

January 23rd, 2017**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 23rd, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Siegel. Building Official David Rivera, CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, Recreation Director John Faggione, DPW Director Jack Farr, Police Sergeant James Flynn, and City Clerk-Treasurer Robin Waizenegger were also present.

Meeting opened at 6:30pm by Mayor Decker.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to allow Executive session to discuss, a personnel matter in the City Police department, a request for a reduction in water/sewer fee due the City by a property owner, a discussion regarding negotiations for property acquisition of a specific parcel related to the Tri-State Bridge Project and potential of litigation to resolve same with invitation to include Chief of Police, William Worden and to seek advice of council regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

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

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:31pm

Meeting reconvened from executive session at 7:30pm

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Pledge of Allegiance-

Mayor Decker led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Youth Report-

No report

Senior Report-

No report

January 23rd, 2017**Veteran Report-**

No report

Mayor Decker reminded residents that the State of the City address will be aired on January 26th, 2017 at 6:30pm.**Public Comment-**

No public comment

Minutes Approved-Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the minutes of the January 9th, 2017 regular meeting.

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

Committee Reports:**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 \$488,462.61.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating the purchase of services from Capital Markets Advisers LLC.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to the travel request for the office of the City Clerk.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to renewal of flood insurance through the federal flood insurance program.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the resolution relating to the designation of officers for the purposes of NYS HCR.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, Seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the permanent appointments of Bobbie Jo Muller to position of Deputy City Clerk Treasurer to be effective October 18th, 2016 and Kristin Colley to position of Account Clerk Typist to be effective November 16th, 2016.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the base proportion report from the Assessor's office.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the 2016 finance committee meeting minutes that haven't previously been approved.

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

The next finance meeting will be held on February 15th, at 6:45pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to appoint Aaron M. Aumick from Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 as a Probationary Driver.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Jeffrey D. Lewis, as a member of the Water Operations Team (Boat Handler and Support).

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Michael R. Hockenberry, a member of Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 to be removed from the rolls and stated the he has been transferred to the honorary membership rolls of the Company.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the following 2017 events: on 05/29/2017 – participate in the annual Memorial Day parade held in the city, on 07/08/2017 – participate in our annual parade, on 09/23/2017 – participate in the Orange County Volunteer Firemen's Association parade to be held in Sparrowbush, New York, on 11/11/2017 – participate in the annual Veteran's Day parade held in the city and on 12/03/2017 – participate in the annual Rick Drew Christmas Parade held in the city and our neighboring Matamoras, Pennsylvania.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the following 2017 fundraising dates, consisting of a coin toss, on various streets within the City on: Friday 05/26/2017, Saturday 05/27/2017, Friday 06/30/2017, Saturday 07/01/2017, Friday 09/01/2017 and Saturday 09/02/2017.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Neversink Engine Company No. 1 to attend/participate in the following activities: on 03/04/2017 Spaghetti and Meatball takeout dinner, on June 2017 Fish Fry on a date to be determined, on 11/04/2017 Spaghetti and Meatball takeout dinner and on 11/25/2017 Christmas parade in Wallington, New Jersey.

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

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Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 to attend/participate in the following activities: On Sunday 02/05/2017 hold a Super Bowl Party, On Saturday 09/09/2017 attend a parade in Middletown, New York, On Monday 09/11/2017 attend the candle light vigil at the Washingtonville Memorial Park and use the fire apparatus to transport personnel.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Tri State Hose Company No. 6 to attend/participate in the following activities: on 04/17/2017 – 50/50 Raffle, on 05/20/2017 – car wash at the Port Jervis Middle School (rain date 05/27/2017), On 06/16/2017 golf tournament at High Point Country Club, Montague, New Jersey, On 09/07/2017 – 50/50 Raffle, on 09/09/2017 parade in Middletown, New York and on October 2017 parade to be determined.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the 2016 fire & emergency management committee minutes.

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

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

Mr. Siegel reminded residents to clear around fire hydrants during inclement weather.

Watch our Facebook page: Port Jervis Fire Department and our website www.pjnyfd.com for information about the PJFD.

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

Code Committee-

No report

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

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Update:

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.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to February 28th, 2017 Jersey Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project.

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

January 23rd, 2017**Police Committee-**

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the hire of Patricia Rennish to position of crossing guard to be effective January 25th, 2017.

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

The next meeting will be January 31st at 6:00pm.

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

Informed residents that the home improvements grant application are now available on the City's website, the CDA office and the City Clerk's office. The applications must be returned by mail and postmarked no later than February 17th, 2017. 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:

The Recreation Department is going to Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs Saturday, February 11, 2017. Bus will leave PORT at 8:30 am and return approximately 5:30 pm. Adults age 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. Seats are filling up fast. Call the Recreation office at 845-858-4045 for more information. Last week 35 adults and children traveled to Fernwood Resort in Bushkill PA with the Recreation Department for a fun night of snow tubing. All that attended had a great time! Due to a half day of school this Friday January 27th, the Youth Center will be open 11:00 am-3:00 pm. There will be no Teen Night on Friday. Regular Youth Center hours are Monday-Thursday 3:00 pm-7:00 pm and Friday 3:00 pm-10:00 pm. Church St. Park- A reminder that 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. We also have a carry in and carry out policy. Whatever you bring into the trails please bring out. Thank you.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is this Wednesday February 16th, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center.

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Motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the 2017 recreation department calendar dates.

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

Tourism Board-

Mrs. Trovei reported that the committee discussed potential 2017 events.
The next meeting will be on February 8th 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-

Mrs. Randazzo informed the council and residents, that U.S Crane & Rigging attended the last planning board meeting and gave an update on future development at 100-200 Skyline Drive.
The next meeting will be held on February 21st at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

No report.
The next meeting will be held on February 1st at 6:30pm.

Electrical Board-

No report.
The next meeting will be held on February 1st at 6:45pm.

Senior Advisory-

No report.

Access 23 TV-

No report.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Mayor Decker read a letter from Metro-North explaining that the Port Jervis station is ADA compliant and that no additional action is necessary. Mr. Decker stated that he will contact Congressman Maloney in hopes of resolving the issue.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the Port Jervis Little League to hang signs throughout the City till March 31st, 2017.

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

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Mayor Decker informed residents that on May 20th, 2017 the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association will hold their annual Sportsman expo at Riverside Park from 10:00am-5:00pm.

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.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve a 1 year Nixle connect update for \$795.00.

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

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Reminded citizens that water bills and county bills are due by January 31st, 2017.

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Praised the peaceful woman march that occurred on the streets of Port Jervis, January 21st, 2017.

Mrs. Trovei- No comment

Mr. VanHorn-

Offered condolences to the Grech family.

Mr. Foster- No comment

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mrs. Hendry- No comment

Mr. Belcher-

Offered condolences to the Grech family. Mr. Belcher also mentioned that he is working on 3 month supplement electric supplier contract until Energy in the Bank is up and running.

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Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Offered condolences to the Grech family.

Ms. Randazzo-

Announced the 4th ward neighborhood watch meeting will be held on February 15th, 2017 at 7:00pm at Howard Wheat Engine Co. 4.

New Business:

Ms. Randazzo- No comment

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Mr. Belcher-

Urged the council to attend a meeting in Goshen, N.Y. on January 25th at 12:00pm, where the topic of centralized arraignment court will be discussed.

Mayor Decker noted that Chief Worden and Mrs. Trovei will be attending and he will be attending the Cities, Town & Villages meeting with Mrs. Randazzo, where the topic will be discussed again.

Mrs. Hendry- No comment

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mr. Foster- No comment

Mr. VanHorn- No comment

Mrs. Trovei- No comment

Mr. Siegel-

Offered condolences to the Keller and Grech families.

Public Comment- No public comment

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Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Bavoso seconded by Mr. Foster to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer