

Special Meeting-

The Special meeting of the City of Port Jervis Common Council was held in the Common Council Room, City Hall, 20 Hammond St., Port Jervis, New York on Thursday, May 18th, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Kelly Decker and members of the Common Council were present except Gina Fitzpatrick and David Bavoso. City Counsel William Bavoso and City Clerk Treasurer Robin Waizenegger were also present.

Mayor Decker opened the meeting at 6:06 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor indicated that the first agenda item is the negotiation of a contract with the Soap Box Derby. He gave a history regarding the City's efforts over the past few years to decrease the costs of events to the City as it provides supports to local organizations. There have been several meetings of the members of the Soap Box Derby Board and several members of the Common Council to develop a contractual relationship as the City has agreed to make the event officially a city event for the purpose of insurance coverages.

Mrs. Trovei thanked everyone for coming. She noted that she believes that there was some confusion regarding the possibility of cancelling the event and she told everyone that this is absolutely not true. Mrs. Trovei also asked if there had been a meeting scheduled with the DPW regarding the use of volunteer labor with respect to their labor contract. It was noted that a meeting of that nature has not taken place yet.

Mrs. Randazzo assured the public that as she has taken part in all of the meetings that it was never the intention or a discussion to cancel the event. It was the intention to decrease the cost to the City as part of the due diligence of the Council to manage costs. There is also the outstanding question of whether the CSEA Union will grieve the use of volunteers. She noted that the turnout tonight is a good show of support.

Mr. Belcher said that he supports reducing the cost and doing whatever is agreeable to both parties.

Mr. Seigel indicated that people should not pay attention to the rumors on Facebook and that City's intention was to solve an insurance issue and decrease costs through the use of volunteers without creating union issues for the City. He spoke of the value of the Derby for the residents and their children.

Mrs. Tonya Addy addressed the Council to provide thanks to the City. She indicated that the Facebook rumors did not originate with the Soap Box personnel. She spoke about the success of the Derby being the support of the volunteers, the City and the community at large. She also expressed a thank you for having the collaborative discussions on how to make the event better and more efficient for all involved. She reviewed the 18 year history of the derby in the City of Port Jervis which has continually grown and expanded to the largest local Soap Box Derby in the country.

Mayor Decker indicated his personal fondness for the Derby.

Motion made by George Belcher, seconded by Regis Foster to approve the contract with City to conduct the Port Jervis Soap Box Derby in the City of Port Jervis.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Fitzpatrick & Bavoso) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion made by Lisa Randazzo, seconded by George Belcher to renew the City's insurance policy package through Marshall & Sterling with the primary insurer being Trident inclusive of the terrorism coverage due to the City's dams and reservoirs on the recommendation of the finance committee.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Fitzpatrick & Bavoso) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion made by George Belcher, seconded by Kiel VanHorn to waive the 30 day waiting period with respect to the liquor license application received from Fox 'N Hare Brewing LLC.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Fitzpatrick & Bavoso) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned - Motion by George Belcher, seconded by Stanley Siegel to adjourn the meeting at 6:25pm

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Fitzpatrick & Bavoso) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk-Treasurer