

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 January 9th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Belcher. Building Official David Rivera, CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, Recreation Director John Faggione, 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 and a moment of silence for Mr. Cunningham.

Mayor Decker gave condolences to the Cunningham family on the passing of former 1st ward Council member Mr. Cunningham.

Youth Report-

Yearbook senior class parent/family ads are due January 20th, additional forms can be picked up in the front office or room 104 in the High School. Online orders for the 2016-17 PJHS yearbooks are still available. Check the school website for more details. Since 2012, the Orange County Human Rights Commission collaborates with the Orange County Arts Council and SUNY Orange Cultural Affairs to present "An Artist's Response to Human Rights," an art exhibit celebrating the universal declaration of human rights. This year several PJHS students submitted their work for consideration. They joined students from 11 area high schools as participants in this art show.

The Port Jervis High School welcomed Dr. Francis X. Celis, Cardiologist, as the December 2016 excellence series guest speaker. Celis spoke to students about his life, career, and the idea of excellence. "Pursue your passion, make it work and you will never work a day in your life. Excellence will be easy."

Tuesday, December 13th, 23 PJMS eighth graders were installed into the PJMS Chapter of National Junior Honor Society. The induction ceremony served as their official entrance into this nationally recognized organization.

Kelly Pearson, a Registered Dietician at the Shop Rite of Montague, is partnering up with A.S.K for her fourth year in a row. Kelly Pearson comes in twice a month to present various nutritional topics to the students in grades Kindergarten through sixth grade.

A.S.K students (grades K-2) recently got to participate in the Burton Riglet Snowboarding Physical Education program presented by Mountain Creek Snowboard and Ski School during their Physical Education classes.

A.S.K's production of The Wizard of Oz will be held on Friday, January 13th at 7:00pm and Saturday January 14th at 2pm and 7pm at the High School.

The next school board meeting will be held January 17th at 7:00 pm.

Senior Report-

No report

Veteran Report-

No report

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Public Hearing-

Local Law #1

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to open the public hearing relating to 2017 Local Law #1.

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

No comment

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to close the public hearing relating to 2017 Local Law #1.

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

Local Law #2

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to open the public hearing relating to 2017 Local Law #2.

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

No comment

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Foster to close the public hearing relating to 2017 Local Law #2.

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

Local Law #3

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to open the public hearing relating to 2017 Local Law #3.

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

No comment

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Foster to close the public hearing relating to 2017 Local Law #3.

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

Public Comment-

Ed Degroat, 3rd Ward, asked about the potential sale of a portion of Farnum Street.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the minutes of the December 12th, 2016 regular meeting.

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

Committee Reports:

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Finance Committee

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$46,071.35.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to the 2017 revenue anticipation note.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the resolution relating to the 2017 banking and depositories.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to the 2017 media outlets.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to the standard work day for NYS retirement system benefits.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to the 2017 travel request for the Assessor's office.

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

The next finance meeting will be held on January 18th, at 6:45pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to appoint James B. Fuller, Jr. from Delaware Engine Company No. 2, to the Special Operations Squad.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Bryce Sotelo from Delaware Engine Company No. 2, as a probationary driver.

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

Mr. Siegel announced 25 & 50 year members and reminded residents to shovel out hydrants during and after snow storms.

The next meeting will be held on January 16th, 2016 at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

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Code Committee-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. VanHorn to approve 2017 Local Law #1 repealing Local Law #7 of 2015.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve 2017 Local Law #2 relating to leaf pick up.

Mr. Siegel noted that he will post on Facebook where residents can purchase paper leaf bags.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve 2017 Local Law #3 relating to the rules and regulations for the watershed property.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the resolution increasing the municipal search fee of the Code Enforcement office from \$100.00 to \$150.00 dollars.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. VanHorn to approve the advertising request for qualifications for bid for the comprehensive plan, zoning law revision and land use regulations project with a return date of February 3rd, 2017.

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

Next code meeting to be held February 2nd at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Update:

The week of January 16th garbage and recycling will be one day late in all wards due to the Martin Luther King Holiday on Monday the 16th. Paper pick up in the 3rd ward will take place on Friday January 20th as scheduled.

The 2017 garbage schedule is located on the City website located at www.portjervisny.org or can be picked up at the DPW office located at 1 Franklin St in the City of Port Jervis.

Christmas trees will be picked up city wide weekly until complete. Please put your tree at curbside to be removed.

The bulk waste and compost pit will be open every Saturday from 7:15am until 11:30am located on Canal St. at the city dump. Coupons are needed to be able to dump bulk waste and can be purchased at the City Clerk's office located at 20 Hammond St for the price of \$10 per coupon.

The next DPW meeting will take place on February 6th, 2017 at 6pm here in the Council Chambers.

Police Committee-

Mr. Foster thanked the Police officers for their hard work in recognition of National Law Enforcement Day.

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Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution authorizing Chief of Police, William Worden to execute all necessary contracts and documentation with regards to the Stop DWI program.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve John Fitzpatrick's permanent appointment to position of Police Lieutenant to be effective January 9th, 2017.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Scott Robertson's permanent appointment to position of Juvenile Aid Bureau Detective to be effective December 12th, 2016.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to approve the Police Departments monthly report.

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

The next meeting will be January 24th at 6:00pm.

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Discussed the 2017 budget, future tourism events and grants at the last meeting.
The next meeting will be January 25th at 7:00pm.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

No meeting scheduled for January. Next meeting will be announced when scheduled.

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

Next meeting to be held February 15th at 6:30pm in the Mayor's Conference room

Housing Authority-

The next meeting will be January 24th, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

Recreation Commission:

Two great field trips coming up this January and February.

Snow tubing in Bushkill, PA on Thursday, January 19, 2017. Bus will leave PORT at 4:45 pm and return approximately 9:00 pm. GREAT FAMILY NIGHT OUT! Cost is only \$22 per person- including transportation. No experience needed.

CASINO TRIP- Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs Saturday, February 11, 2017. Bus will leave PORT at 8:30 am and return approximately 5:30 pm. Adults ages 21 and older only. Cost will be \$15 per person for transportation. All attending will receive \$25 in slot play and a \$5 voucher for any restaurant in the casino.

Join us this winter. Don't worry about driving or parking- come with us and make it easier for you and your family! Call the Recreation office at 845-858-4045 or email us at pjrec@frontiernet.net for more details.

The sleigh riding hill at West End Park is all set up and ready to go- now we just wait for snow. Once we get snow the hill will be open daily from sunrise to sunset. Please remember that only sleds are permitted on the hill. No skis or snowboards.

The Youth Center is holding a dance this Friday night- January 13 from 6:30-9:00 pm. The dance is part of our "Teen Night" program and is for kids in grades 7-12. The Youth Center will be open on Monday January 16, 2017- Martin Luther King Jr. Day from 11:00 am-3:00pm

The lower level of Church St. Park (including tennis and basketball courts) is closed for the winter. Basketball courts at Farnum Park, Riverside Park and West End Park are open.

The trails in Watershed Park and Elks-Brox Park are open and will remain open throughout the winter. Please remember no motorized vehicles are permitted and also carry in and carry out any garbage you may have. Thank you.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is this Wednesday January 11th, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

Mrs. Trovei announced the winners from the Holiday Lighting contest.

The next meeting will be on January 11th at 6:00 pm in the Council chambers.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

The next meeting will be held on February 7th, 2016 at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

Discussed a pre-submission and the proposed project with U.S. Crane and Rigging on Skyline Drive.

The next meeting will be held on January 17th at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

Discussed a possible reciprocal agreement with Orange County.

The next meeting will be held on February 1st at 6:30pm.

Electrical Board-

Discussed a possible reciprocal agreement with Orange County.

The next meeting will be held on February 1st at 6:45pm.

Senior Advisory-

No report given.

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Access 23 TV-

Mr. Siegel announced that Access 23 needed volunteers to help operate the camera during council meetings.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Mayor Decker thanked the Police officers for their hard work in recognition of National Law Enforcement Day and congratulated the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen winners.

Announced that starting January 23rd the Council will enter into executive session prior to start of the meeting and the regular meeting will start at 7:30pm.

Mayor Decker made the following appointments to the Port Jervis Fire Police:

Richard G. Finan, Robert D. Padgett, Sr., Vincent J. Atkinson, Jeffrey D. Lewis, Anthony M. Roberts, Richard F. Drew, Frank W. Fuller, Jr., Matthew R. Moore, William P. Conklin, Jr., Adam Scopino, Henry H. Dunn, III, Kevin J. Bartha, John P. Shannon, Barry D. Longwell, Jeffrey A. Martin, Stanley B. Siegel, Richard R. Oppelt, Brian S. Vanderveer, George W. Padgett, Jr., Jessica J. Furman, Edward C. Pavlich, Sr., Robert D. Padgett, Jr., Edward C. Pavlich, Jr.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to approve the request for proposal for the City of Port Jervis cycling series to be returned within 20 days/January 27th, 2017.

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

Mayor Decker appointed Jeff Rohrer as City Marshall.

Mr. Decker urges residents to save plastic bottles and announced that the whitewater park committee is holding a recycling fundraiser to raise funds for the permitting stages of the project and will have more information at the next meeting.

A.S.K's production of The Wizard of Oz will be held on Friday, January 13th at 7:00pm and Saturday January 14th at 2pm and 7pm at the High School.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

No report given.

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Offered condolences to the Cunningham family and described Mr. Cunningham as a gentle giant. Mr. Siegel stated he hasn't heard a response regarding the train station platform but will reach out again. Announced that the 4th ward neighborhood watch meeting will be January 18th at Howard Wheat Engine Company #4.

Mrs. Trovei-

Thanked Police officers for their service and offered condolences to the Cunningham family.

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Mr. VanHorn-

Offered condolences to the Cunningham family.

Mr. Foster-

Offered condolences to the entire Cunningham family, stating Mr. Cunningham was a great mentor and friend and will be truly missed. Congratulated everyone who participated in the Elk's Hoop Shoot and wished the Wizard of Oz crew, the best of luck.

Mr. Bavoso-

Mr. Bavoso clarified that the RFQ will rewrite the zoning codes and develop a master plan with the help of hired consultants. He also offered condolences to the Cunningham family, describing Mr. Cunningham as a mentor, a great neighbor and a great person.

Mrs. Hendry-

Offered condolences to the Cunningham family and is looking forward to the A.S.K's production of the Wizard of Oz.

Mr. Belcher- Absent

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Thanked Neil Haight on generous donation to the Recreation Department.

Ms. Randazzo-

Congratulated newly elected officers of the PJVAC and encouraged residents to become volunteers. She also offered condolences to the Kowal and Cunningham families.

New Business:

Ms. Randazzo- No comment

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Offered condolences to the Cunningham family.

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Mr. Belcher- Absent

Mrs. Hendry- No comment

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mr. Foster-

Offered condolences to the Kowal family.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to allow Executive session to discuss, a personnel matter involving the appointment of a Police Officer for the Port Jervis City Police Department, a request within the Building Department for a carry over to 2017 of 2016 vacation time, a request by the Recreation Director affecting his time benefits with the City, with invitation to include, William Worden, David Rivera, John Faggione and to seek advice of council regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

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

Mr. VanHorn-

Offered condolences to the Kowal family.

Mrs. Trovei-

Access 23 is in need of a camera, if anyone is interested in donating. Mrs. Trovei thinks its good business to be cautious with any increase in fees or taxes that may affect taxpayers.

Mr. Siegel-

Apologized for the Council meeting not being televised and stated that Access 23 could use some volunteers. Mr. Siegel congratulated Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen winners. Informed residents that may be interested in volunteering for the PJVAC and needs the EVOC class, that the PJFD is hosting a class and can contact a Chief or Mr. Rohner to sign up. He also stated that he will cautious during the 2017 year about any fees or tax increases that will affect homeowners.

Public Comment- No comment

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to enter into executive session at 8:15pm.

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

Meeting Reconvened at 9:30pm

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Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the hire of Andrew Dillinger to the position of Police Officer with a step 2 salary, to be effective February 1st, 2017 with a one year probationary period.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve unused 2016 vacation time for employee #211 to be carried over and used by March 31, 2016

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

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve employee #926 to receive a \$40.00 monthly phone stipend to be effective January 2017.

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

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to increase the Planning Board secretary pay from \$100 per meeting to \$150.00 to be effective January 2017.

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

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Bavoso seconded by Mr. Foster to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

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

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer