

April 11th, 2016

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 April 11th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Bell. Police Chief William Worden, DPW Director John Farr, Building Official David Rivera, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, Mike Fox and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance-

Mayor Decker and members from Girl Scout Troop 229 led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Youth Report given by Mr. Matthew Conklin-

Port Jervis senior Stephanie Muller was named the Time Warner Cable Scholar Athlete of the week. Muller has been a varsity player on both the volleyball and softball teams for the past three seasons.

Tickets for the Spring Musical, "Into the Woods" are on sale now. Advanced ticket price is \$ 8.00 and tickets at the door will be \$10.00. The production is April 14th-17th.

The New York State grades 7 & 8 NYS Math Assessments will be on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 13th-15th, 2016.

They will implement a split schedule for these days. There is more information about this on the school website.

Students in Ask and HBE Elementary Schools will have a ½ day, Thursday, April 21st for parent teacher spring conferences.

Due to the mild winter, Port Jervis schools will give back the follow snow days: April 22nd, 25th, and the 26th. There will be no school for students. District offices will be open.

The next Board of Education meeting is Tuesday, April 12th, 2016 at 6:30 pm. Meeting will be held in the high school cafeteria.

Senior Report- looking for a volunteer to provide a monthly senior report.

Veterans Report- No report

Presentations: Ellicott Development Co.

Mr. Paladino & Mr. O'Brien updated the council and the residents on the progress of 100 Pike Street Plaza. They mentioned they are currently still looking for tenants and hopeful by the end of the year the project will be complete.

Mr. Ritchie- asked if Mr. Paladino could focus on recreational stores rather than grocery stores.

Mr. Siegel- agrees with Mr. Ritchie and believes a Big Lots would be a nice fit for the community.

Public Comment-

Lorraine Marquez, 3rd ward, announced that the 3rd ward meeting will be held on April 27th at 7pm and that the PJPD will be hosting an event "How to Survive a Mass Shooting Incident" on April 23rd from 9:30am-12:00pm at the Erie Trackside.

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Peter Grech- Gave advice to the council on how to become a better council member.

Peter Appel, 4th ward, invited all to participate in a volunteer litter cleanup in recognition of Earth Day from 9am-12:00pm and asked the council if they would approve the garbage pickup for all trash collected.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the minutes of the March 28th, 2016 regular meeting.

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

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, Seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the minutes of the April 5th, 2016 special meeting.

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

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee- David Bavoso

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$219,061.81

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

The next meeting will be held on April 20th, at 6:45pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee-

Announced the annual fireman's day parade will be July 9th, 2016.

The next meeting will be held on April 18th 2016 at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve Lawrence Thompson into active membership for Company No. 4.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Heather Conklin into active membership, as a junior member, for Company No. 4.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve Lindsey Predmore into active membership, as a junior member, for Company No. 6.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to remove Phillip Mieszkuc from active membership rolls.

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

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Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve Thomas N. Enright to transfer from Company No. 3 to Company No. 2.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to remove James Reilly from active membership rolls.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the Fire Department participate in National Night Out being held August 3rd, 2016.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Delaware Engine Company No. 2 to host an old timer's night for their members on 7/23/2016 and to attend a parade in Booton, NJ on 9/03/2016 with a rain date 9/5/2016 and Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 to participate in a bike rodeo in conjunction with the PJPD on 5/14/2016 from 10am-2pm at the Save-A-Lot parking lot on Jersey Ave.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the Port Jervis Little League to use Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 firehouse for photos on April 16th and April 23rd, 2016.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to recognize all 25 and 50 year members.

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

Code Committee-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve January 2016, February 2016, and March 2016 code committee minutes.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a public hearing for proposed Local Law #9 relating to the Taxi Law to be set on April 25th, 2016 at 7:00pm

Corporation counsel- law will change enforcement to the Police Dept from the City Clerk and will make non city taxis to comply with Port Jervis's Taxi Law standards.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a public hearing for proposed Local Law #10 relating to the Water shut offs to be set on April 25th, 2016 at 7:01pm

Mrs. Hendry- in favor of this law

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Mr. Siegel- invites anyone who doesn't fully understand proposed Local Law #10 to attend the public hearing.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve a public hearing for proposed Local Law #11 relating to the Front Yard Regulations to be set on April 25th, 2016 at 7:02pm.

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

Next meeting to be held May 4th at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

UPDATE:

Garbage pickup will be on its normal schedule for the next two weeks.

Every Saturday from 7:15am-11:30am the dump will be open for residents to use. Dump passes can be purchased at the City Clerk's Office for \$10.00 per pass.

Pot hole and road striping repair will start once the weather breaks.

Reminded everyone that hydrant flushing will continue and residents will be alerted via Nixle alerts.

Encouraged residents to sign up for Nixle.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the April DPW committee meeting minutes.

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

Next meeting will be held May 2nd, 2016 at 6:00pm

Police Committee-

Mr. Ritchie explained that the Police Dept. received a \$21,000.00 grant for camera equipment.

Congratulated all Police Officers who recently received awards and encouraged residents if you see something, say something.

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the March Police report.

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

The next meeting will be April 26th at 7:00pm.

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

The next meeting will be April 27th at 7:00pm.

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Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

Mr. Ritchie stated he is staying positive on the progress on 100 Pike Street.

Next meeting date not yet announced.

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

Last meeting was February 4th, 2015

Next meeting to be held June 1st at 6:00pm in the council chambers.

Housing Authority-

The next meeting will be April 26th, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

Recreation Commission:

Updates:

The 23rd Annual Delaware River Run is all set for Sunday May 1, 2016. Check-in/registration will take place at Riverside Park from 7:15 am-8:45 am. The 5K Race starts at 9:00 am. Applications are available at the Youth Center or they can be emailed to you or you can register on-line at www.delawareriver5Krun.com. This is a great family event! For more information contact the Recreation office at 845-858-4045 or email us at pjrec@frontiernet.net.

The trails in the Watershed Property are now open for hiking and biking. Please stay on designated trails. Remember no motorized vehicles are permitted. Also "Pack in and Pack Out- Leave only Tire Treads and Footprints". Tree markers and signage will be installed in the near future. Maps of the trails are available at the Recreation office or can be emailed to you. They can also be found on our Face Book page- Port Jervis Recreation.

On April 13, 2016 at 7pm at the Youth Center on Pike St. there will a brain storming session to discuss the formation of an Outdoor Club. The goal of the meeting is for the public to help create a mission Statement for such a club, to seek input from the public and find interested people in participating in volunteering at the trails in the Watershed Property.

Saturday night April 23, 2016 the Recreation Department will be taking teens from our Friday Night Teen program to the Middletown YMCA to participate in the YMCA's "Beat the Streets" program. Here the PORT teens will be able to swim, play basketball or hang out the Recreation area. This is FREE of charge for the PORT teens and a YMCA bus will provide transportation. This is one of the 1st steps in a collaboration effort between the City of Port Jervis and the YMCA to offer more programming for the youth of the community.

The Youth Center schedule for April 22-25-26 will be 11:00 am-3:00 pm. Port Jervis Schools will be closed these three days.

Motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the Recreation Dept. March meetings minutes.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 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 April 20th, 2016 at 7:00 at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

Discussed City Wide Yard- maps are being worked on and will be distributed soon.

The next meeting will be on April 12th at 6:30 pm in the council chambers.

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Zoning Board of Appeals-

Encouraged residents to attend
The next meeting will be held on May 3rd, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

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

Plumbing Board-

The next meeting will be held on May 4th at 6:30pm.

Electrical Board-

The board received a letter from Orange County asking if the council would be interested in exploring the idea of a reciprocal license agreement.

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

Senior Advisory-

Announced that the Meals on Wheels program has openings, anyone interested can contact Kathy Shortell at (845)-858-4054.

Access 23 TV-

Encouraged volunteers and apologized for poor TV quality.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Announced that the Port Jervis High School Play "Into the Woods" will be playing the April 14th- April 17th, 2016.

Wished Mr. Bell and Mr. McCarthy a speedy recovery.

Informed residents that April 10th, 2016 was declared Yvonne Duryea Day, in recognition of her 37 years of service to the City. April 30th the City will celebrate Arbor Day with a ceremony on the Tow Path.

The Arts council announced a Stained Glass History Tour to be given on May 28th, 2016 at the Presbyterian Church. Tour times are 9:30am, 10:00am, 10:30am and 11:00am.

Sparrowbush Firehouse in 2017 will be celebrating 100 years with a parade. As the date approaches the City will approve any road closures to accommodate the event.

Announced the Farmer's Markets new location, Millennium Park, and will be open from June 25th- October 29th.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Warned residents that the City Clerk's Office is extremely busy this time of the year and urges customers to have patience. Announced that the internal Audit will be conducted this week.

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Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Sends best wishes and a speedy recovery to Mr. Bell and Mr. McCarthy.
Thanked everyone who showed condolences for the passing of his mom, it was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Trovei- No old business

Mr. Ritchie- No old business

Mr. Foster- No old business

Mr. Bavoso-

Encouraged residents to participate in discussions but not deterring anyone from speaking at the meetings and to support the local Fire Departments Fundraisers.

Mrs. Hendry-

Announced the 1st ward meeting will be held on April 13th, 2016 at No. 5 firehouse.

Mr. Belcher- No old business

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No old business

Mr. Bell- Absent

New Business:

Mr. Bell- Absent

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

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Invited everyone to the informational meeting at the Recreation building on April 13th at 7:00pm

Mr. Belcher-

Informed council that the contract with Direct Energy will be canceled this month.

Mrs. Hendry-

Invited everyone to an informational bike trail meeting on Wednesday April 13th at the Rec Center.

Mr. Bavoso- No new business

Mr. Foster-

Executive Session set-

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Belcher to allow Executive session for discussion on a pending grievance filed by an employee of the DPW, a personnel matter in the Building Official's office, a contractual matter between the City of Port Jervis and the Port Jervis Community Development Agency, potential contract between the City of Port Jervis and potential purchaser of 24-32 Front Street, a personnel matter in the City Clerk's Treasurer's Office with invitation to include Mr. Farr, Mr. Rivera, Mrs. Maginsky, Mr. Blanton, Mrs. Waizenegger and to seek advice of council regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

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

Mr. Ritchie- No new business

Mrs. Trovei-

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve the 2015 ending balance of the tourism budget to be rolled over into the 2016 tourism budget.

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

Mr. Siegel-

Agreed that the entrances to the City are in need of a trash clean up and thanked Mr. Appel for stepping up and doing it. Mr. Siegel invited everyone to the Bike Rodeo being held May 14th from 10am-1:00pm at Harriet Space Park in Deerpark.

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No public comment

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Foster to enter into executive session at 8:30pm.

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

Meeting Reconvened at 9:59pm

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to reject the CSEA/DPW employee grievance as filed with the council.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Foster to issue charges of disciplinary action 01-2016.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve the hire of Bobbi Jo Muller, as Deputy City Clerk Treasurer, with a probationary period to last 1 year effective date April 18th, 2016.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve the waiver of marriage fees not collected in the amount of \$450.00

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

Motion by Mrs. Hendry, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve the resolution stating the corner of Hammond and Pike Street will now be named Farmer's Market Square.

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

Motion by Mrs. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the waiver of the non-sufficient funds fee for a voluntary donation made to the Senior Nutrition Program.

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

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 p.m.

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

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer