

June 13th, 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 June 13th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present. Police Chief William Worden, Building Official David Rivera, CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, Mike Fox and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance-

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

Mayor Decker presented Troy Zanger with a City Seal Sun Catcher to recognize his track accomplishments.

Youth Report given by Mr. Conklin

Students from the class of 2016 signed their letters of intent to participate in college athletics at the 1st Annual Signing Day, held in the auditorium of the High School. 18 colleges across the nation will have Raiders playing for them next year. The Varsity Club of Port Jervis High School hosted the 8th Annual Senior Sports Awards Banquet to a full house at the Erie Trackside Manor.

The Class of 2016 road to graduation is nearly complete. Last week a new chapter was created on this memorable ride. Seniors were cheered as students in ASK waved handmade signs and exchanged high-fives with the soon-to-be graduates. The parade continued to the Middle School where 7th & 8th graders saw what is fast approaching in their own futures. Port Pride was on full display.

PJHS is proud to be represented by three sophomores Kimberly Gilbert, Sophia DiGiantammoso, and Lauren Tigue at the 2016 HOBY Leadership Seminar. HOBY's mission is to inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation.

Students in High School or Middle School who plan on attending summer school must register for their classes. Middle School students will register at the Middle School guidance office Monday June 27th, or Tuesday, June 28th, from 8:00am-12:00pm. High School students can register online. Summer school will be held at the High School this year.

PJMS had an amazing opportunity to watch K-9 demonstrations from several local police organization this month. Students were able to see the different ways police officers utilize K-9 units and held a Career Expo where students visited professionals in small groups to talk about their futures.

ASK and HBE students participated in Fun Day activities and the Annual STEM Fair. After an extremely moving visit from amputees Mike Halloran and Al Gessner the ASK third graders decided to donate the funds from their annual Win-Win Walk-A-Thon to their support group.

Kelly Pearson a registered dietician at the Shop Rite of Montague, New Jersey, has been partnering with the ASK School for the past three years. Mrs. Pearson comes in twice a month to present various nutritional topics to students. ASK Mighty Milers program is at it again. Fourteen classes this year are participating in this free program provided by the NY Road Runners Club. This free program gets kids moving, builds their self-esteem, and helps them reach personal goals through fun running. Throughout the school year, students earn incentives based on how far they have walked or ran. This school year, these 14 classes are on track to completing 3 full marathons-that's 78.2 miles!

As part of the science curriculum, the kindergarten classes at HBE observed and learned about the life cycle of a butterfly. The students watched the caterpillars grow, turn into chrysalis, emerge as butterflies and finally released the butterflies back into nature.

The HBE PTA hosted a fun filled carnival last Friday. There was face painting, balloon animals, sand art, carnival games, potato sack races, and much more.

Students in ASK and HBE schools will have a half-day, Friday, June 17th, 2016. School will dismiss at 11:00am and graduation will be June 24th at 7:00pm.

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Senior Report- No report

Veterans Report- No report

Public Hearing

Local Law #12- 421F Exemption

Joe Curtis, 2nd ward, praised proposed local law #12 and thinks the council should look into a similar program for business owners.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Belcher to close public hearing on proposed local law #12.

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

Local Law #13- Zone Change

No public comment

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Ritchie to close public hearing on proposed local law #13.

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

Local Law #14- 2% Tax Cap Override

Mrs. Waizenegger, City Clerk Treasurer, presented an overview of the New York State 2% Tax Cap and the City's current and future financials.

Joe Curtis, 2nd ward, is opposed to any tax increase and encourages young residents to attend meetings.

Gail Schulman, 1st ward, explained her house is currently in foreclosure and believes if the Council raises taxes, the City will become a ghost town.

Bob Cicero, Deerpark resident, in opposition of the proposed local law and suggests the Council spend money on fighting higher agencies such as New York State and the DEC.

Emmet Garnham, Haven for Hero's, in favor of the proposed tax cap override and thanked the DPW workers for the service they provide.

William Onofry, 3rd ward, informed the council he doesn't think now is the time to start a new housing program and reserve tax lien properties and suggests that the City sell assets.

Carl Hendrick, 1st ward, urges the Council to pass proposed local law #14.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Foster to close public hearing on proposed local law #14.

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

Presentations-Port Jervis Farmers' Market

Sara Worthy, Market Manager, displayed new signage and thanked the Council for their ongoing support and reminded everyone the Market will be held every Saturday June 25th thru October 29th from 9:00am-1:00pm.

Public Comment

David Krentz, Fox N Hare, updated council on the progress of 46-48 Front Street.

June 13th, 2016**Minutes Approved-**

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the minutes of the May 23rd, 2016 regular meeting.

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

Committee Reports:**Finance Committee**

Mr. Ritchie thanked Mrs. Waizenegger for her insightful presentation.

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the finance minutes of the May 10th, 2016 meeting.

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

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$520,009.68

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

The next meeting will be held on June 15th, at 6:30pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve Mark Clavelli & Tyler Kowinsky as Drivers for Company No. 3 & Company No. 2.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to remove Sherri Fischer, Daniel Howell, Victoria Howell, Jennifer L. Majkowski, George J. McElroy from active membership rolls from Tri State Hose Company No. 6 due to non-participation.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve James B. Fuller, Sr., James B. Fuller, Jr. as probationary drivers for Delaware Engine Company No. 2

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Neversink Engine Company No. 1 to attend a Parade in Sussex, New Jersey on October 1st, 2016.

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

Recognized 25 and 50 year members.

The next meeting will be held on June 20th, 2016 at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve proposed local law # 12 relating to 421F Exemption.

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

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Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the resolution declaring lead agency status under SEQRA for proposed local law #14, a law changing the zoning district designation of three parcels on the south side of Hamilton Street.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the resolution to adopt a Negative Declaration pursuant to SEQRA for the proposed local law #14

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the proposed local law # 13 relating to the override of the NYS tax cap levy.

Mayor Decker read letters from residents regarding the proposed local law.

Mr. Siegel mentioned he received several messages in opposition of the tax cap override and insisted residents would not be in favor any tax increase above 2%.

Mrs. Hendry commented that she would not be comfortable with any increase above 2% and read statistics comparing Port Jervis to other municipalities.

Mrs. Trovei hopes the Council will work cohesively to find real cost savings.

Mrs. Waizenegger stated the two ways of cutting a budget are to decrease services or increase taxes.

Ms. Randazzo received emails in opposition of tax increase and will continue to work collectively with Council members to keep taxes as low as possible for residents.

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

Next code meeting to be held July 6th 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 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.

Brush will be picked up on Mondays throughout the month of June

Next meeting will be held July 5th, 2016 at 6:00pm

Police Committee-

Discussed recent press release and Mr. Ritchie urged residents "if you see something, say something" and call the Police tip line at 845-858-4003.

Chief Worden updated Council on positive projects happening within the Police Department. They were awarded a traffic safety grant, which has allowed the department to investigate accident behaviors and causes. He also announced a "Slow Down We Love Our Kids" campaign. Signs have been placed throughout the City to encourage drivers to slow down.

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Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick to approve the Police Department to place "Slow Down We Love Our Kids" signs on City property.

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

The next meeting will be June 21st at 7:00pm.

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Discussed last meeting.

The next meeting will be June 22nd at 7:00pm.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

The next meeting will be June 15th at 6:00pm

Mr. Ritchie would like a progress update on 100 Pike Street.

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

Last meeting was June 1st, 2015

Discussed last meeting.

Next meeting to be held September 6th at 6:45pm in the Mayor's Conference room

Housing Authority-

The next meeting will be June 28th, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

Recreation Commission:

The Youth Center schedule for the remainder of June will be as follows: June 13- June 16- 3:00 pm-7:00 pm, June 17-18- 11:00 am-3:00 pm, June 20- June 22- 3:00 pm- 7:00 pm, June 23- 11:00 am-3:00 pm, CLOSED June 24-25, June 27- July 1- 11:00 am- 3:00 pm

FREE Outdoor Movie Night at Riverside Park on Wednesday June 22, 2016. The movie- "The Good Dinosaur" will be playing. Movie will start at 8:15 pm. FREE popcorn and drinks for all. Bring a blanket or chair and join us for a great family event. This event is co-sponsored by the First Assembly of God Church.

Dinner Along the Delaware and Fireworks Spectacular will be held on Friday July 1, 2016. Dinner will be held at Riverside Park from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. Fireworks- from Point Peter will go off at approximately 9:15 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children ages 4-12. Tickets can be purchased at the City Clerk's Office or the Youth Center. You can call the Recreation Office for more details- 858-4045.

West End Beach- scheduled to open on June 20 will now have a delayed opening. A new opening date has not been set yet. The Recreation Department is still looking for certified lifeguards. Lifeguards must be certified in basic lifeguarding and have completed the waterfront lifeguard component as well. Please contact the Recreation office if you are interested in becoming a lifeguard. Call us at 845-858-4045 or email us at pjrec@frontiernet.net.

The next Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday June 22nd at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center.

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Tourism Board-

Discussed several upcoming events.
The next meeting will be on July 6th at 6:30 pm in the council chambers.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

The next meeting will be held on July 5th, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

Discussed last meeting.
The next meeting will be held on June 21st at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

The next meeting will be held in September

Electrical Board-

The next meeting will be held in September.

Senior Advisory-

Informed residents that Water's Edge currently has vacancies.

Access 23 TV-

Mr. Belcher is working on getting better picture quality.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the fee to be charged to Mainly Marathon in the amount of \$250.00.

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

Discussed the following upcoming events:

Flag Day Ceremony will be held on June 14th at 6:30 outside City Hall.

Art and History event will be held June 18th from 10:00am-5:00pm.

Farmers Market every Saturday thru October starting June 25th from 9:00am-1:00pm

Dinner along the Delaware will be held July 1st

July 6th-9th a carnival will be held at Riverside Park.

Firemen's Day Parade will be held July 9th.

Read a letter from NYS regarding potential grants

Appointed Tom McCarron to the IDA committee for a term to expire January 2020.

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Reappointed Marlene Horan to the Civil Service Commission with a term to expire May 2022.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Reminded residents to pay the 2nd installment of City taxes.

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Thanked DPW and Mr. Rivera for removing a dangerous tree.

Mrs. Trovei-

Urged residents to attend committee meetings.

Mr. Ritchie- No comment

Mr. Foster- No comment

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mrs. Hendry-

Thanked all the participants and volunteers of the Soap Box Derby event and encouraged residents to email her regarding tax increases.

Mr. Belcher-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to the engineering planning grant program budget and plan of finance and amending a resolution that was adopted on April 5th, 2016 authorizing the twenty percent local match.

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

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Ms. Randazzo-

Encouraged continued dialogue with residents.

June 13th, 2016**New Business:****Ms. Randazzo-** No comment**Mrs. Fitzpatrick-** No comment**Mr. Belcher-**

Asked Mayor Decker if he could speak to the owners of 100 Pike Street for potential use of parking lot for the fall foliage event.

Mrs. Hendry- No comment**Mr. Bavoso-** No comment**Mr. Foster-**

Announced 1st ward meeting will be held July 5th at 6:00pm at Firehouse #5.

Executive Session set-

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to allow Executive session to discuss potential disciplinary hearing regarding a specific employee and the appointment of a disciplinary officer, discuss a particular matter involving Civil Service probationary time reset regarding specific employees of the City, discuss a personnel issue at the request of a City employee to meet with the Mayor and Common Council, discuss a personnel matter on a request by the CSEA to have the City execute a vision plan for CSEA members, and to discuss a potential wells building contract, with invitation to include John Faggione, Dave Rivera and Mike Reilly, and to seek advice of council regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

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

Mr. Ritchie- No comment**Mrs. Trovei-** No comment**Mr. Siegel-** No comment**Public Comment**

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No public comment

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to enter into executive session at 9:40pm.

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

Meeting Reconvened at 10:31pm

Motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to accept the resignation of Megan Smith.

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

Motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Ms. Randazzo to approve the hire of Sara Kean as a Recreation Specialist effective the week of June 20th, 2016.

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

Motion by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the reduction of probationary period from 52weeks to 26weeks for Bobbie Jo Muller and Kristin Colley.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Ritchie to approve the resolution allowing Crown Castle to perform phase 2 environmental study on City property.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the compensation rate of \$195.00 per hour for Mike Donnelly to serve as an impartial hearing officer for discipline matter #01-2016.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Ms. Randazzo to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Port Jervis School district to provide the summer lunch program at the parks.

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

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mrs. Hendry, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to adjourn the meeting at 10:35p.m.

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

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer