

February 27th, 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 27th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Siegel and Mr. Belcher.

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 involving the request by a City employee for a leave of absence, a contractual matter involving the Contract for the 3 biking events per year in Watershed Recreational Area, a litigation and contractual matter involving update on 24-32 Front Street property, and to seek advice of council regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2 (Mr. Siegel & Mr. Belcher) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:31pm

Meeting reconvened from executive session at 7:30pm

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Belcher. Building Official David Rivera, DPW Director Jack Farr, Police Sergeant Flynn, Recreation Director John Faggione, Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Bobbie Jo Muller 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-

No report

Senior Report-

No report

February 27th, 2017**Veteran Report-**

Mr. Siegel announced that the Hudson Valley Honor Flight Mission #15 from Stewart will be April 8th, #16 May 20th from Westchester and that a Veterans Gala, to honor local veterans, will be held November 9th, 2017 in Milford.

Public Hearing

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to open the public hearing for proposed local law #4.

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

Mrs. Randazzo noted that the Planning Board is in favor of local law #4

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Foster to close the public hearing for proposed local law #4.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Foster to open the public hearing for proposed local law #5.

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

No discussion

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to close the public hearing for proposed local law #5.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to open the public hearing for proposed local law #6.

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

No discussion

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Foster to close the public hearing for proposed local law #6.

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

Public Comment-

No public comment

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the minutes of the February 13th, 2017 regular meeting.

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

Committee Reports:**Finance Committee**

Mrs. Trovei noted that the committee discussed cash flow and capital/serial bonds.

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 \$107,102.27.

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

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Motion by Mrs. Trovei, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to the 2017 capital appropriations.

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 vehicle financing.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, Seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the resolution relating to the warrant for collection of the 2017 City tax.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, Seconded by Mrs. Bavoso to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Orange County to accept benefits of the NYS mass transportation operating assistance program for the Dial-A-Bus.

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

The next finance meeting will be held on March 15th, at 6:30pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve Dana Presto from Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 as a driver.

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

Mr. Siegel thanked everyone involved with the recent structure fire and 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 March 20th, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

Mr. Bavoso noted that the Council could not vote on proposed local law #4 as they are still awaiting Orange County comments.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve a resolution naming the City of Port Jervis lead agency on SEQR for local law #4.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to declare negative declaration for proposed local law #4.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve local law #5 now local law #4 of 2017 relating to the amendment of LL#2 of 2015 to state underground utilities will be required for new construction only.

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

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Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve local law #6 now local law #5 of 2017 relating to a cancellation fee.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve the RFP for realtors to sell city owned properties.

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

Next code meeting to be held March 1st 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.

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.

Reminded residents that paper or biodegradable bags must be used for yard waste or placed in garbage cans.

Motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the permanent appointment of Susan Biccum to the position of Municipal Bus Route Scheduler to be effective February 27th, 2017.

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

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

Police Committee-

Mr. Foster thanked the Police and Building Departments on the recent seminar on vacant buildings.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the Police Committee to hear and decide on a pending taxi license appeal.

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

The next meeting will be February 28th at 6:00pm.

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Mrs. Trovei noted that the home improvements grant applications were being reviewed.

The next meeting will be March 22nd at 7:00pm.

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Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

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

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

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

Housing Authority-

Mr. Siegel stated that RECAP inspections were completed and winterization is in progress.

The next meeting will be February 28th, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

Recreation Commission:

Wednesday night, March 1st, 2017 we will be holding our Youth Basketball Championship and Consolation games in the ASK Gym. The consolation game will start at 5:30 pm and the Championship game to follow at 6:15 pm. This will be the 8th and final week of the league that is for boys and girls in grades 5-6.

February 25th, 2017 we held our Basketball Skills competition for the 3rd-4th graders of our winter Basketball Program. The kids competed in a dribble relay race, hot shot competition and free throw challenge. This marked the end of the of the 8 week program for these kids. Thank you to all of our sponsors, coaches, officials, parents, ASK custodial staff and volunteers for all of their help and support this season. Close to 80 boys and girls were able to participate because of your support!

The Annual Tom Chuckran Cops and Kids basketball game will be held this Saturday March 4th, 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. If you can't make the game and still would like to donate please drop off donations at the Port Jervis Police Department- indicate they are for Detective Scott Robertson or drop off at the Youth Center- for John Faggione. Any questions call us at 845-858-4045.

The Port Jervis Recreation Department is sponsoring four (4) fantastic field trips this spring and summer. Trips are Mohegan Sun Pocono Casino- Saturday April 22nd, 2017, Circle Line Cruise- a 2.5 hour cruise around Manhattan- Wed. July 12th, 2017, New York Mets baseball game- Wednesday July 19th, 2017, Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom- Friday July 28th, 2017.

All trips will be on a COACH BUS. Don't drive and deal with gas, traffic and parking- come with us.

Limited tickets are available. A 50% non-refundable deposit required to hold seat. Full payment two (2) weeks before scheduled trip.

Contact the Recreation office at 845-858-4045 or pjrec@frontiernet.net for more information or for cost and times of trips. Church St. Park and Pt. Peter Park remain closed for the season. Church St. Park will be open when or if we have warm weather- as we had last week. Both parks will open for the season the week of March 20th weather permitting. Please remember to help keep your parks clean by using the garbage cans or carrying out your garbage. Thank you.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 15th, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

Mrs. Trovei reported that the committee is looking into insurance quotes to cover the upcoming carnival in July.

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the City wide yard sale to be held May 6th, 2017.

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

The next meeting will be on March 8th at 6:30 pm in the Council chambers.

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Zoning Board of Appeals-

Mrs. Randazzo reported that the Zoning board held a special meeting February 21st for a public hearing for a parking variance for the property located at 78 Front Street.

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

Planning Board-

Mrs. Randazzo reported that a pre-submission for a proposed karate school/yoga studio at 78 Front Street and a public hearing set for March 7th, 2017 at 5:30 pm and noted that the committee has received an update on the Orange & Rockland 6 month extension request.

The next meeting will be held on March 21st at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

No report.

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

Electrical Board-

No report.

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

Senior Advisory-

Mr. Siegel reported that he is working with local senior facilities to formulate a fire/emergency plan.

Access 23 TV-

Mr. Siegel thanked the cameraman.

PJV Ambulance Report-

Mrs. Randazzo noted that they are working on fundraisers and are always looking for new volunteers.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Mayor Decker extended well wishes and a speedy recovery for Mr. Belcher.

Mayor Decker read a proclamation declaring March as National Nutrition Month in the City of Port Jervis.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the annual Saint Mary Little Lamb parade to be held April 24th, 2017.

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

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Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve the completed 2017 application for public assembly permit on the NYS Rifle and Pistol Association, who will be holding their annual Sportsman expo on May 20th at Riverside Park from 10:00am-5:00pm.

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

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.

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 and reminded residents that paper or biodegradable bags must be used for yard waste or be placed in garbage cans.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

No report given

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Mr. Siegel urges residents that have concerns to reach out to department heads for suggestions. He stated that he was under the assumption that the safe sidewalk grant would allow residents to have the option of keeping existing sidewalks and is appalled to find out otherwise. He doesn't believe the City has a right to dictate what is done with a homeowner's sidewalk. Mr. Siegel also noted he will continue the fight for ADA compliance at the train station with Metro North and extended good wishes to Mr. Belcher.

Mayor Decker stated that the City would be in jeopardy of losing grant funding for the safe route to school sidewalk grant if all residents are not compliant and also noted blue stone sidewalks are not considered ADA compliant.

Mrs. Trovei- No comment

Mr. VanHorn-

Extends get well wishes to Mr. Belcher.

Mr. Foster- No comment

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mrs. Hendry-

Congratulated the Building and Police Departments on the recent seminar on codes and vacant buildings. Mrs. Hendry also suggested that residents reach out to department heads to solve residential issues.

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Mr. Belcher- Absent

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Mrs. Randazzo-

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the FMLA leave for employee #228.

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

New Business:

Mrs. Randazzo-

Mrs. Randazzo thanked the Building and Police Departments on the recent seminar and announced the 4th ward neighborhood watch meeting will be held March 15th at 7:00pm at Howard Wheat Fire Co. #4.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Announced the Mount Carmel Society on 1st Street will have Sausage and Pepper Sandwiches to eat in or take out on March 11th from 4-7pm.

Mr. Belcher- Absent

Mrs. Hendry- No comment

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mr. Foster-

Announced 1st ward neighborhood watch meeting to be held on March 9th at 6:30 at Fire Engine Co. #5.

Mr. VanHorn- No comment

Mrs. Trovei- No comment

Mr. Siegel-

Mr. Siegel spoke about a program called Solarized Orange which builds public awareness regarding the benefits of solar energy. He is also excited about two new businesses located at 53 East Main Street, Pretzel Princess Emporium, and Cosa Bella, a jewelry shop, located on Pike Street.

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Public Comment- No public comment

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Bavoso seconded by Mr. Foster to adjourn the meeting at 8:35p.m.

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

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer