance to be admitted.

The Youth Center will be open 11am-3pm on Columbus Day, October 12th, 2015.

Busy Bodies program will start Saturday October 17th and run every Saturday from 9:00am-10:30am until December 12th. These classes are free of charge and open to children in grades K-3.

The 69th annual Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday October 25th, 2015 at 3:30pm. Line-up will start on Hammond Street in front of City Hall. Light refreshments will be served and prizes awarded at the conclusion of the parade.

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve the 69th annual Halloween Parade on Sunday October 25th, 2015.

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

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 October 21st at 7:00 at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

Thanked the entire Tourism Board for putting together such a great event.

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

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Zoning Board of Appeals-

A public hearing is scheduled for October 6th.

The next meeting will be held on October 6th, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

Board approved the lot line change for 4,6 & 8 Johnson Ave.

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-

Thanked everyone who came to the open house and also thanked the DPW for hanging their sign in front of the studio.

Mayor's Correspondence- (Bavoso)

Reminded citizens of the Job Fair being held September 29th at the VFW 161 on Owen Street.

Honor Flight will be held October 10th, 2015 at Stewart International. The preflight ceremony will be at 7:45am and the welcome home ceremony will take place at 8:30pm.

Woodbury Commons will be hosting a Breast cancer awareness walk on October 18th. A Port Jervis Community Group has formed in honor of LouAnn McCarthy. Anyone interested in donating can contact Caitlyn Conklin at the Port Jervis High School or donate online at acsevents.org.

Mr. Bavoso reminded everyone that the Halloween parade will be held the Sunday prior to Halloween on October 25th with a line-up at 3:00pm.

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Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve the 44th annual Rick Drew holiday parade hosted by the Tri-State Chambers of Commerce on December 6th, at 2:00pm.

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

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Final redemptions notices for the year 2013 will be posted in the newspaper three times before the final redemption date which will be November 17th 2015, at that time the tax deed is issued to the lienholder on all property not redeemed.

Mrs. Waizenegger warned citizens of tax scams. The NYS Taxation and IRS are getting reports of scammers calling tax payers homes and demanding money for a tax debt. Please be careful.

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Waligroski to move the next council meeting to October 13th due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

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

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Thanked the Meyer family for all their hard work that went into making the fall foliage a great day.

Invited everyone to stop by the Farmers Market on Saturday mornings.

Mr. Siegel recently visited Grey Towers with a class of 4th graders and encouraged parents of all 4th grades to google every kid in the park to obtain free park passes to all National US Parks.

Mr. Oney- No old business

Mr. Ritchie-

Praised the tourism board for a great fall foliage event.

Mr. Hendrick- No old business

Mr. Bavoso- No old business

Mr. Cunningham- No old business

Mr. Belcher- No old business

Mr. Waligroski- No old business

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Mr. Bell- No old business

New Business:

Mr. Bell-

Thanked the tourism board for a job well done.

Mr. Waligroski- No new business

Mr. Belcher- No new business

Mr. Cunningham-

Thanked the tourism board and the Meyer family for the Fall Foliage Festival.

Mr. Bavoso- No new business

Mr. Hendrick- No new business

Mr. Ritchie- No new business

Mr. Oney- No new business

Mr. Siegel-

Invited everyone to the heroine and opiate forum being held on October 1st at 7:00pm at the High School Cafeteria.

Public Comment

Laura Meyer, Tourism Member, thanked Maria Mann in her involvement for catching the cornstalk bandit. Thanked the DPW, Police, Fire Police, City Clerk's Office, and Tourism Board on helping make the Fall Foliage Festival what it was. Mrs. Meyer estimated that 15,000 people attend the festival.

September 28th, 2015**Executive Session set-**

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to allow Executive session for Recreation Department for personnel, Building Department for personnel and litigation, DPW for personnel, and seek the advice of counsel with invitation to John Faggione, Mike Fox, John Farr and City Clerk Treasurer.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to adjourn to executive session at 7:35pm.

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

Meeting Reconvened at 8:15pm

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve Ms. Megan Smith as the 2015 Busy Body Instructor as this position is budgeted for 2015.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to provide the support for NYCOM, urging the commission to help remedy the collection issues.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve to execute a lease agreement at the former Wells building at the cost of \$8,000.00 for 8 months.

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

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Siegel to allow the sale of water to Flynnwater.com for the price of \$1,000.00 for 120 gallons of water.

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

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Belcher to hire Pioneer Construction Co, Inc. for \$410,150.00 as low bidders for the Wagner place sewer replacement project.

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

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Meeting Adjourned -

Motion by Mr. Cunningham seconded by Mr. Siegel to adjourn the meeting at 8:18p.m.

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

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer