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### **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 May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Attendance-**

Mayor Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. VanHorn and Mrs. Fitzpatrick.

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 within the Port Jervis Police Department and request attendance by the Police Chief, a potential contract agreement on a PILOT agreement with Energy in the Bank and request attendance by the City Assessor, a discussion with regard to contracting with an engineering firm regarding the City Landfill and request attendance by the Director of Public Works, a potential contract agreement for the sale of City owned property at 100-200 Skyline Drive and request attendance by the Director of Public Works, a contract offer to the City regarding marketing, a personnel matter within the Recreation Department and summer hiring by the City and to seek advice of council regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Mr. VanHorn, Mrs. Fitzpatrick) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:31pm

Meeting reconvened from executive session at 7:30pm

### **Attendance-**

Mayor Decker and all members of the Common Council were present. DPW Director Jack Farr, Police Sergeant James Flynn, Recreation Director John Faggione, 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-**

The PJCS D presented four students the 2016-17 Theodore Kuykendall Awards at a ceremony in the Port Jervis Middle School this past Friday. This annual honor is given to a student from each of our four schools for their exceptional efforts in their studies and their community. The 2016-17 Kuykendall Award winners are: Penny Jones, Alexandra Oosterom, Moragn Sicuro, and Rey Torres, III. Congratulations. The PJCS D Art Department will host the 2017 K-12 Art Show Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00pm-8:00pm, at the cafeteria. Student artists from all four schools will display their talents. The art show will display printed and painted arts, as well as graphic designs and more. This event is open to the public and a great way to showcase the incredible

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talents of our students. The PJHS opened its doors to welcome some younger folks into the offices and classrooms for Take Our Daughter and Sons to Work Day. This program is far more than just a career day. The visitors got a chance to see what their parent or mentor does during their work day and much more. Kids learned the value of education, what it takes to balance a career and home life, as well as showing them the steps necessary to achieving their goals and success in life. Port Jervis High School Seniors Lili DeGraw and Caitlin May were honored as 2017 Outstanding Scholars in Humanities at an awards breakfast, Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Do you have a middle schooler looking for something to do after school? Join the Y on Wednesdays at the Port Jervis Middle School for an afternoon of group activities including basketball and other group games or join the Y Teen leaders Club where you work with peers to create and implement service projects for your community. Contact the school for more information. On April 29<sup>th</sup>, the students, staff and families from the Port Jervis Middle School took part in spring cleanup at Riverside Park. More than 50 workers cleaned up the river bank, painted structures and helped beautify the Park. The Hamilton Bicentennial Elementary School PTA will be hosting the first annual "My Color Run", Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>. The Color Run is a fun run, untimed event in which hundreds of participants, or "Color Runners", are doused from head to toe in different colors at each kilometer. It looks to be a fun event!

Meet the Candidates Night, will be held Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, in the High School Cafeteria. Event is sponsored by the PTA. This forum gives the voters an opportunity to ask questions of BOE candidates and learn more about them and their views.

#### **Senior Report-**

No report.

#### **Veteran Report-**

Mr. Siegel announced that a Veterans Gala, to honor local veterans, will be held November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Milford and a meeting to discuss the event will be held May 9<sup>th</sup> at VFW #161 at 6:00pm.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the following parades on Memorial Day May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Veterans Day November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Pearl Harbor Day December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 each to start at the Middle School at 9:30 am.

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

#### **Public Hearing**

##### Continuation of Local Law #7- Sewer Use Law

Wayne Kidney, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, stated that he believes sewer fee monies have been misappropriated and are being used for operational costs rather than being saved for sewer infrastructure.

Linda VanHorn, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward, agrees with Mr. Kidney's comments and was also under the impression that sewer fees were being collected for sewer pipe repair.

Mayor Decker ensures that there is no misappropriation of sewer funds and reviewed the revenue section of the proposed local law which states monies in this fund will be used for payment of the operation and maintenance including repair and replacement of the cost of the sewer pipes. He also mentioned how much other municipalities pay for sewer service.

Mrs. Hendry agrees with the public comments and explained how sewer monies are being appropriated. She stated the City has collected 1 million dollars in sewer fees, over the past 2 years and 83% of collected money has been spent. Mrs. Hendry noted that there is a disconnect between the public and the Council because of how the sewer fee was originally presented. It is in her opinion, that the sewer fee was designed to create a new revenue source not for a new service and disagrees with the revenue section of the proposed law.

Mr. Siegel doesn't agree with sewer monies being used for utility costs or legal advertising fees and would like collected money to be used for sewer infrastructure only.

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Mrs. Trovei agrees with previous comments, however pointed out that if sewer revenue is removed from the budget then the Council must find another source of revenue or taxes will go up.

Mayor Decker asked if any Council member believes that the sewer fee revenue is being used for anything other than sewer related costs.

Mrs. Hendry explained after talking to Mrs. Waizenegger, that she believes all revenue is being spent on any cost that can be tied to sewer.

Mrs. Hendry indicated that she would like the revenue section of the proposed law to be removed and adjusted at the committee level.

Mr. Siegel suggested putting the law on hold until the Council can figure out a way to use the sewer revenue for infrastructure cost only.

Mrs. Trovei suggested having another discussion with Environmental Attorney, Carole Gallagher.

Mr. Bavoso stated that he did not mislead the public during the initial sewer fee discussions and noted all sewer fees are being used on sewer costs such as maintenance, upkeep and replacement.

Wayne Kidney, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, asked if the operational costs were included in the Engineers projected cost of 99 million dollars.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, Seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to close the public hearing on proposed Local Law #7.

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

#### **Presentations-**

Port Jervis City School Districts Superintendent Thomas Bongiovi and Assistant Superintendent for Business, Lorelei Case urged residents to vote on the 2017-2018 school budget and school board elections on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. They gave an overview of what the residents will be voting on and highlighted major projects that are scheduled to be completed in the upcoming school year.

Mr. Belcher asked what the districts plans are for the Middle School, considering its deteriorating state.  
Mr. Bongiovi responded that the board plans to address this issue after the budget process.

Mrs. Randazzo asked if the board has considered using School Resource Officers rather than hiring Security Guards.  
Mr. Bongiovi responded that using School Resource Officers are not on the table now but could be in the future.

Mrs. Trovei voiced concerns about the security level at the Middle School.  
Mrs. Case ensured that upgrades have been done in the past, and Mr. Bongiovi added that the board is looking into adding a security officer at all school locations.

Mr. VanHorn inquired about the amount of fund balance the School District currently has.  
Mrs. Case replied that the district has 6 million dollars in fund balance and explained the history of how it grew over time.

Mrs. Trovei asked if the board plans on adding any additional K-12 drug prevention programs.  
Mr. Bongiovi noted that they have drug prevention programs already in place but shares the communities concerns and will be reviewing such programs.

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Wayne Kidney, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, feels there is an inequitable difference in sewer fees for homestead and non-homestead properties, he asked if this issue could be added to the June 2017 Code Committee agenda.

Mayor Decker noted that it has already been added.

Ed Degroat, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, voiced concerns about ongoing code violations located on Farnum Street.

Mr. Siegel suggested that Mr. Degroat attend the June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Code Committee meeting.

**Minutes Approved-**

Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the minutes of the April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular meeting.

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

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$125,593.85

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the resolution relating to a park improvement grant through the NYS Dormitory Authority-project #7940.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to sidewalk and roadway improvement grant through the NYS Dormitory Authority-project#8774.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve an RFQ to be done to potentially place an ATM machine inside City Hall.

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

The next finance meeting will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the council chambers.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 to attend a parade in Ellenville on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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

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Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 to attend a Career Day at A.S.K. on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to approve Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 to participate in a reading program presented by Foundry 42 on a Saturday at 9:00 a.m., a date yet to be determined

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 to use their firehouse for a graduation party on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, pending proof of insurance.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Mark J. Clavelli from Neversink Engine Company No. 1 as a Probationary Driver.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to remove Robert A. Launt from Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 as an Emergency Driver.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to remove Luis A. Navarro from Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 from the active membership rolls.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to remove Burton W. Struble from Neversink Engine Company No. 1 from the active membership rolls.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve Shane A. Fuller from Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 for active membership (junior member).

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

Mr. Siegel announced all 25 & 50 year members.

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 May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

#### **Code Committee-**

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a public hearing for Local Law #8, relating to the tax cap override, to be set for May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve a public hearing for Local Law #9, relating to Planning and Zoning Board fees, to be set for May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:31pm.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve a public hearing for Local Law #10, relating to a budget impasse, to be set for May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:32pm.

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

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Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve a public hearing for Local Law #11, relating to a change in the taxi law, to be set for May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:33pm.

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

Next code meeting to be held June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

#### **Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-**

##### **Update:**

Garbage and recycling will be on their normal schedule for the next two weeks.

The DPW will continue to pick up yard waste in biodegradable or compostable bags on Mondays city wide. This pick up will continue until the week of June 5th and will resume again in the fall. The compost pile and bulk waste truck will be open every Saturday at 7:15am until 11:30 am for those who wish to dispose of their debris. Dump coupons are needed for the bulk waste truck.

Pothole and ditch repair has begun City wide. If you have a pothole issue that you need to report please call the DPW office at 845-858-4001.

The next DPW meeting will take place on June 5th, 2017 at 6pm here in the Council Chambers.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the May 2017 DPW committee minutes.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Arcadis Engineering Consultants for the initial fee of \$7,600.00 to assist the City with regards to the City Landfill pending constant order.

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

#### **Police Committee-**

Mr. Foster reported the Police Committee discussed drug prevention programs, youth safety day being held on May 13<sup>th</sup>, DARE graduation, potential hires and enforcement programs.

Motion by Mr. Foster, Seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Police Committee meeting minutes.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the hire of Melanie E. Stoltenborg as a part time Dispatcher/Police Clerk, pending a background check.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the April 2017 monthly police report.

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

The next meeting will be June 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**Liaison Reports:****Community Development Agency (CDA)-**

Mrs. Trovei reported that financials, audit results, current grants and future grants were discussed at the last meeting. The next meeting will be May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-**

Mrs. Randazzo reported that US Crane & Rigging will attend the next meeting to discuss a PILOT agreement. The next meeting will be May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

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

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

**Housing Authority-**

Mr. Siegel reminded residents that black topping will begin soon. The next meeting will be May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

**Recreation Commission:**

The 24th Annual Delaware River 5K Run was held yesterday May 7, and it was once again a tremendous success! 287 adults and children completed the 3.1 mile course! There are many to thank for making this Rec sponsored event a success in its 24<sup>th</sup> year! Thanks to all of our sponsors, City DPW, Police Department, Volunteer Ambulance Corp., The Recreation Commission and friends of Port Jervis Recreation, The Bell Family, Mayor Decker and all of our amazing student volunteers from the High School and Middle School! Results and photos can be viewed on our Facebook page- Port Jervis Recreation. Thank you to Rob Waligroski for the photos. Next year is the 25th Year of this race so we hope to make it bigger and better.

Thursday, May 4 the organization called, Mainly Marathons held day 4 of their Independence Series Marathons right here in Port Jervis at Riverside Park. The Independence Series was 5 Marathons in 5 States in 5 Days. Mainly Marathons holds marathons all over the country almost every week of the year. Their marathons are short distance up and back courses that are held in parks throughout the country. Check them out at [www.mainlymarathons.com](http://www.mainlymarathons.com). Close to 80 participants took part in the Port Jervis leg. You can also check out some photos from the event on our Facebook page. The event organizers loved Port Jervis and want to return next year on May 12<sup>th</sup>. A formal letter of request will come soon.

The 2017 Summer Recreation Program is complete. Copies can be emailed to you or picked up at the Youth Center and in the Clerk's office at City Hall. Programs will be distributed to all the elementary schools in the next few weeks. You can also view it on our Facebook page- Port Jervis Recreation. Plenty to do this summer for kids and adults. Contact the Recreation office for more information.

Please take advantage of the great hiking and biking trails at Point Peter and Watershed Park. We have over 20 miles of trails and the Outdoor Club of Port Jervis is working very hard at maintaining these trails and installing new signs and markers. Dogs are permitted on these trails as long as they leashed. Updated maps are available at the Recreation Office. No motorized vehicles are permitted. Violators will be fined. Please also Pack In and Pack Out leave only foot prints and tire treads! Help keep our land clean!

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center.

Motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the hire of Mackenzie Decker, to start May 15<sup>th</sup>, Kobie Lane, to start May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Matt Somarelli, to start May 22<sup>nd</sup> as Seasonal Laborers.

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

**Tourism Board-**

Mr. Belcher invited everyone to The Sportsman's Expo will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Riverside Park 10:00am-5:00pm. The next meeting will be on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Council chambers.

Mayor Decker thanked Maria Mann for organizing such event.

**Zoning Board of Appeals-**

Mrs. Randazzo reported a pre-submission for 3 New Street was discussed at the last meeting. The next meeting will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

**Planning Board-**

The next meeting will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Plumbing Board-**

The next meeting will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Electrical Board-**

Mr. Bavoso reported that Orange & Rockland Utilities gave a presentation and he urged residents to call the Building Department prior to any digging on one's property, as you may hit an underground water/sewer/gas line.

The next meeting will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm.

**Senior Advisory-**

No report.

**Access 23 TV-**

No report.

**PJV Ambulance Report-**

Mrs. Randazzo announced that on May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> the PJVAC will be having a coin drop fundraiser on East Main Street.

The next PJVAC meeting will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

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**Mayor's Correspondence-**

Mr. Decker announced that the annexation public hearing that was scheduled on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm has been cancelled. He will announce a new public hearing date at the next Council meeting.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve Saint Mary's Church to have a procession on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:30am.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the resolution relating to the geo-tourism project.

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

Announced the week of May 15<sup>th</sup> as National Police Week and thanked the Police Department.

Invited everyone to Youth Safety Day being held May 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Howard Wheat Engine Co #4.

Announced that The Drew Methodist Church will be having a "Battling the Heroin Epidemic" meeting on May 11th, to discuss the heroine epidemic.

He reminded residents to save water bottles to help fund the White Water Park and a recycling container will be placed near Riverside Park.

Mayor Decker also reminded residents that yard waste must be collected in biodegradable or compostable bags.

**City Clerk Treasurer's Report-**

Mrs. Waizenegger asked residents for patience as the City Clerk's Office is non-automated during the installation of a new computer server. She also reminded everyone that the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of City tax is due in June and that she will be sending the City's financials to NYS in May.

**Old Business:**

**Mr. Siegel-**

Welcomed back Jessica Cohen and urged Mr. Degroat to attend the next Code Committee meeting.

**Mrs. Trovei-**

Mrs. Trovei invited everyone to the school boards meet the candidates' night, being held on May 9th, 2017 and to Empowering Port Jervis who will be hosting a support group on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month.

**Mr. VanHorn-**

Responded to Mr. Bavoso's comments and stated that he still thinks a conflict of interest exists and a freshman law student could see it. He also urged residents to give feedback on sewer fees.

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**Mr. Foster-** No comment

**Mr. Bavoso-**

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the resolution relating to Orange & Rockland and the conversion to LED bulbs in the street lights.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the resolution relating to the Port Jervis Safe Sidewalk Program. The program is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds.

Mr. Vanhorn noted that he doesn't agree.

Mr. Siegel stated that he doesn't think it's morally or legally correct, due to issues surrounding the pre-existing bluestone sidewalks.

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

Mr. Bavoso addressed the sewer use law and maintains that he never mislead residents and never said the sewer revenue would be put into a reserve for repairs only.

Mr. Bavoso also addressed Mr. VanHorn's annexation comments at the last meeting. He doesn't agree the negotiations were rife with conflict of interest. Mr. Bavoso went on to explain that the Council was informed prior to the start of any negotiations and no such discussion of conflict of interest occurred. He hasn't seen the two municipalities working on something this big in decades and he thinks its offensive to say that a conflict of interest exists, only after all the hard work has been done. As far as the proposed 50/50 tax spilt, he believes 50% of something is better than 100% of nothing.

**Mrs. Hendry-**

Mrs. Hendry voiced concerns about leaf pick up and suggested the topic be discussed at the next DPW Committee meeting. She also congratulated runners that participated in the recent 5K. Mrs. Hendry also commented that there is no comparison between Port Jervis and any other municipality with respect to sewer fees.

**Mr. Belcher-** No comment

**Mrs. Fitzpatrick-** No comment

**Mrs. Randazzo-**

Mrs. Randazzo invited everyone to the school board, meet the candidates' night, being held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**New Business:**

**Mrs. Randazzo-**

Mrs. Randazzo wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

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**Mrs. Fitzpatrick-** No comment

**Mr. Belcher-** No comment

**Mrs. Hendry-**

Mrs. Hendry commented that she disagrees with how the sewer fee was originally presented to the public and after reading the local law herself, it did not state that the sewer revenue would be used for operational costs. She states that the sewer fee was created to increase or to create a new revenue source and if that wasn't the case, the DPW budget would have been drastically reduced, which it was not.

Mrs. Hendry also agrees with Mr. VanHorn on the 50/50 tax split, relating to the annexation, and thinks it is inappropriate. It is her understanding that taxes are collected to pay for services provided, if Deerpark is providing 0% of the services then Deerpark should receive 0% of the tax.

**Mr. Bavoso-** No comment

**Mr. Foster-**

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to allow Executive session to discuss, a potential agreement with the Town of Deerpark for the annexation of property by the City of Port Jervis from the Town of Deerpark and personnel matter relating to the same, contracts and process regarding the sale of the properties owned by the City of port Jervis as a result of a Tax sale process, CDBG water and sewer grants and to seek advice of council regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo, to approve the participation in the Reality Tour with PJ Pride neighborhood watch and the District Attorney's Office and to allow the use of the municipal building for the event.

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

Mr. Foster invited everyone to the K-12 Art Show being held at the High School on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm.

**Mr. VanHorn-**

Mr. VanHorn stated that a 50/50 tax split, is not the best option.

**Mrs. Trovei-** No comment

**Mr. Siegel-**

Mr. Siegel announced that the Fire Department Line Officers will have First Aid and CPR training at the training center at 5:00pm on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, a fire safety demonstration at Foundry 42 at 9:00am on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and Deerpark Reformed Church will be hosting a Friday night praise and workshop service on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00pm.

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Wayne Kidney, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, asked Mr. Bavoso to clarify that the 99 million dollar projected sewer replacement cost was not only for the purchase of pipes but for the removal and replacement of the sewer infrastructure and nothing else.

Linda VanHorn, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward, thanked Sara for her being so forth right, explaining issues and sticking up for the people that are burden by all these fees and taxes.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to enter into executive session at 10:05pm.

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

**Meeting Reconvened at 11:58pm**

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the resolution regarding a waiver of potential Attorney conflict on potential annexation with the Town of Deerpark.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 2(Mrs. Hendry & Mr. VanHorn) ABSTAIN: 1(Mr. Bavoso) CARRIED

**Meeting Adjourned –**

Motion by Mr. Foster seconded by Mr. Bavoso to adjourn the meeting at 11:03p.m.

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

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Robin Waizenegger  
City Clerk Treasurer