

March 13th, 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 March 13th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Mrs. Hendry, Mr. Foster, Mr. VanHorn and Mr. Siegel

Meeting opened at 6:30pm by Mayor Decker.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher, to allow Executive session to discuss, a personnel matter regarding benefit package of a retired Department Head, a contractual matter involving the status of the Port Jervis Volunteer Ambulance contract, a contractual matter regarding the City owned homes sales program contracts, and to seek advice of council regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 4 (Mrs. Hendry, Mr. Foster, Mr. Vanhorn, and Mr. Siegel) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:35pm

Meeting reconvened from executive session at 7:30pm

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Mrs. Hendry and Mr. Foster. Building Official David Rivera, DPW Director Jack Farr, City Clerk-Treasurer Mrs. 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.

Youth Report-

All schools enjoyed Read Across America Week by reading to each other and participating in many different activities. Many students from our schools also received Sojourner Truth awards. Congratulations to them all.

Port Jervis High School seniors Taylor Forestire, Lili DeGraw, and Cheyene Otto were invited to participate in the Marywood University Senior Wind Band Celebration Festival Concerts the weekend of January 20th. Taylor and Cheyene performed in the Celebration Band, led by, University of West Georgia, Josh Byrd. Lili DeGraw performed in the Honor band, under the direction of Samuel R. Hazo, accomplished composer and teacher from Pittsburgh. Congrats to these ladies for this great accomplishment.

Kindergarten registration has started. The dates for the upcoming 2017-2018 year will be: Wednesday March 29th/April 19th at HBE from 3:30-5:00pm and Thursday March 30th/April 19th at ASK from 3:30-5:00pm.

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The staff of HBE will host a parent information night, Tuesday, March 21st, 6:00 pm-7:30pm. This event is for parents/guardian and students. A variety of topics will be discussed, including testing, technology safety, and more.

HBE School sent two teams to the Odyssey of the Minds Competition at Orange-Ulster BOCES. Each performed very well, earning notable honors. The grade 6 Division II team finished second in the region, and the Grade 4/5 Division I team took home top honors, scoring first in their division. Congratulations to them.

The next board of education meeting will be held on March 21st, 2017.

Senior Report-

No report.

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

Local Law #7 Sewer Use Law

Mayor Decker read letters from Mr. Gottlieb and NYC DEP regarding concerns/clarifications and the City Engineers replies.

Wayne Kidney, 1st ward, voiced concerns with the revenue section of the proposed local law #7. He stated he was under the impression all sewer revenue was supposed to be used for sewer repair and urges that the public hearing remain open so additional item can be addressed.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to keep the proposed Local Law #7 public hearing open.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Mrs. Hendry & Mr. Foster) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Local Law #6- Zoning

Mr. Bavoso stated that comments required from Orange County had been received with no exceptions to the zoning change.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve Local Law #6 relating to the zoning for 29 Jersey Ave.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Mrs. Hendry & Mr. Foster) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Public Comment-

Judith Oppelt, 4th ward, suggested the City install a solar powered pedestrian crosswalk signal at the top of Jersey Avenue to help aid seniors, who frequently use that crosswalk.

Joan O'Leary, Sparrowbush resident, would like to see sewer revenue allocated for sewer repair only.

Robert May, 1st ward, stated that the I & I problem is bad within the City and encourages the Council to use sewer revenue to remedy sewer related issues.

Wayne Kidney, 1st ward, voiced a concern about outside haulers doing work before 6:00am at a property located in the 1st ward.

Minutes Approved-

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Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the minutes of the February 27th, 2017 regular meeting.
 AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Mrs. Hendry & Mr. Foster) 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 \$251,015.40.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Mrs. Hendry & Mr. Foster) 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 Mr. Belcher to approve Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 to hold a cross-training drill with Matamoros Fire Department and Westfall Fire Department on March 30th, 2017 and Host a Chicken Barbecue fundraiser on May 20th, 2017.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Mrs. Hendry & Mr. Foster) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 to hold a Pizza Take Out fundraiser on April 14th, 2017 (Good Friday), host an Old Timer's Night for members and guests on May 13th, 2017 and have a Pizza and Funnel Cake booth at the NYS Pistol & Rifle Association event on May 20th, 2017.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Mrs. Hendry & Mr. Foster) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve Nicholas J. Mandara from Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 to be removed from active membership.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Mrs. Hendry & Mr. Foster) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Siegel announced all 25 & 50 year members.

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-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Barton & Loguidice to conduct the RLUIPA training which is required as part of a consent order with the Department of Justice.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Mrs. Hendry & Mr. Foster) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve a special meeting to be held March 29th, 2017 for the RLUIPA training only.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Mrs. Hendry & Mr. Foster) 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 Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. VanHorn to approve the minutes of the March 6th DPW meeting.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Mrs. Hendry & Mr. Foster) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution naming Boyce Excavating, the lowest responsible bidder, for Work Area 1 of the Jersey Avenue Sewer Replacement Project.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Mrs. Hendry & Mr. Foster) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The next DPW meeting will take place on April 3rd, 2017 at 6pm here in the Council Chambers.

Police Committee-

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the February monthly Police report.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Mrs. Hendry & Mr. Foster) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

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

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

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

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American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the March 6th ADA Committee meeting minutes.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Mrs. Hendry & Mr. Foster) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Next meeting to be held June 5th at 6:30pm in the Mayor's Conference room

Housing Authority-

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

Recreation Commission:

We are reminding everyone that Church St. Park and Pt. Peter Park are still closed for the season. Pt. Peter Park is closed to vehicles- you may still hike or bike to the flagpole and on the trails. They will re-open- weather permitting the week of either March 20 or March 27. Please call the Recreation office if you have any questions.

There is a very good possibility that the Youth Center will be closed tomorrow due to the weather. Please check our Facebook page or call the Recreation office. The Youth Center schedule for this Friday March 17 will be 11:00 am-3:00 pm. There will be no teen night.

The Port Jervis Recreation Department is sponsoring four (4) fantastic field trips this spring and summer. Trips are:

- Mohegan Sun Pocono Casino- Saturday April 22, 2017- \$30 person- 21 and older
- Circle Line Cruise- 2.5 hour cruise around Manhattan- Wednesday July 12, 2017- \$60 adult, \$55
- New York Mets baseball game- Wednesday July 19, 2017- \$60 person
- Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom- Friday July 28, 2017- \$70 person

All trips will be on a Coach bus. All prices include transportation and ticket price.

Limited tickets are available. 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.

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

Tourism Board-

Mr. Belcher announced that the City-wide yard sale will be held May 6th rain or shine.

The next meeting will be on April 11th at 6:30 pm in the Council chambers.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

Mrs. Randazzo reported that the Zoning Board granted a variance for a property located at 15 High Street.

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

Planning Board-

Mrs. Randazzo reported that the Planning Board granted a parking variance for a property located at 78 Front Street.

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

Plumbing Board-

No report.

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

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Electrical Board-

No report.

The next meeting will be held on April 5th at 6:45pm.

Senior Advisory-

Mr. Siegel noted that he agreed with Mrs. Oppelts suggestion of installing a flashing crosswalk on the corner of East Main/Jersey Ave.

Access 23 TV-

Mr. Belcher announced that Access 23 will have a Karaoke Telethon from 2:00-7:00pm on April 8th, 2017 and a Rocking for Hunger event September 16th from 11:00am- 4:00pm at Riverside Park and that station activity is running smoothly. He indicated that there was a theft of camera at the station, which was reported to the police and is being investigated.

PJV Ambulance Report-

Mrs. Randazzo stated that she attended the recent board meeting and announced a coin toss will be held May 13th & May 14th, a spaghetti dinner with date to be announced and an annual mailer will be distributed. She also thanked all the volunteers for their dedication and encourages any citizens that are interested in volunteering to call 845-856-3033 or visit www.pjvac.org.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Announced that as a result of the upcoming snow storm, Orange County has declared a State of Emergency, and the Mayor noted all non-essential individuals should not be on the roads. Communications for an emergency will be done through the Nixle services and garbage will be picked up.

Congratulated all the events that occurred over the past weekend.

Informed residents that the City was awarded a Restore NY Grant in the amount of \$120,000.00 and a Technical Rescue Grant in the amount of \$136,760.00

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the First Baptist Church to hold mass at Point Peter on Easter Sunday.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Mrs. Hendry & Mr. Foster) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mayor Decker appointed Jim Blanton to the Shade Tree Commission, as chairman, with a term to expire January 31st, 2018 and urges any resident or council member who might be interested in joining the Shade Tree Commission to contact him directly.

Mr. Siegel and Mr. VanHorn both expressed interest.

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. He also stated residents will be granted amnesty 1 time and non-compliance after that will result in a monetary fine.

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.

Mayor Decker displayed new Watershed Property signage.

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City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Mrs. Waizenegger informed residents that City tax bills should arrive by March 15th.

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Mr. Siegel thanked Corporation Counsel for helping a local church with a division of property matter. He expressed his excitement for Foundry 42 and Cosa Bella Jewelry and offered condolences to the Curtis family.

Mrs. Trovei- No comment

Mr. VanHorn- No comment

Mr. Foster- Absent

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mrs. Hendry- Absent

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Mrs. Randazzo-

Commended all events that occurred over the past weekend and invited residents to the 4th ward neighborhood watch meeting being held March 15th at Howard Wheat Engine Co. 4.

New Business:

Mrs. Randazzo-

Mrs. Randazzo informed residents that the Port Jervis High School spring musical, Guys and Dolls, will be playing March 30th -

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April 2nd.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Mrs. Fitzpatrick warns citizens to be careful during the inclement weather and wish everyone a happy Saint Patrick's Day.

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mrs. Hendry- Absent

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mr. Foster- Absent

Mr. VanHorn-

Mr. VanHorn agrees that a portion of sewer revenue should be used for repair.

Mrs. Trovei- No comment

Mr. Siegel-

Mr. Siegel noted he shares the public's concern about using sewer revenue for non-repair expenses.

Public Comment-

Wayne Kidney, 1st ward, noted that he doesn't understand why the sewer fee was created as a fee opposed to a tax and urges the council to use sewer revenue for sewer repairs.

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Bavoso seconded by Mr. Belcher to adjourn the meeting at 8:50p.m.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Mrs. Hendry & Mr. Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer