

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Attendance-**

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present. DPW Director John Farr, CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, Building Official David Rivera, Recreation Director John Faggione, Police Chief William Worden, Fire Chief Frank Fuller III, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, and Special City Counsel Michael Fox and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso were also present.

### **Pledge of Allegiance-**

Mayor Decker & Braden Halpin from Boy Scout Troop 68 led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **Youth Report given by Mr. Matthew Conklin-**

At the High School seniors are advised to stop in guidance to fill out scholarship applications as soon as possible.

The deadline for Middle Schoolers to sign up for the Washington D.C. trip is Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has questions, please see Mrs. Van in guidance.

ASK will be celebrating No Name Calling Week from January 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. No name calling week is aimed to eliminate bullying in our community.

HBE has a new safety procedure, asking all parents to park in the parking lot and not in front of the building when picking up children at the end of any after school activities.

The Port Jervis School District has implemented an email and text alert system. Sign up at [www.pjschools.org](http://www.pjschools.org).

Congratulated Mrs. Zulich, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, on her retirement.

The next Board of Education Meeting is January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

### **Senior Report-**

There was no report to be given today.

### **Veterans Report-**

There was no report to be given today.

### **Public Comment-**

John Fernandez, former operator of the Port Jervis Track, asking the council if he could reopen the track if the site isn't being used for any other projects. Believes with proper management they could gear this site towards kid's recreation.

Norman Cord, Town of Newburgh, explained his experience working with inner city children and shared his vision for the track.

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Mayor Decker asked both Mr. Fernandez and Mr. Cord to first prepare a detailed proposal to present to the council so they can further discuss their plans.

**Minutes Approved-**

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the minutes of the December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regular meeting.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 4(Trovei,Hendry,Foster,Fitzpatrick) CARRIED

**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 \$98,868.25.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the resolution related to the sale of 46-48 Front Street and authorizes Clerk City Treasurer to reserve funds in an amount equal to the loss from 2016 budget appropriation to add to the general fund balance in 2016 to compensate for the loss that must be recorded in the 2015 year.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the resolution regarding banking and depositories for 2016.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the resolution that states the Times Herald Record as the City's official newspaper, with Gazette and Pike County Dispatch as alternatives. WDLC will be designated as the official radio outlet and Port Jervis-Deerpark TV will be designated television outlet.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the resolution related to the standard word day and reporting resolution for NYS retirement system benefits.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the travel request for the City Clerk Treasurer to attend the GFOA Annual Conference and any other meetings as they may arise throughout the year with costs not to exceed the budgeted amount.

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

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the resolution that states the 2016 budget requires amendment to reflect a correction for wages paid within the Nutrition/Senior dining program for both the assistant and on-call relief to \$11.49 per hour.

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

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The next meeting will be held on January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45pm in the council chambers.

**Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee-**

Announced the changes in the administration of the Fire Dept.

Fire Chief- Frank "Pete" Fuller III

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief- Dominic Cicalese

2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief- Tom Snyder

Department Secretary- William Werner

Department Treasurer- Robert Waligroski

The Department responded to 411 calls in 2015 and Mr. Siegel thanked all the volunteers for their service to our City.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to remove Austin Weldrick from membership rolls due to non-participation.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve Tri-State Hose Company No. 6 to host the following events;

Host a Gas Raffle on 4/7/16

Host a Car Wash on 5/14/16 with a rain date of 5/21/16

Host a Golf Tournament at High Point Country Club in Montague, New Jersey on 6/17/16

Host a Gas Raffle on 9/1/16

Attend a parade in October on a date yet to be determined and location.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Ritchie to approve Neversink Engine Company No. 1 to host the following events;

Host a Fish and Chip Takeout on 2/18/16

Host a Spaghetti and Meatball Takeout on 4/16/16

Host a Company's Old Timer's Night on a date yet to be determined

Host a Spaghetti and Meatball Takeout on 11/05/16

Attend the Wallington Christmas Parade on a date yet to be determined.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the transfer of George W. Padgett from Howard Wheat Engine Co. 4 to Tri-State Hose Company No. 6.

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

The next meeting will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00pm.

**Code Committee-**

Last meeting was January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Several new laws will be discussed.

The next meeting will be February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at 7:00pm.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the January 4<sup>th</sup> DPW meeting minutes.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the resolution related to the 2016 dump pass policy.

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

**UPDATE:**

Garbage pickup will be one day late the week of January 17<sup>th</sup> due to the Martin Luther King Holiday.

Christmas Trees are being picked up, please leave your trees on the curb.

Next meeting will be held February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 6:00pm

**Police Committee-**

Mr. Ritchie stated that the Chief is working on a presentation that will be presented at the next meeting. Explained that it will be an informational presentation to give newly elected council members insight on to what goes on within the Police Department.

The next meeting will be January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Police Committee minutes.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 4 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Police Committee minutes.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 4 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve Police Officer #0354 to attend DARE instruction school from January 18-29 held at the New York State Fire Training Academy.

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

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the resolution which allows Chief Worden to enter into contract with Orange County Stop DWI.

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

**Liaison Reports:**

**Community Development Agency (CDA)-**

Last meeting was December 23<sup>rd</sup>

The next meeting will be January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-**

Mr. Ritchie also mentioned that Mr. Paladino is supposed to be attending the next meeting to give the board updates on the progress at 100 Pike Street.

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Next Meeting January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-**

Last meeting was October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

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

**Housing Authority-**

No report to be given.

The next meeting will be January 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

**Recreation Commission:**

Updates:

The Recreation Department is sponsoring a snow tubing field trip to Fernwood Resort on Thursday February 18, 2016. Cost for transportation and snow tubing is only \$25.00 per person. Participants must be at least 40" tall to snow tube. Bus will leave Port Jervis at 5:00pm and return approximately 9:30pm. No experience required. This is a great family night out.

Our Youth Basketball program has started and will run through March 5, 2016. More than 85 boys and girls in grades 3-6 are participating in program. The program is held Saturday afternoons and Wednesday evenings at the A.S.K. gym. The last session, March 5<sup>th</sup>, will be our annual Cops Vs Kids basketball game.

The Youth Center will be open 11:00am-3:00pm on Monday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Regular Youth Center hours are Monday-Thursday 3pm-7pm, Friday 3pm-10pm and Saturday 11am-3pm.

Progress continues with the development of hiking and biking trails. We are working on a Mountain Bike Race in March to signify the opening of a portion of the trails.

We are working on the 2016 Recreation Department Calendar of events. Plenty of events and trips this year and calendars will be available at the January 25<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

For any questions on programs or events contact the Recreation Office at (845) 858-4045 or email us at [pjrec@frontier.net](mailto:pjrec@frontier.net).

The next meeting will be Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 at the Youth Center.

**Tourism Board-**

The next meeting will be on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the council chambers.

**Zoning Board of Appeals-**

Public hearing will be held for a resident looking for change to 2 family status.

The next meeting will be held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

**Planning Board-**

No report to be given.

The next meeting will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Plumbing Board-**

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No report to be given.

The next meeting will be held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm.

#### **Electrical Board-**

No report to be given.

The next meeting will be held February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:45pm.

#### **Senior Advisory-**

A request was made that the Dial A Bus start earlier in the day so that residents can catch the earlier train.

#### **Access 23 TV-**

Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup> Access 23 will be hosting its annual anniversary show "Keeping County Strong" from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. Thanked DPW for cleaning the gutters.

#### **Mayor's Correspondence-**

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Foster to allow DPW to hang banners for the annual Tricky Tray hosted by the Business & Professional Women's Club being held March 12<sup>th</sup> 2016.

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

Announced Committee and Liaison members;

DPW- Mr. Belcher (Chairman), Mr. Foster, Mr. Ritchie, Mrs. Fitzpatrick

Police- Mr. Ritchie (Chairman), Mrs. Hendry, Mr. Foster, Mr. Bavoso

Fire & Emergency Management- Mr. Siegel (Chairman), Mr. Foster, Mr. Bell, Mrs. Fitzpatrick

Code- Mr. Bavoso (Chairman), Mrs. Hendry, Mrs. Trovei, Mr. Siegel

Finance- Mr. Bell(Chairman), Mrs. Hendry, Mrs. Trovei, Mr. Bavoso

Zoning & Planning- Mr. Siegel

IDA-Mr. Ritchie

ADA-Mr. Foster

Senior Advisory- Mr. Siegel

Recreation- Mrs. Fitzpatrick

Tourism- Mr. Belcher

CDA- Mrs. Trovei & Mr. Ritchie

Planning Board, IDA, CDA, Housing, ADA, and Tourism committees all have vacancies. Mayor Decker encourages all residents interested in sitting on any of these committee's to call his office at 845-858-4017.

#### **City Clerk Treasurer's Report-**

Mrs. Waizenegger discussed that the Clerk's office is busy wrapping up 2015 and are collecting for water and county taxes this month. She also informed residents that a water error had occurred when transferring data from the Badger System to the ACS system and water consumption was not reflected on the bills sent out 1/1/2016. The error was quickly rectified and revised

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billings were sent out to all commercial accounts.

February 1<sup>st</sup> the Clerk's Office will be issuing Dump Passes to residents at \$10.00 per pass with a max of 12 per household per year.

**Old Business:**

**Mr. Siegel-**

Thanked the Naval ship for holding their annual voice of democracy essay contest and will post videos of the kids' reading their essays.

**Mrs. Trovei-** No old business

**Mr. Ritchie-**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> ward meeting has not yet been scheduled however Mr. Ritchie & Mr. Belcher will have a date ready for the next council meeting.

**Mr. Foster-** No old business

**Mr. Bavoso-** No old business

**Mrs. Hendry-** No old business

**Mr. Belcher-** No old business

**Mrs. Fitzpatrick-** No old business

**Mr. Bell-**

Neighborhood watch will meet January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Hose 4 at 7:00pm.

**New Business:**

**Mr. Bell-** No new business

**Mrs. Fitzpatrick-**

Excited to work with all council members for the next 2 years.

**Mr. Belcher-** No new business

**Mrs. Hendry-** No new business

**Mr. Bavoso-** No new business

**Mr. Foster-**

Looks forward to working with everyone for the next 2 years.

**Mr. Ritchie-**

Welcomed newly elected council members and looks forward to working with them coming up with new ideas to improve the City.

**Mrs. Trovei-**

Reminded citizens to vote for places, events or points of interest in and around Port Jervis as a site for the Geotourism map. The website is [delawareriver.net.geotourism.com](http://delawareriver.net/geotourism.com)

**Mr. Siegel-**

The VFW hosted a preview of the Little Mermaid that will be performed January 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> and Mr. Siegel congratulated the kids on their acting and singing abilities. Discussed his support for Mr. Fernandez coming back to the community as long as the future projects will be better managed.

**Public Comment**

No public comment



January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015**Executive Session set-**

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Belcher to allow Executive session for DPW, Police, Civil Service regarding personnel, Crown Castle for contractual, KME & BOA regrading litigation update , water account matters and to seek advice of council with invitation to John farr, Chief Worden, John Faggione, Valerie Maginsky and members of Energy in the Bank.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to adjourn to executive session at 7:57pm.

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

**Meeting Reconvened at 10:30pm**

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve a side letter of agreement between the City of Port Jervis and CSEA regrading employee #454 to be effective 1/11/16.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to cancel the current contract with Direct Energy and switch back to O&R effective immediately.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to promote Chris Banghart, Kevin Degroat & Brian Wona from the Classification of MEO 2 to MEO 1 due to the new CSEA contract requirements for MEO 1.

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

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the maternity duty protocol work schedule for Police Officer #354

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

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the CDA to be able to draw down on the contract with the Jersey Avenue Sewer Project for administration.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the resolution concerning the Assistance to Firefighters Grant and which it states that the Fire Department has agreed to provide the requisite 5% cost share match.

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

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Motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve a bike race being held March 19, 2016 at Bronx watershed Park.

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

Motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to approve the Mid-Atlantic Challenge event being held on June 17th, 18th, 19th.

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

**Meeting Adjourned –**

Motion by Mrs. Trovei seconded by Mr. Foster to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

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

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Robin Waizenegger  
City Clerk Treasurer