

October 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 Monday October 26th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present. Director of Public Works John Farr, Building Official Dave Rivera, Lieutenant Fitzpatrick, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, and Special City Counsel Michael Fox and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance-

Mayor Decker & Delani Ennis from Girl Scout Community 209 led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Youth Report given by Mr. Michael Conklin-

The Farnum Haunted House was a huge success once again. Thanked everyone who helped out and everyone who visited. John Jones and the Orange County Emergency Services Center are collaborating with the PJHS to promote a program that emphasis on safe driving amongst our teens. The program is mandatory for all students that have a parking permit.

November 4th, 2015 the High School will be having a college fair and at 7:00pm will be the Fall Sports Awards.

In honor of National School Bus Safety Week, the district superintendent will drive the school bus. This annual event was established to promote school bus safety and awareness.

Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated this week at the Middle and Elementary schools.

Parent involvement Night will be held Wednesday, November 4th & 5th, 6:30-7:30pm. This is a great chance to learn more about your child's learning and education.

On October 23rd, 2015 the Port Jervis School District participated in the Apple Crunch to raise awareness about eating better and living healthy.

College Week will be held November 2nd-6th with many different activities planned in all the buildings.

November 17th at 7:00pm will be the next Board of Education meeting held 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

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Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Waligroski to approve the minutes of the October 13th, 2015 regular meeting.

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

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee-

Motion by Mr. Bell, Seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the reappointment of City Clerk Treasurer, Robin Waizenegger for a 10 year term ending October 31st, 2025.

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 \$371,493.49.

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

Mr. Bell mentioned that the Orange & Rockland delivery charge will be increased starting November 1st, 2015.

The next meeting will be held on November 19th, at 7pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee-

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve Robert Waligroski for an inter-department transfer from Fowler Rescue & Savage Company to Neversink Engine Company 1.

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

Next meeting November 16th at 6:30pm in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

Last meeting was October 7th, 2015.

All are welcome to attend.

The next meeting will be November 4th, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the October 5th DPW meeting minutes.

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

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UPDATE:

Garbage pickup is on normal scheduling for the next 2 weeks.

Bagged leaves will be picked up City wide starting November 2nd.

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

Fall Hydrant flushing has begun, please be patient during this time. If water is discolored, run cold water till water runs clear.

The next meeting will be November 5th at 6:00pm.

Police Committee-

Last Meeting was October 9th, 2015.

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

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Last meeting was September 23rd.

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

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

Discussed 4 different proposals for the pilot for 100 LLC River Rd, Skydyne. One proposal was selected for further discussion during executive session.

Invitation has been extended to Mr. Paladino to speak about the progress of 100 Pike Street Plaza at the next IDA meeting.

Next Meeting November 10th at 6pm.

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

Last meeting was October 1st, 2015

Next meeting to be held February 4th at 6:00pm in the council chambers.

Housing Authority-

Last meeting was held on September 29th.

No report to be given.

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

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Recreation Commission:

Updates:

The Recreation Department's 69th Annual Halloween Parade was held October 25th where more than 300 attended and had a great time. Costumes worn by adults and children this year were fantastic. Prizes were awarded for the scariest, most original, funniest and cutest costumes. Thanked the Elks Lodge #645, Recreation Commission, Police and DPW, Volunteer Ambulance Corp, Fort Knox Storage and the Port Jervis Honor Society students for their help.

October 30th there will be no Teen Night this week. Tuesday November 3rd the Youth Center will be open from 11:00-3:00pm. Busy Body arts and crafts classes are held every Saturday morning at the youth center from 9-10:30am. These classes are free of charge and are for boys and girls in grades K-3. Classes will run through December 12.

Fall cleanup day will be Saturday November 14th, 2015. We will be cleaning up leaves and branches from City parks and playgrounds. Volunteers are needed and will be meeting at the Farnum Park at 10:00am on November 14th.

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 November 18th, at 7:00 at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

Mr. Belcher asked Jack, the DPW Director, to hang banners and lights to promote Christkindlemarkt.

The next meeting will be on November 10th, at 6:30pm in the down stairs conference room.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

The next meeting will be held on November 3rd, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

Discussed and denied a conditional use permit for 116-122 Franklin Street.

Granted an additional 2 year use permit for Rock Solid LLC.

Mr. Siegel commented that he didn't agree with this decision but will take pictures moving forward to show proof of garbage surrounding the dumpster that Rock Solid LLC owns.

The next meeting will be held on November 17th at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

Nothing to be reported.

Electrical Board-

Nothing to be reported.

The next meeting will be held November 4th at 6:45pm.

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Senior Advisory-

Advised everyone that there are vacancies at Water Edge.

Access 23 TV-

Mr. Siegel was glad to see camera man Tom Castelonia and encouraged everyone to send cash donations to Access 23.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Reminded everyone about Christkindlemarkt being held November 29th, 2015.

Invited citizens to The Chris Farlekas Tribute Concert on Sunday November 8th at 3:00pm. Mayor Decker spoke about Mr. Farlekas and his passion for Port Jervis. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Friends of Chris Farlekas Fund, a component fund of the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased online at www.MiddletownParamount.com or by calling the Box Office at (845) 346-4195.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Mrs. Waizenegger informed the council about the 2014 Financial Statement Presentation given by Bonadio & Company. The feedback from the council members that attended said that this was the best and most useful presentation of the financials that they've seen.

Invited citizens to attend a college planning relief workshop being held at the Cornell Cooperative Extension, 18 Seward Ave, Middletown on Wednesday November 18th, at 6:30pm.

Reminded citizens of the Tax Lien Sale will be held November 17th at 2:00pm in the council chambers.

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Thanked all the participants of the parade and Haunted House.

Mr. Oney- No old business

Mr. Ritchie-

Commented that the Halloween parade was a great event.

Mr. Hendrick- No old business

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Mr. Bavoso-

Due to Halloween falling on a Saturday, Mr. Bavoso encouraged drivers to slow down and watch out for children.

Mr. Cunningham-

Attended the Chiefs Association meeting at the 911 center, where many of our police officers and detectives received awards and what an honor it was to attend.

Mr. Belcher- No old business

Mr. Waligroski- No old business

Mr. Bell- No old business

New Business:

Mr. Bell- No new business

Mr. Waligroski-

Suggested that if any voters need information about who is running or where to vote, to please call the City Clerk's Office.

Mr. Belcher-

Reminded citizens that 1 vote does make a difference and to please vote.
Invited everyone to attend the budget hearings.

Mr. Cunningham-

Encouraged everyone to make every effort to go out and vote.

Mr. Bavoso-

Reminded everyone to vote.

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Mr. Hendrick- No new business

Mr. Ritchie- No new business

Mr. Oney-

Suggested to the Planning Board that they should revise the Rock Solid LLC use permit from a 2 year permit to a 1 year permit.

Mr. Siegel-

Thanked the sanitation department for handling the garbage cans with care.

Encouraged everyone to go to the Chris Farlekas Tribute Concert, being held November 8th, 2015. Mr. Siegel mentioned how Mr. Farlekas was Port Jervis's biggest cheerleader and how much money he raised for a variety of charities.

Reminded citizens to beware of the Fire Apparatus driving around the city on Halloween.

Stressed that people should go out and vote on November 3, 2015.

Public Comment

No public comment

Executive Session set-

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to allow Executive session to include IDA for contractual, DPW with regards to personnel, Police with regards to personnel, contractual regards to the Human Society agreement and contractual regards to the 2016 City Engineering contract and to seek the advice of counsel with invitation to Mike Fox, DPW Director Jack Farr, and Lieutenant Fitzpatrick.

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

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to adjourn to executive session at 7:40pm.

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

Meeting Reconvened at 8:35pm

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the hiring of Susan Biccum to the position of provisional Municipal Bus Dispatcher until the results from the Civil Service exam for that position become public.

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Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the 2016 Human Society Contract.

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Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Siegel to authorize Police Chief Worden to continue negotiations in a personnel matter regarding discipline.

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

Meeting Adjourned -

Motion by Mr. Cunningham seconded by Mr. Bell to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

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

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer