

April 10th, 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 April 10th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance-

Council At Large, Mr. Bavoso and all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Foster.

Meeting opened at 6:30pm by Council At Large, Mr. Bavoso.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo, to allow Executive session to discuss, annexation of property by the City of Port Jervis from the Town of Deerpark and invite Councilman David Dean and Attorney Glen Plotsky, a potential contract (PILOT Agreement) with Energy in the Bank, potential contract for the sale of City property on Skyline Drive, potential contracts for the construction of additional trails within Watershed Recreation Area, and to seek advice of council regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

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

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:35pm

Meeting reconvened from executive session at 7:30pm

Attendance-

Council At Large Mr. Bavoso and all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Foster. Building Official David Rivera, Police Sergeant James Flynn, City Clerk-Treasurer Mrs. Waizenegger and Corporation Counsel William Bavoso were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance-

Mr. Bavoso led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Youth Report-

No report.

Senior Report-

No report.

April 10th, 2017**Veteran Report-**

Mr. Siegel stated that the Hudson Valley Honor Flight Mission #15 from Stewart Airport had a great turnout and the next flight mission will be held May 20th at the Westchester Airport. Mr. Siegel also announced that a Veterans Gala, to honor local veterans, will be held November 9th, 2017 in Milford and a meeting to discuss the event will be held May 2nd at 7:00pm.

Public HearingLocal Law #7 Sewer Use Law

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

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

Re-development of 191-193 East Main Street

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to open the public hearing relating to 191-193 East Main Street.

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

William Onofry, business owner, asked the Council to consider approving the application for a continuation of nonconforming use for the property located at 191-193 East Main Street. He provided information that the new construction will consist of a wash bay and office. There will not be on site repairs and the building will be smaller than the previous one.

Judith Opelt, 4th ward, asked what the intended hours of operation would be and voiced concerns on behalf of the neighboring senior complex regarding the level of expected noise.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to close the public hearing relating to 191-193 East Main Street.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve the resolution relating to the continued use for the property located at 191-193 East Main Street, subject to project completion by 12/31/2017.

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

Presentations-

Dave Borgese from Devo Associates gave an informational presentation on different types of parking meters for the Council to consider.

Public Comment-

Judith Opelt, 4th ward, concerned that SNAP benefits have been eliminated during the transfer of owners at Save A Lot.

Mr. Siegel explained that new owners must apply to accept SNAP benefits and they are probably in that process.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the minutes of the March 27th, 2017 regular meeting.

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

Committee Reports:

April 10th, 2017**Finance Committee**

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$310,518.24.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Van Horn to approve the resolution relating to 2016 budget changes.

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

The next finance meeting will be held on April 19th, at 6:30pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to remove Tina R. Hall from Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 from active membership rolls.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mr. VanHorn to remove Brian S. Vanderveer from Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 from active membership rolls.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mr. VanHorn to remove Robert J. Murray, Jr. from Delaware Engine Company No. 2 from active membership rolls.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to remove Nicholas J. DiMarsico from Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 from active membership rolls.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Neversink Engine Company No. 1 to hold a fundraiser at A Taste of Sicily on May 9th, 2017.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mrs. Trovei to approve Delaware Engine Company No. 2 to host a Wrestling Tournament in conjunction with the Police Benevolent Association on October 14th, 2017.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 to host a Bicycle Safety Day in conjunction with the Police Benevolent Association on May 13th, 2017 with a rain date of May 14th, 2017.

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

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Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 color guard to participate in pregame ceremony present the Colors at PNC Field on June 24th, 2017 and use U820 and another vehicle as may be necessary to transport personnel.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 to change their previously approved Chicken Barbecue from May 20th, 2017 to May 6th, 2017.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve The Port Jervis Little League requests authorization to use the facilities of Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 to take team photographs on April 22nd, 2017 and April 23rd, 2017, subject to proof of insurance.

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

Mr. Siegel announced 25 and 50 year members.

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 April 17th, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve a public hearing relating to the tax cap override to be set for April 24th at 7:30.

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

Next code meeting to be held May 3rd at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Update:

Garbage and recycling will be on its normal schedule for the next two weeks. Fire Hydrant flushing has begun and will continue for the next 5-6 weeks. Please sign up for NIXLE or contact the DPW office for locations being flushed. Please remember to avoid doing laundry when the flushing operations are taking place in your area. Bagged or canned yard debris will start being picked up City wide starting on Monday the 10th of April and will continue until June 5th. There will not be pickup of yard debris all summer but the compost pile is open every Saturday from 7:15 am until 11:30 am. Please remember that we will only be taking debris that is in a can or Compostable or Biodegradable bags.

The next DPW meeting will take place on May 1st, 2017 at 6pm here in the Council Chambers.

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Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. VanHorn to approve Milford Township to use the street sweeper and operator at a cost paid by Milford Township.

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

Police Committee-

The next meeting will be April 25th at 6:00pm.

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

The next meeting will be April 26th at 7:00pm.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

Mrs. Randazzo informed the Council that the IDA Committee held a special meeting to review an application. The next meeting will be April 12th at 7:00pm.

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

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

Housing Authority-

The next meeting will be April 25th, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

Recreation Commission:

Thank you to The Recreation Commission, PJPD, Operation PJ Pride, PJHS Honor Society, Port Jervis Girls Softball program and all the volunteers that came out this past Saturday morning for our Spring Port Pride Day. We were able to clean-up Church St. Park, Farnum Park, the "path" between the Middle and High School and the future trail to Point Peter- from behind St. Peter's Church. Great job by all! We appreciate your support and help.

Saturday April 15th at 11:00 am the Recreation Department is holding its annual Easter Candy Dash. The Dash will be held at the upper level of Church St. Park. This is a FREE event for children ages 9 and younger. Arrive early- if you are late all the candy will be gone!

There are still seats available for the Mohegan Sun Pocono Casino trip on Saturday April 22nd, 2017. Cost for the coach bus is only \$30 person. Must be 21 and older and have ID. Bus leaves PORT at 8:30 am returns at 6:00 pm. Participants receive \$25 in slot play and a \$5 food voucher for any restaurant in the casino. Join us for a fun day at the Casino! Call the Recreation office at 845-858-4045 or email at pjrec@frontiernet.net for more information or to sign up.

The 24th Annual Delaware River 5K Run and Walk is set for Sunday May 7th, 2017. The race starts at 9:00 am. Applications are available at the Youth Center or you can register on-line at www.delawareriver5krun.com. This is a great family race! We hope to see you on May 7th. Call the Recreation office for more information.

The Parks and Trails are now open for the season. Church St. Park and Elks-Brox Park will be locked every night at 9:00 pm and opened each morning by 8:00 am. Enjoy them and please help us keep the parks clean- put garbage in the cans. Also please

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remember smoking is prohibited in ALL City Parks and dogs/pets are not allowed in parks as well. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

The Youth Center is open 11:00 am - 3:00 pm all this week and next Monday April 17th during the school spring break.

The Outdoor Club of Port Jervis will be meeting tomorrow April 11th at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center. If you are interested in the trails and want to get involved please join us tomorrow evening.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 19th, 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 and applications are due by April 12th and the Sportsman's Expo will be held on May 20th, 2017 at Riverside Park.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals-

No report.

The next meeting will be held on May 2nd at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

No report.

The next meeting will be held on April 18th at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

No report.

The next meeting will be held on May 3rd at 6:30pm.

Electrical Board-

The next meeting will be held on May 3rd at 6:45pm.

Senior Advisory-

No report.

Access 23 TV-

Mr. Belcher informed the Council that the locks have been changed at the Access 23 location, to prevent future theft.

PJV Ambulance Report-

Mrs. Randazzo announced that the PJVAC will be held April 14th at 7:00pm and committee is working on future fundraisers.

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Mayor's Correspondence-

Due to Mayor Decker's absence, Council At Large, Mr. Bavoso gave the Mayor's Correspondence report.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Siegel to waive a sign permit fee for the Port Jervis Free Library.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1(Mr. Foster) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mr. Bavoso) CARRIED

Mr. Bavoso announced that the City of Port Jervis and The Town of Deerpark are in negotiations to annex 11 parcels from the Town of Deerpark into The City of Port Jervis.

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to approve the City of Port Jervis to attend a joint council meeting at Deerpark Town Hall located on Route 209 to begin the process of mutually agreeable annexation, on April 17th, 2017 at 7:00pm.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1(Mr. Foster) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Mrs. Waizenegger informed residents that water bills and the 1st half of the City tax is due in April.

Mr. Bavoso noted that residents are responsible for paying water bills regardless of actually receiving them, as he was delivered 3 water bills by the Post Office in error and had to hand deliver them to neighbors.

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Mr. Siegel has concerns that the Council is not being informed about the progress of 100 Pike Street and asks that IDA Committee provide updates moving forward. Mr. Siegel also commended Mr. Patrick Dunn on his recent role as Jesus Christ Superstar.

Mrs. Trovei-

Announced that the 3rd ward meeting will be held on April 26th at Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company No. 1.

Mr. VanHorn- No comment

Mr. Foster- Absent

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

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Mrs. Hendry- No comment

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Mrs. Randazzo-

Mrs. Randazzo thanked everyone who was involved and supported the PJHS spring musical, Guys and Dolls.

New Business:

Mrs. Randazzo-

Mrs. Randazzo invited everyone to the Rotary Breakfast, the Little League Opening Day which are both being held April 22nd and to the Tom Chuckran Memorial Breakfast Fundraiser with proceeds benefiting the Port Jervis High School Boys Basketball Program being held April 23 at 9:00am - 11:00 am. She also announced that the 4th ward neighborhood meeting will be held on April 19th at Howard Wheat Engine Co. 4.

Mrs. Randazzo stated that the Juvenile Aid Bureau will be implementing a Youth Academy Program, during the summer, and is currently looking for sponsors and donations to help fund the new program.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mrs. Hendry-

Reminded Council that the next ADA meeting will be held on June 5th at 6:30pm.

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mr. Foster- Absent

Mr. VanHorn-

Mr. VanHorn invited everyone to the dancing for our paws event at the Erie Trackside from 6-10pm on April 28th, all proceeds will benefit the Port Jervis/Deerpark Human Society. He also encouraged residents to attend the School Board budget meeting being held May 2nd and offered condolences to the Ropke family.

Mrs. Trovei- No comment

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Mr. Siegel-

Reminded residents of the Sportsman's Expo being held on May 20th at Riverside Park and asked why the City collects School Tax.

Mrs. Waizenegger explained that the City receives a 5% collector's fee on all delinquent school taxes and is the entity with tax lien rights to do final collection enforcement.

Public Comment-

Robin Waizenegger, City Clerk Treasurer, announced that she will be selling roses on behalf on the Rotary Club.

Judith Opelt, 4th ward, asked for clarification on when the City starts to collect School Taxes.

Robin Waizenegger reiterated that the City only collects school taxes once they become delinquent.

William Onofry, representing the owners of 100-200 Skyline Drive, wants the Council to consider allowing the owners to acquire City owned property in order to fulfill the proposed plans.

Harold Butler, Cruzin Port Organizer, asked the Council if they would be approving the Cruzin Port Events.

Mr. Bavoso stated he would speak with the Mayor and get back to him.

The Council encouraged Mr. Butler to fill out an Event application and return it to the City Clerk's Office as soon as possible.

Mr. Siegel offered condolences to the Ropke family and urged residents dealing with drug addiction to seek help. He also reiterated that if residents see something, they should say something and call the Police Departments confidential phone number 845-858-4003.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick added that Operation PJ Pride will be holding a meeting on April 20th at 7:30 in the Council chambers.

Motion by Mr. VanHorn seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve a letter of support to urge Orange County to support District Attorney, David Hoover, in his drug prevention efforts.

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

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Belcher seconded by Mrs. Trovei to adjourn the meeting at 9:00p.m.

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

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer