

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Attendance-**

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

Meeting opened at 6:30pm by Mayor Decker.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Belcher to allow Executive session to discuss, a personnel matter involving the termination of a City employee, a contractual matter involving our RFP on 3 biking events per year in Watershed park and recommendations, a litigation, contractual, etc. matter involving update on 24-32 Front Street property, a personnel matter involving the Assessor's Office and a personnel matter involving the Police Department, 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(Mrs. Fitzpatrick) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:31pm

Meeting reconvened from executive session at 7:48pm

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### **Pledge of Allegiance-**

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

### **Youth Report-**

Harlem wizard will be at the High School March 1<sup>st</sup> all proceeds will support the S.A.D.D. program.  
The production of Once Upon a Mattress will be at the Middle school on February 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>.  
A.S.K. students are asked to wear pink/red to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school.  
H.B.E. students sent Valentine's Day cards to Veterans.  
Schools will be closed February 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> for Presidents day.

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**Senior Report-**

No report

**Veteran Report-**

Mr. Siegel announced that the Hudson Valley Honor Flight Mission #15 from Stewart will be April 8<sup>th</sup>, #16 May 20<sup>th</sup> from Westchester and that the Veterans Gala will be held later this year in Milford, more info to be announced.

Mr. Siegel also offered condolences to the Earley family.

**Presentation- Bon Secours**

Karen Destefano, of Bon Secours Hospital, asked the council for help in the spreading the word of a free basic life support training class sponsored by the hospital and encouraged all to attend.

**Public Comment-**

Gail Schulman, 1<sup>st</sup> ward, stated "I came here tonight to address two important issues that I believe are being over looked! The first being mental illness, I don't believe many of you are educated in this, many of you believe or take the attitude well it's not in my backyard or why should I bother. Believe me you should take an interest before it hits you! Secondly, I came here to address my water bill. I currently live in west end and when I first moved here my water bill wasn't so bad \$120.00 to be exact. You people that sit here tonight, never took a vote on this or never bothered to ask the people that live here what they thought? Many people that live here are currently on fixed incomes, many people that live here clearly don't have big incomes, if you had the peoples best interest you would have had the people vote on this agenda or issue. The last time I was here speaking I don't believe that many of you took the time to listen to me. In closing, this will probably be the last time you will see me."

Tom Faggione, County Legislature, spoke about the many Orange County services that are offered to Port Jervis residents.

**Minutes Approved-**

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the minutes of the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 regular meeting.

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

**Committee Reports:****Finance Committee**

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Foster to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$203,978.70.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to electronic payroll and vendor payments to be effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the January finance committee meeting minutes.

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

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

#### **Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee**

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Mark Thornton to transfer from Fowler's Rescue & Salvage Company No. 3 to Delaware Engine Company No. 2.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Gregory A. Collette to transfer from Neversink Engine Company No. 1 to Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. VanHorn to approve Mark R. Fuller, Jr. from Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 as a probationary driver.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to remove Robert W. Barber from Neversink Engine Company No. 1 and Barry T. Long 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 Raymond J. Vanderveer from Tri State Hose Company No. 6 from active membership rolls.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Excelsior Engine Company No. 5, Delaware Engine Company No. 2, and Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 to attend the Bi-annual Parade in Warwick on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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 Auxiliary to hold Sausage & Pepper Take Out fundraisers on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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

Mr. Siegel announced all 25 and 50 year members.

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](http://www.pjnyfd.com) for information about the PJFD.

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

#### **Code Committee-**

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Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a public hearing to be held on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:30pm relating to proposed local law #4.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a public hearing to be held on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:31pm relating to proposed local law #5.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a public hearing to be held on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:32pm relating to proposed local law #6.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a public hearing to be held on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:30pm relating to the sewer use law.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a resolution naming the City of Port Jervis lead agency on SEQR for the sewer use law.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the bid naming Barton & Loguidice as consultant to assist with the zoning update.

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

Next code meeting to be held March 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.portjervisny.org) or can be picked up at the DPW office located at 1 Franklin St in the City of Port Jervis.

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 March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6pm here in the Council Chambers.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 DPW committee meeting minutes.

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

#### **Police Committee-**

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Justin Brauchle as a non-paid intern for the Police Department to be effective February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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

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Mr. Foster announced an informational presentation on abandoned houses, absentee landlords and code enforcement being held at the Drew Methodist Church on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 7:00pm.

The next meeting will be February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

#### **Liaison Reports:**

#### **Community Development Agency (CDA)-**

Mrs. Trovei stated that existing and future grants were discussed at the last meeting.

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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to the forestry grant.

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

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve UDAG money to be used for permit fees relating to the White Water Park Project.

Mr. Siegel noted he does not support the White Water Park Project.

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

The next meeting will be February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm.

#### **Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-**

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

#### **American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-**

Next meeting to be held March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Mayor's Conference room

#### **Housing Authority-**

The next meeting will be February 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

#### **Recreation Commission:**

The Youth Center schedule for President's weekend is as follows, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Cornel Cooperative Extension is looking to start up a 4H program here in Port Jervis. There will be a meeting at the Youth Center on the 2nd floor on Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 pm. If interested we encourage you to attend.

If you are a runner or interested in running and want to talk with other runners about upcoming races, training, etc. come to the Youth Center the 1st Monday of every month at 7:00 pm where we will host a "Runners Club" meeting. The next meeting is Monday March 6, 2017.

The Youth Basketball playoffs begin on Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at the A.S.K. gym. The finals and consolation games

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will be held on Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Tom Chuckran annual Cops and Kids basketball game will be held on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 10:00 am at the A.S.K. gym. In addition to the game we are also collecting donations for the Humane Society. Donations being accepted are old sheets or blankets, dog or cat food, towels, pet treats and pet toys. Come down and enjoy the game and also help us help the Humane Society.

The sleigh riding hill at West End Beach is open for the season. Please remember no snow boards or skis. Sleds only! Also sledding is only permitted on the exit ramp- where the bales of hay are- not the entrance ramp! Thank you for you anticipated cooperation.

Thank you to the 35 adults that attended our first ever trip to Mohegan Sun Pocono this past Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup>. Everyone had a great time and is already asking to go again!

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for this Thursday February 16 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center.

#### **Tourism Board-**

Mr. Belcher reported that the committee discussed 2017 events.

The next meeting will be on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Council chambers.

#### **Zoning Board of Appeals-**

Mrs. Randazzo reported that 15 High Street and 78 Front Street both have pre submission and public hearings set.

The next meeting will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

#### **Planning Board-**

Mrs. Randazzo informed the council the planning board had a discussion on future development at 100-200 Skyline Drive.

The next meeting will be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm.

#### **Plumbing Board-**

No report.

The next meeting will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm.

#### **Electrical Board-**

No report.

The next meeting will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:45pm.

#### **Senior Advisory-**

No report.

#### **Access 23 TV-**

No report.

#### **Mayor's Correspondence-**

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Reminded 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Mayor Decker made the following appointments:

Tim Simmons, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman with a term to expire January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Earl Miller, Zoning Board of Appeal with a term to expire January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Donn Copa, Zoning Board of Appeal with a term to expire January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Dan Aumick, Zoning Board of Appeal with a term to expire January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Noeleen Casey-Tomasi, Recreation Commission with a term to expire January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

With regret, to accept Pete Tomasi's resignation from the Tourism Board effective February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the 2017 public assembly permit, allowing PJVAC to hold a coin drop fundraisers on the May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, August 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Decker these dates do not coincide with the Fire Department coin drop dates.

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

Mayor Decker informed residents that on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 noted that bio-degradable bags for leaf clean up can be purchased at Neversink Lumber and that the prices are comparable to plastic bags.

Sent letter to the president of Hudson Heritage, in hopes of keeping their business in Port Jervis.

Mayor Decker informed residents that he has reached out to several businesses to introduce himself and the City in an effort to attract business to 100 Pike Street Plaza.

The Sullivan Avenue school demolition ceased while a miscommunication was addressed and will continue shortly and reminded residents that the property is owned by the Port Jervis School District.

Proud to say NYCOM has released a newsletter recognizing the need for municipal aid.

Mayor Decker thanked Tom Faggione for attending and for clarifying how Orange County funds are distributed in Port Jervis for services that benefit the residents.

#### **City Clerk Treasurer's Report-**

Received a notice regarding a new liquor license application for Texas Lunch, any objections can be done through the City Clerk's office.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Foster to allow Access Support for Living to sell raffle tickets within the City limits.

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

Clerk's office is currently re-levying unpaid bills to the 2017 tax bills.

Mrs. Waizenegger warned residents of phone scams and informed grandparents that they could be eligible for earned income credits if caring for grandchildren.

#### **Old Business:**

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**Mr. Siegel-**

Praised Patrick Dunn on his success.

**Mrs. Trovei-**

Commented on the State of the City Address, stating that she recognizes the hard working effort of the Mayor and the Council.

**Mr. VanHorn-** No comment

**Mr. Foster-** No comment

**Mr. Bavoso-** No comment

**Mrs. Hendry-** No comment

**Mr. Belcher-** No comment

**Mrs. Fitzpatrick-**

Offered condolences to the Clune family.

**Ms. Randazzo-**

Announced the 4<sup>th</sup> ward neighborhood watch meeting will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7pm at Howard Wheat Engine Co. 4. Mrs. Randazzo noted that the PJVAC responded to 139 calls during the month of January, currently have 10 new members and are coordinating fundraisers.

**New Business:**

**Ms. Randazzo-**

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the permanent appointment of Heather Tigie-Marino to the position of Assessor Clerk to effective February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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



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**Mrs. Fitzpatrick-** No comment

**Mr. Belcher-**

Announced that he will not be running for another term and urged residents to attend the vacant building presentation on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Belcher also thanked the Police Chief and the neighborhood watch for organizing the presentation.

**Mrs. Hendry-**

Encouraged residents to attend the vacant building presentation on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Drew Methodist Church. Mrs. Hendry also stated that she agreed with the Mayor when he spoke about electing representatives during his State of the City Address. She noted that residents should be asking candidates questions and electing individuals that are willing and able.

**Mr. Bavoso-** No comment

**Mr. Foster-** No comment

**Mr. VanHorn-**

Noted that it was his understanding that the City failed to send a representative to the sales tax revenue meeting and as a result, our percentage was decreased.

Mr. Decker clarified that Corporation Counsel and the City Clerk Treasurer both attended.

Excited about his upcoming tour of the DPW facilities.

**Mrs. Trovei-** No comment

**Mr. Siegel-**

Commented that he was impressed with Access 23 picture quality and requested that the council look into opening the roads at Point Peter when travelable instead of closing the road for the winter season.

Mr. Siegel also asked Mr. Faggione when Orange County takes over the Meals on Wheels program if meals will still be delivered to the Farnum house.

Mr. Faggione responded that it is his understanding that the dining program should not be affected, but will confirm and get back to him.

Mr. Siegel suggested residents obtain a pin number from the IRS to help deter scammers.

**Public Comment-** No public comment

**Meeting Adjourned –**

Motion by Mr. Foster seconded by Mr. Bavoso to adjourn the meeting at 9:25p.m.

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

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Robin Waizenegger  
City Clerk Treasurer