

September 12th, 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 September 12th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Bavoso and Mrs. Trovei. DPW Director Jack Farr, Building Official David Rivera, CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, Police Chief William Worden, City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, 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-

School is back in session and fall sports are well under way. The annual Port Jervis vs. Middletown game was played last Friday night. It was a tough loss for us, but we played a good game.

Congratulated Ms. Dorritie in being named the runner up for NYS teacher of the year. This is a tremendous accomplishment for Ms. Dorritie, our district, and our community.

The Music Department's annual mum sale will run through September 16th, 2016. High School open house is Thursday, September 22nd at 7:00pm, the Middle School open house is Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00, ASK and HBE both have their open house for grades 1-3 this Wednesday, grades 4-6 Thursday at 7:00pm.

September 22nd will have a 15 minute early dismissal drill for the entire school district and September 23rd is a half day for all students. The Middle school High school will dismiss at 10:30 and ASK and HBE will dismiss at 11:30am.

Senior Report- No report

Veterans Report- No report

Public Hearing**Frontier Communications**

General Manager, Deb Bodanski, informed residents that Frontier Communications is currently applying for a cable video franchise agreement with the City and gave an overview of what Frontier plans to offer in the area.

Judy Oppelt, 4th ward, asked if Frontier would be able to provide the Access 23 channel.
Ms. Bodanski replied that she wasn't sure and would find out.

Kathy Hylas, 4th ward, asked if Frontier cable video service is currently being offered anywhere else.
Ms. Bodanski stated that yes this service that been implemented in several states.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to close the public hearing at 7:26pm.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Public Comment

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Kathy Hylas, president of the Council for the Arts Club, invited residents on September 30th, 2016 for a bus trip to tour The Hudson River School of Artist Homes in the Catskill region of upstate NY.

Amy Outwater, 3rd ward, addressed the recent newspaper article, relating to violent activity at local bars. Ms. Outwater claims her bar, Dads Change of Pace, was targeted due to council member's comments. She defended her establishment and invited police to walk through at any time.

Lisa Utter, had concerns about a F.O.I.L. request that was denied.

Ed Degroat, stated he was upset with code violations that has received on a vacant property he owns and also about a F.O.I.L. request that was denied.

David Wallace, Mr. Degroats Attorney, voiced Mr. Degroats concerns about ongoing code violations at 32 Farnum Street.

Stacy Case, 2nd ward, explained what sustainable development entails and warns residents about agenda 21.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the minutes of the August 22nd, 2016 regular meeting.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$159,579.22

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The next meeting will be held on September 21st, at 6:30pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve Patrick C. Kiesow from Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 for active membership.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve Frank W. Fuller, Jr. from Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 to be appointed to the Fire Police.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Gregory A. Collette from Neversink Engine Company No. 1 to be approved as a Probationary Driver.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 and Tri State Hose Company No. 6 to attend a Wet Down in Sparrowbush on 09/17/2016.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve Delaware Engine Company No. 2 to attend a Wet Down in Sparrowbush on 09/17/2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and have a booth at the Fall Foliage Festival on 09/25/2016 where they will have a Gold Fish toss and also sell raffle tickets for 6 to attend an indoor Water Park in Pennsylvania.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Tri-State Hose Company No. 6 and Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 to have a booth at the Fall Foliage Festival on 09/25/2016.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the August 15th meeting minutes.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the resolution to disband Fowler Rescue and Salvage Company No. 3 and form the Port Jervis Fire Department Special Operations Squad.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the resolution to submit an application for a technical urban search and rescue grant.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The next meeting will be held on October 17th, 2016 at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

Discussed an event fee, housing program and updating the codes and zoning laws.

Next code meeting to be held October 5th at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

UPDATE:

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

State mandated lead testing will be conducted throughout the City.

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.

Next meeting will be held October 3th, 2016 at 6:00pm

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Police Committee-

Mr. Foster apologized to Ms. Outwater for any comments that may have been misinterpreted in the recent newspaper article relating to violent activity at local bars.

The next meeting will be September 13th at 7:00pm.

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Discussed financials, director's reports and updates on existing programs and grants
The next meeting will be September 28th at 7:00pm.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

The next meeting will be September 21st at 6:00pm

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

ADA compliant ramps were installed throughout the City.

Next meeting to be held December 5th at 6:45pm in the Mayor's Conference room

Housing Authority-

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

Recreation Commission:

This Saturday September 17, 2016 the Recreation Department is holding the 3rd Annual Rocking the City for Hunger Music Festival at Riverside Park. Live music starts at 11:00 am and will run until 4:00 pm. Performing are The Carl Richards Band, The Pony Tails, Side F/X and more. We are asking all attending to bring canned food items or non-perishable goods. All donations will be given to a local food pantry. Please help us help the community.

On Saturday September 24, 2016 The Recreation Department and The City of Port Jervis will officially name the tennis courts at Church St. Park- The "Luann McCarthy Tennis Courts". The ceremony will take place at Church St. Park at 11:00 am. Luann was a Recreation Commission member for over 20 years- she lost her battle to cancer last year. All are welcome to attend.

The Youth Center is now operating under its school schedule. The Center is open Monday-Thursday 3:00 mpm-7:00 pm and Friday 3:00 pm-6:00 pm. Friday night Teen Night is every Friday night 6:00 pm-10:00 pm and is for Middle School and High School students. On Friday September 23 Teen Night will be hold a "Back to School" Dance from 6:30 pm-9:00 pm.

Upcoming Recreation Sponsored events include: The Will of Orange Trail Run- October 22, NY Jet Football Game trip- October 23, The Erie 80 Mountain Bike Race- October 29, 70th Annual Halloween Parade- October 30.

For more information on these events or any Recreation question contact the Recreation office at 845-858-4045 or email us at pjrec@frontiernet.net.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 21, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

Reminded residents that Fall Foliage will be September 25th and will have over 130 vendors.

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

September 12th, 2016**Zoning Board of Appeals-**

The next meeting will be held on October 4th, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

Discussed a potential new business to be located on Skyline Drive.
The next meeting will be held on September 20th at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

The next meeting has not been announced.

Electrical Board-

The next meeting has not been announced.

Senior Advisory-

Mr. Siegel informed residents that Waters Edge has vacancies.

Access 23 TV-

Mr. Belcher thanked the cameraman.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Foster to execute the KV Carriage LLC and Mountainside Stables contracts relating to the Fall Foliage Festival.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Announced that Westchester Community Hospital, which is now partners with Bon Secours Community Hospital, will be starting a 40 million dollar renovation project in hopes of creating a medical village.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve a 2 day USMA bike race on October 1st, 2016.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Ms. Randazzo to approve the road closure of Skyline Drive from 7:00am-6:00pm during an USMA bike race on October 1st, 2016.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the request by PJVAC to waive the permit fee for renovations.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve a Haunted House event at the Farnum building on October 28th, 29th, & 30th pending insurance and contractual approval from Corporation Counsel.

Mayor Decker noted that a fee would be charged of \$100.00 per day.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to enter into contract with River Wise Engineering.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve a NYCOM firm to perform a cost saving audit.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve the appointment of Ms. Randazzo as council liaison for the IDA Committee.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mayor Decker appointed Mr. Belcher to the CDA Committee, Mr. Foster & Ms. Randazzo to the Police Committee, and Mrs. Trovei as Finance Chair and Ms. Randazzo to the Finance Committee.

Invited residents/council members that would be interested on sitting on a master plan committee to please call his office at 845-858-4017.

Mayor Decker discussed parking issues on Hamilton Street and will discuss further with the Police Chief.

Mr. Decker invited everyone to the Farmers Market Breakfast being held October 8th, Woofstock being held September 18th, Will of Orange event being held on October 22nd, and the 80 Erie event being held October 29th

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the resolution relating to a NY Restore Grant.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Siegel to set a public hearing on September 26th at 7:00pm relating to NY Restore Grant.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

School tax payments can made at the High School complex and noted the new star tax credit process. Mrs. Waizenegger warns residents of fraudulent O&R employees.

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Reminded residents to attend Woofstock being held September 18th from 1:00pm-5:00pm at the High School. Mr. Siegel applauded the Hospital on their medical village plans. He urges the council to look into Mr. Degroats complaint about ongoing code violations on Farnum Street.

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Mrs. Trovei- Absent

Mr. Foster-

Announced 1st ward meeting being held on Thursday September 15th at 6:00pm at Fire House Company #5.

Mr. Bavoso- Absent

Mrs. Hendry- No comment

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Ms. Randazzo- No comment

New Business:

Ms. Randazzo-

Expressed condolences to the Trovei and Little families and welcomed Mr. Vanhorn to the council.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Expressed condolences to the Trovei family and reminded everyone that Mount Carmel will have a booth at the Fall Foliage Festival being held September 25th.

Mr. Belcher-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Ms. Randazzo to appoint Kiel Vanhorn to replace Mr. Ritchie's vacancy on the council.

Mayor Decker explained Mr. Vanhorn will replace Mr. Ritchie's seat till an election which will held in November.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mrs. Waizenegger swore in Mr. Vanhorn.

September 12th, 2016**Mrs. Hendry-**

Expressed condolences to the Trovei family and informed residents that immunizations are readily available at Middletown Community Health Center, located on Hammond Street.

Mr. Bavoso- Absent**Mr. Foster-**

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to allow Executive session to discuss a personnel matter relating to the employees retirement incentives, a potential contract agreement for the sale of City owned property on Farnum Street, a pending litigation matter regarding 24-32 Front Street and discussion relating to the white water park engineering contract, with invitation to include DPW Director Jack Farr, Building Official David Rivera and to seek advice of council regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Expressed condolences to the Trovei and Little families.

Mrs. Trovei- Absent**Mr. Siegel-**

Mr. Siegel suggested writing a letter to Orange & Rockland, requesting utility pole numbers be replaced.

Mr. Vanhorn-

Thanked the council for the opportunity to serve his community.

Public Comment

Amy Outwater, 3rd ward, clarified that the statements previously made, relating to violent activity at local bars, should not have been directed at Dads Change of Pace.

Stacy Case, 2nd ward, warns residents against agenda 21 and will provide informational handouts at the next council meeting.

Ed Degroat, 2nd ward, holds the lien on 88-90 Pike Street and is concerned with property maintenance violations the property has been receiving.

Tom Faggione, County Legislature, applauded the Port Jervis Fire Department on their forward thinking, relating to the disbandment of Rescue Co. #3. He also thanked Mrs. Hendry on informing the public of the services that are provided at Middletown Community Health Center and welcome Mr. Vanhorn to the council.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Ms. Randazzo to enter into executive session at 9:20pm.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

September 12th, 2016**Meeting Reconvened at 10:09pm**

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the Mayor to execute a license easement agreement relating to 17 Front Street pending insurance approval.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned –

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

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer