

December 14th, 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 December 14th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Belcher. 1st Assistant Fire Chief Frank Fuller III, DPW Director Jack Farr, CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, Building Official David Rivera, Recreation Director John Faggione, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, 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.

Youth Report given by Mr. Michael Conklin-

With help from Shoprite, Price Chopper and Walmart, the High School Faculty and staff were able to deliver over 30 Thanksgiving dinners to local families.

Lucas Reilly, a senior at PJHS was awarded the 2015 Class B Section 9 Individual Champion, 2015 Section 9 Sportsmanship Award Recipients and 2015 State Medalist.

Tuesday December 14th the middle school will be having their annual concert in the High School Auditorium and Wednesday, December 16th the High School Concert is at 7pm in the auditorium.

Middle School students are participating in random acts of kindness for the month of December.

At ASK Mrs. Conboy's and Mrs. Goellner's Special Ed Class k-2 worked to create their own art projects inspired by Pablo Picasso's samples that were shown to the children. All of the children enjoyed the art project and final masterpieces were proudly displayed.

On December 18th, HBE will be hosting a special Family Fun Night. They will be featuring a free movie of the Polar express with the purchase of a hot chocolate and a golden ticket. There will also be providing family pictures with our special guest and bake sale, with treats and drinks as well.

Progress Reports will be going home for all schools this Friday, December 18th.

There will not be any school from December 23rd to January 3rd. School will resume on January 4th.

The Port Jervis Elks 44th Annual Hoop Shoot Competition will be held Saturday, January 2nd, 2016 at 9:00 am at the PJHS. All girls and boys ages 8-13 are welcome to compete. Please bring proof of age.

The next board of education meeting will be December 15th at the High School Cafeteria

Senior Report-

There was no report to be given today.

Veterans Report-

There was no report to be given today.

December 14th, 2015**Public Hearings-**

Having no public comment

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to close public hearing on Local Law #6.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Having no public comment

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, Seconded by Mr. Bell to close public hearing on Local Law #7.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Having no public comment

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, Seconded by Mr. Cunningham to close public hearing on Local Law #8.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Presentations- Tourism Board

Kristin Trovei announced the winners from the Annual Holiday Lighting Contest and thanked everyone that was involved.

Public Comment-

Brian Wona, CSEA Vice President, thanked Mayor Decker and the council for the time spent negotiating the current contract.

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to enter executive session to discuss the CSEA & PBA contracts with invitation to the newly elected council members.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mayor Decker calls the meeting back to order at 7:17pm.

Minutes Approved-Motion by Mr. Hendrick, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the minutes of the November 23rd, 2015 regular meeting and all special meetings.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Committee Reports:**Finance Committee-**

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$214,404.94.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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The next meeting will be held on December 22nd, at 6pm in the council chambers.

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve a Public Hearing on the 2016 budget to be held December 28th, 2015 at 7:00pm.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Waligroski to allow the City Clerk Treasurer to re-levy amounts due from water and sewer from 2015 as of end of business on December 15th, 2015 on to the 2016 City tax bills.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Siegel to raise the fee for certified tax searches performed by the Clerk's office from \$75.00 to \$100.00 effective January 15th, 2016.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Bavoso allow City Clerk treasurer to proceed with renewal of the Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of 4 Million Dollars, as temporary financing for the Water Clarifier until the UDSA Loan as permanent financing can be closed.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the minutes of all previous finance meetings as completed and submitted from January thru October 2015.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee-

Announced that the Fire Department has been awarded a federal grant to be used toward technical rescue operations in the amount of 12,133.00.

Mr. Waligroski reported that the Fire Department responded to 31 calls for the month of November.

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve Tina Hall, William Conklin Jr., Brain Vanderveer and James McElroy for active membership.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the inter-department transfers of Wayne Wood, Mike Kowinsky and Amanda Degroat.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to remove Daniel Kurtz, James B. Fuller, Vincent Artese, and Heather Vanhorn from active membership rolls effective immediately.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve Delaware Engine Company #2 to hold a New Year's party on December 31st, 2015 and Tri-States Hose Company #6 to hold a Christmas Party December 19th, 2015.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve Henry Dunn and Brain Vanderveer members from Howard Wheat Engine Company #4 to be appointed as members of the Port Jervis Fire Police effective this date.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The Port Jervis Fire Department election scheduled for December 17th, 2015 members of the Board of Officers recommended and approved the Department Secretary cast one vote for all positions except for the position of Second assistant Chief in which two persons have been nominated, Matthew Moore from Neversink Engine Company #1 and Thomas Snyder from Delaware Engine Company #2.

The next meeting will be held on December 21st, 2015 at 6:30pm.

Code Committee-

Last meeting was December 4th, 2015.

Thanked everyone that has been involved with the codes committee in the last 2 years.

The next meeting will be January 6th, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the resolution that states the City shall have the right to issue 1 night parking passes.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Oney to hold a Public Hearing on Local Law #9 on December 28th, 2015 at 7:00pm.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

UPDATE:

Garbage pickup for the week of Christmas will be as follows; the 1st, 2nd & 3rd ward will be normal pick up and 4th ward garbage will be picked up Thursday December 24th.

Loose leaves will be picked up City wide starting the first week of December.

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

Next meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the December 10th DPW meeting minutes.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Waligroski to approve the CSEA's Memorandum of Agreement with the City.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Police Committee-

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the December 10th police committee meeting minutes.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the PBA's Memorandum of Agreement with the City.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Last meeting was November 18th.

The next meeting will be December 16th at 7:00pm.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

The IDA attorney along with Future Homes Technology/Excel attorney drafted an agreement to be signed by the chairman that will transfer the 1999 sale deed on Ralph Street and cancel the PILOT agreement.

Mr. Ritchie also informed the council that the IDA has requested a progress report from Mr. Paladino regarding 100 Pike Street Plaza.

Next Meeting January 13th, 2016.

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 cancelled due to the Thanksgiving Holiday

No report to be given.

The next meeting will be December 22nd, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

Recreation Commission:

Updates:

The Recreation Department is holding a Holiday Toy Drive called "Santa's Toy Box" at the Youth Center this year. New toys may be dropped off Monday-Friday between 10:00am-7:00pm. All toys collected will be given to children here in Port Jervis. The toy drive will end this Friday December 18th. Please help us help the children. If you can't drop off toys during these hours please contact us and we will arrange a better time for you.

The Youth Center schedule during the school district's winter break will be as follows;

December 23rd-24th from 11:00am-3:00pm.

Closed December 25th-26th

December 28th-31st from 11:00am-3:00pm

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Closed January 1st-2nd

Work has begun making and marking hiking and biking trails up at Point Peter and in the thousands of acres between the reservoirs. These trails will be strictly non-motorized trails. They are not ready yet but when they are they will provide beautiful sights throughout your hike or bike. Work will continue on these trails this fall and winter as long the weather is on our side.

The Recreation Department wishes everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

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 Tuesday January 19th, 2016 at 7:00 at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

Nothing to report

Zoning Board of Appeals-

No report to be given.

The next meeting will be held on January 5th at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

No report to be given.

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

Plumbing Board-

No report to be given.

The next meeting will be held on January 6th at 6:30pm.

Electrical Board-

No report to be given.

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

Senior Advisory-

A representative from the Orange County Fuel Fund Program will hold a Heap informational session at the Farnum House on January 8th, 2015 at 1:00 pm. Low income seniors are welcome to attend.

Access 23 TV-

Thanked Marty for operating the camera.

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Mayor's Correspondence-

Mayor Decker wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season and thanked both the PBA and CSEA employee's for everything they do for our City.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Reminded citizens to attend the public hearing being held December 28th for the 2016 proposed budget and the finance meeting December 22nd.

Orange County Tax bills will be mailed out at the end of the month.

Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Mr. Siegel thinks Rick Drew would've been proud of all the people that showed up to the Parade.

Thanked everyone that was involved with the planning and the participation of the Pearl Harbor Memorial.

The Naval Ship gave gifts to 80-90 local kids.

Reminded all Fire Department members to vote December 17th from 12:00-8:00.

Wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah.

Mr. Oney- No old business

Mr. Ritchie-

Thanked the Deerpark Reformed Church for hosting the Big Band Concert this past Saturday and everyone involved with The Rick Drew Parade.

Mr. Hendrick-

Informed citizens that the City was awarded two grants for the I & I study and for a review and update of the City Codes.

Mr. Bavoso-

Thanked the Tourism Board for another exceptional event with the Christkindlemarkt and wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

Mr. Cunningham- No old business

Mr. Belcher- Absent

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Mr. Waligroski- No old business

Mr. Bell- No old business

New Business:

Mr. Bell-

Wished everyone a Happy Holiday and Merry Christmas.

Mr. Waligroski- Thanked the PBA and CSEA members for everything they do for our City.

Mr. Belcher- Absent

Mr. Cunningham-

Invited everyone to the Elks 44th Annual Hoop Shoot Competition being held Saturday, January 2nd at 9:00am at the Port Jervis High School, it's for ages 8-13.

Wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and Happy Holidays to all.

Mr. Bavoso- No new business

Mr. Hendrick-

Executive Session set-

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Waligroski to allow Executive session to include the Recreation Department with regards to personnel, DPW with regards to personnel, Building Department with regards to 188-192 Pike Street, CDA with regards to contractual and to seek advice of counsel with invitation to John Faggione, Jack Farr, David Rivera, Valerie Maginsky and newly elected council members.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Ritchie- No new business

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Mr. Oney- No new business

Mr. Siegel-

Announced that the 4th ward neighborhood watch meeting has been cancelled for December because of the Holiday. Wished those who celebrate Christmas a Merry Christmas.

Public Comment

Laura Meyer, PJ Tourism, thanked everyone involved in making the Christkindlemarkt a great success. Mrs. Meyer estimates that 8,000 citizens were in attendance. Next year's event will be held November 27th, 2016.

Judith Oppelt, 4th ward, asked if the City Clerk Treasurer could create a new copy of the Mayor's proposed 2016 budget showing the councils modifications. Addressed Mr. Siegel stating she gets approached from seniors with issues. Mr. Siegel replied by telling Ms. Oppelt that she can give any senior his phone number and they are more than welcome to call him anytime to discuss issues they may be having.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve Local Law #6.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to allow the common council to be the lead agency for the purpose of being SEQRA.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve the long form declaration of Environmental Impact Study as negative declaration.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve Local Law #7.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve Local Law #8.

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

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Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Hendrick to adjourn to executive session at 8:00pm.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Reconvened at 9:30pm

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve George Hossann, James Mizchuck, Warren Ponds and Sarah Beirne and Dawn Jones, as a volunteer, for the position of Recreation Specialists. Each position will receive \$575.00 stipend.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 DENIED

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to change the status of Joseph Piscitelli to the position of probationary Water Treatment Plant Operator as he has passed his Civil Service test according to the Civil Service office. Joe will continue to be on probation until his first full year is complete.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 DENIED

Motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bell to allow 7 of the 8 ½ DPW Director Jack Farr's vacation days to be used by March 31st, 2016.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to allow Lieutenant Fitzpatrick to carry over 10 vacation days to be used by March 31st, 2016.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve the Fire Department to file and be responsible for matching 5% of the 2016 AFG Grant.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Waligroski, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to authorize the DPW to declare 2 compressors surplus.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to dispose of our 2 surplus compressors to the school district and to the Town of Deerpark.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to accept the I & I grant and to name Valerie Maginsky the contact person for the City.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Cunningham seconded by Mr. Bavoso to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer