

September 26th, 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 26th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present. 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 and members of Girls Scout Troops 378, 229 & 67 led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Youth Report- No report

Senior Report- No report

Veterans Report- No report

Public Hearing:**Grant Application, Restore N.Y. Communities**

Mrs. Maginsky explained the Restore N.Y. grant and informed residents that the City plans to demolish a number of dilapidated properties if the grant is approved.

Mr. Mann, 2nd ward, asked if the grant covers commercial properties and could the properties be rehabbed opposed to demo. Mrs. Maginsky said that all properties that are on list are beyond repair.

Mr. Belcher inquired about how many houses may be torn down.

Mayor Decker replied 11 as of now.

Lorraine Marquez, 3rd ward asked what the plan is for the vacant lots once the houses are torn down.

Mrs. Maginsky replied that the purpose of this grant is to enhance economic development, so ideally the City would like to have the structures rebuilt through new owners.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to close the public hearing relating to the Restore N.Y. grant.

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

September 26th, 2016**Public Comment**

Flo Santini, Deerpark Town Clerk, announced that the Deerpark Senior Council is hosting and delivering Thanksgiving meals to seniors on November 19th at 3:00pm. Mrs. Santini thanked the City, Council and Nutrition Director for their continued support of this event.

Ed Degroat, 3rd ward, concerned with ongoing code violations at a neighbor's property and requested a meeting with the Mayor.

Tom King, President of the NYS Rifle and Pistol Association, introduced himself to the council and gave an overview of an event he would like to hold at Riverside Park in the spring 2017.

Mrs. Trovei suggested Mr. King draw up a proposal indicating services that may be needed. Mayor Decker advised Mr. King to meet with the Police Chief, DPW Director and the Recreation Director.

George O'Hara, Washingtonville resident, is a member of the NYS Rifle & Pistol Association and supports the annual event being held in the City of Port Jervis.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Ms. Randazzo to approve the minutes of the September 12th, 2016 regular meeting.
 AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 (Bavoso) 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 \$362,445.07

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the last two finance meeting minutes.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Ms. Randazzo to approve the resolution relating to NYS retirement and the standard work day for elected/appointed positions.

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

The next finance meeting will be held on October 19th, at 6:30pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the Fire Department to use 5 Spring Street for training prior to demolition.

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

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Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Jessica J. Furman from Delaware Engine Company No. 2 as a Probationary Driver.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Bryce Sotelo from Delaware Engine Company No. 2 to be appointed to the Water Operations Team.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company to participate in a Live Burn at the Orange County Fire Training Center on 10/02/2016.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 requests to participate in a Sausage & Pepper Take Out on 11/12/2016 from 4 to 6 pm by their Auxiliary.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to remove Kevin W. Cutler from Delaware Engine Company No. 2 from active membership rolls.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to remove Joshua D. Jacobs from Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 from active membership rolls.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to remove Victor Valentin from Neversink Engine Company No. 1 from active membership rolls.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to remove Dennis Simmons from Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 from active membership rolls.

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

Mr. Siegel announced 25 & 50 year members.

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

Code Committee-

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.

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

September 26th, 2016**Police Committee-**

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Belcher to appoint Patrick Kerr to the permanent position of Police Officer effective September 22nd, 2016.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the disposal of expired body armor.

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

The next meeting will be October 11th at 7:00pm.

Liaison Reports:**Community Development Agency (CDA)-**

The CDA is hosting a first time home buyer workshop being held October 25th from 6-7:00pm at the rec center. For any additional information please call 845-569-0770.

The Big Brother & Big Sister program is looking for mentors, if interested please visit www.mentorachild.org

The next meeting will be September 28th at 7:00pm.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

Discussed Pilot properties, financials and audit errors.

The next meeting will be October 19th at 6:00pm

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

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:

Saturday, September 24 The City and The Recreation Department officially named the tennis courts at Church St. Park the "Luann McCarthy Memorial Tennis Courts". More than 100 friends and family attended the ceremony as we honored our friend and long-time Recreation Commission member. Thank you to everyone that attended and assisted in the ceremony.

On September 23 the Youth Center held its annual "Back to School" dance during our Friday night Teen Night program. Close to 70 teens attended and had a great time! Thanks to the Youth Center staff for all their assistance.

Saturday, October 1, 2016 the West Point Cycling Team will be hosting the Army Mountain Classic mountain bike race on our new trails in the Watershed Park. The races will take place at Point Peter Park. The race is part of the Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference with more than 20 colleges from throughout the northeast expected to compete. It is anticipated that between 75-125 athletes will be competing. Racing starts at 8:00 am. Spectators and fans are welcome to watch and cheer on the participants. Parking will be along Skyline Drive before you enter the park. For more information contact the Recreation office at 845-858-4045 or email us at pjrec@frontiernet.net. Upcoming Special Events: October 22- The Will of Orange Trail Run,

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October 23- Trip to the NY Jets football game- tickets still available, October 29- The Erie 80 Mountain Bike Race, October 30- The 70th Annual Halloween Parade.

Youth Center hours are as follows: Monday-Thursday 3:00 pm-7:00 pm, Friday 3:00 pm-6:00 pm, Friday night Teen Night 6:00 pm- 10:00 pm.

The next scheduled recreation Commission meeting is Wednesday October 19, 2016 at 7:15 pm at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

Thanked all involved with the fall foliage festival.

Residents can enter the Halloween Lighting contest by calling 845-858-4017 by October 19th.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals-

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

Planning Board-

The next meeting will be held on October 11th at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

The next meeting will be held on October 5th at 6:30pm.

Electrical Board-

The next meeting will be held on October 5th at 6:30pm.

Senior Advisory-

No report.

Access 23 TV-

Mr. Belcher thanked the cameraman.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Motion by Ms. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to move the October 10th, 2016 Council meeting to October 11th, 2016 due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to approve and move forward with the Restore N.Y. grant application.

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

Mayor Decker appointed Bridget Grech-Mehedin to the tourism board.

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Praised the LuAnn McCarthy tennis court dedication.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to allow Mayor Decker to execute the Frontier Communication franchise agreement.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to approve the Halloween Parade being held October 30th at 3:00pm.

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

Announced that the complete streets design is now available online.

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 clarified a recent newspaper article relating to the Whitewater Park.

Mayor Decker asked the Code Committee to finalize the proposed housing program at the next meeting and also suggested that the Council review the potential 2016 tax lien properties to create a reserve list.

Announced a DOT meeting being held October 12, 2016 to discuss the railroad crossing at Fowler/First Street.

Mayor Decker informed residents that trail maps are now available online or in the City Clerk's Office and gave kudos to all the volunteers and DPW on all their hard work creating the trails.

He thanked everyone involved with the fall foliage festival.

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

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Mrs. Waizenegger reminded residents that water bills are due in the month of October. She noted that 9 properties were posted with letters from the 2014 tax lien sale and announced the 2016 tax lien sale will be held November 15th, 2016.

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Thanked all the participants of recent events including fall foliage, the LuAnn McCarthy dedication and Tri-State Chamber of Commerce 10K, and Woofstock. He also thanked the Fire Police for all their assistance at City events.

Mrs. Trovei-

Announced Christkindmarkt vendor applications are due November 27th and applications are available online. Urged all residents to enter the Halloween lighting contest.

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Mr. VanHorn-

Thanked the tourism board for hosting such a great event.

Mr. Foster-

Noted that this year's fall foliage was one of the best.

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mrs. Hendry- No comment

Mr. Belcher-

Praised the tourism board on such a wonderful fall foliage festival and noted he received a letter of acknowledgment from the public service commission relating to the Access 23 channel.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Commented that the fall festival was a great event and thanked all involved.

Ms. Randazzo-

Thanked the tourism board for the fall foliage festival.

New Business:

Ms. Randazzo- No comment

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Mr. Belcher-

Expressed condolences to the Wallace family.

Mrs. Hendry- No comment

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Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mr. Foster-

Announced the Police Exam November 19th with October 13th being the last day for filing, applications are available online or at the City Clerk's office

Informed DPW Director that the weeds need to be trimmed at Firehouse #5.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to allow Executive session to discuss a personnel matter relating to DPW Dept. & Building Dept., potential contractual agreement for the Promenade Project with other agencies, pending litigation matters regarding 24-32 Front Street and 33 Ralph Street, a personnel matter regarding the Fire Dept., negotiations on matter involving the City and State agencies regarding a proposed MTA monopole location in the City, proposed leasing of City property with Energy in the Bank, proposed contract discussions regarding s Sportsman Show on City property, 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: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. VanHorn- No comment

Mrs. Trovei- No comment

Mr. Siegel- No comment

Public Comment

Laura Meyer, 3rd ward, thanked everyone involved in the organization of the 24th annual fall foliage festival.
Mr. Siegel- thanked Laura Meyer for her continued dedication.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to enter into executive session at 8:45pm.

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

Meeting Reconvened at 9:40pm

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the one time CSEA employee retirement incentive for tier 1,2, or 3 with 10 years or service or 65 years or older.

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

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Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

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

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer