

May 22nd, 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 May 22nd, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance-

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

Meeting opened at 6:30pm by Mayor Decker.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Trovei, to allow Executive session to discuss, a personnel matter regarding the Recreation Department and seasonal hires, invite the Director of Recreation into the meeting, a personnel matter regarding the Department of Public Works, grass maintenance hires, invite the Director of Public Works into the meeting, discuss potential Contract changes with Energy in the Bank, including a PILOT Agreement and on line date pursuant to the PPA, discuss potential Contract Agreement and potential Agreements and applications for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative, a personnel issue regarding a City employee and to seek advice of council regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 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 except Mr. Bavoso, Mr. VanHorn and Mrs. Fitzpatrick. DPW Director Jack Farr, Police Chief William Worden, CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, Building Official David Rivera, 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-

PJ Writers is the Port Jervis High School club where writers come together to share ideas, collaborate, and publish their works. This group gives the opportunity for budding artists to take risks while building confidence in their writing. The Port Jervis High School hosted 2017 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, Wednesday, May 10th in the High School Auditorium. Keynote speaker Carolyn Dorritie, HS Math Teacher inspired the students to work hard and never give up. Congratulations to the newest members of honor society.

At the Middle School students in Mr. Avdoyan's class recently completed a flower pot project with perfect timing to give as special Mother's Day gifts. Students worked with Mr. Gibaldi in the technology classroom in building the pots. They took the

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pots to Mr. Doyle's art class and painted them. From there, students worked with Mr. Avdoyan to put soil and flowers in them. Mrs. Barila helped the students with this project, and the final results made many Moms happy!

HBE held their Color Run this past Saturday. It was a great event! Congratulations to them. Principal Kahmar and his HBE Tri-State Wrestlers celebrate a season of hard work, dedication and team values by receiving their Champion Belt T-shirts! HBE's 4th graders were sent upriver to learn about the construction of the Robling Bridge. This bridge was a key component of the Delaware and Hudson Canal. Students learned about the D&H Canal, canal boats, bridges, and colonial life. ASK's Spring Concert is May 23rd and HBE's Spring Concert is Wednesday, May 24th. Both are at 7:00 pm, in the high school auditorium. This event is free and open to the public.

The PJCS Board of Education will hold a special meeting Tuesday, May 30th, at 6:30pm, in the High School Guidance Conference Room for the sole purpose of entering into Executive Session for discussion on administrative evaluation.

Senior Report-

No report.

Veteran Report-

Mr. Siegel 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 9th at VFW #161 at 6:00pm.

Mr. Siegel also invited residents to attend a Memorial Day parade being held May 29th, 2017 starting at 10:00am.

Public Hearing

Local Law #8 Override Tax Levy

Mrs. Trovei opened the public hearing.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Foster to close the public hearing on proposed Local Law #8.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 1 (Mr. Siegel) ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Local Law #9 Zoning & Planning Application Fees

Mrs. Trovei opened the public hearing.

Mrs. Randazzo noted that Port Jervis is one of the few municipalities that pay for Zoning & Planning Boards publication fees and stated that both boards are in favor of proposed local law #9.

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to close the public hearing on proposed Local Law #9.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Local Law #10 Budget Proposed to Final

Mrs. Trovei opened the public hearing.

Wayne Kidney, 1st Ward, asked for clarification on proposed local law #10.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mr. Foster to close the public hearing on proposed Local Law #10.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

May 22nd, 2017**Local Law #11 Taxi Law Application for License**

Mrs. Trovei opened the public hearing.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to close the public hearing on proposed Local Law #11.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Presentations-

Dawn Ansbro, Director of Orange County NY Film Office, reminded Port Jervis residents that Orange County does have a film office. Her office actively works with film makers to encourage filming within Orange County. Mrs. Ansbro noted that the tax incentive for such projects has increased from 30% to 40% and encouraged Mayor Decker to provide locations within Port Jervis to be added to the Orange County location list.

Public Comment-

Wayne Kidney, 1st Ward, noted that 3 Council members were absent and that the sewer use law should not be voted on until all Council members are present.

Maria Mann, 2nd Ward, thanked all involved with the Sportsmen's Expo that was held on May 20th at Riverside Park. Mayor Decker thanked Mrs. Mann for her hard work and dedication to make the Sportsmen's Expo a successful event.

Raymond "Doc" Cooper, Sportsmen's Expo organizer, praised the City of Port Jervis on a successful event. He stated that Port Jervis could be used as a template for event planning for the Country. He was impressed with the cohesiveness of how everyone worked together.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the minutes of the May 8th, 2017 regular meeting.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, Seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the minutes of the May 18th, 2017 special meeting.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Committee Reports:**Finance Committee**

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$374,028.29.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, Seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the minutes of the May 18th, 2017 special meeting.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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The next finance meeting will be held on June 21st, at 6:30pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the Fire Department Bi-Laws.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, Seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the notes of the May 18th, 2017 meeting.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Siegel announced that Officer Appreciation Night will be held on June 5th, at Engine Co #5.

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 June 19th, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Local Law #7 of 2017, relating to the sewer use law.

Mr. Siegel will vote in favor, however, encourages residents to attend meetings to discuss how the sewer fee is allocated. Mrs. Hendry noted that the Environmental Attorney, Carole Gallagher, explained the history of the proposed law and how the Council would still govern how the sewer revenue is allocated. She will vote in favor but empathized how she doesn't agree with how the sewer revenue was spent in previous years.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Local Law #8 of 2017, relating to the tax cap override.

Mrs. Hendry stated that she would like to vote no but after understanding the law she has to vote yes.

Mr. Siegel stated he will be voting no.

Mr. Belcher commented that the 2% tax cap NYS has implemented is unrealistic, due to unfunded mandates and insurance premiums.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 1(Mr. Siegel) ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve Local Law #9 of 2017, relating to Planning and Zoning Board fees.

Mrs. Randazzo noted by passing local law #9, it will generate a City savings.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve Local Law #10 of 2017, relating to a budget impasse.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve Local Law #11 of 2017, relating to a change in the taxi law.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Update:

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Garbage and recycling will be on their normal schedule for the next week. However, the week of May 28th, garbage will be one day late due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

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 Mrs. Trovei to approve Montana Construction Corp. for the purpose of reconstructing the Canal Street spillway for the cost of \$1,976,960 and this is for Work Area 1, 2B, 3 and 4 only. This project is being funded by FEMA because of damage that occurred during Hurricane Sandy.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the hire of Matthew Aumick for the purpose of grass maintenance in the City of Port Jervis. This position is limited to less than 20hrs per week.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Belcher, Seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve to hire Cassandra Rutt for the purpose of grass maintenance in the City of Port Jervis pending the outcome of the interview and application process overseen by the DPW Director. This position is limited to less than 20hrs per week.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Police Committee-

Mr. Foster congratulated the following appointments to full time permanent status; Detective Reilly as of April 10th, 2017, Detective Decker as of April 26th, 2017, Patrolman Mitchell as of March 27th, 2017, Patrolman Kievit as of March 20th, 2017 and Sergeant Legato as of May 3rd, 2017.

The next meeting will be June 13th at 5:00pm.

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

The next meeting will be May 24th at 7:00pm.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

Mrs. Randazzo reported that a PILOT agreement for 100-200 Skyline Drive was discussed. The next meeting has not been scheduled.

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

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

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Mr. Siegel reminded residents that upgrade construction is still ongoing.
The next meeting will be May 23rd, at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace in the conference room.

Recreation Commission:

Beginning this Friday May 26th until Friday June 23rd all Friday hours will be 11 am-3 pm. Friday night Teen night is over for the school year and will start up again in September. Youth Center hours Monday-Thursday will remain 3 pm-7 pm.

The 2017 Summer Recreation flyer is finished and available to be picked up or emailed to you. Flyers will be distributed to the elementary schools in the next few days.

West End Beach is scheduled to open the weekend of June 17th. The beach will be open Monday, Thursday and Fridays from 12 pm-6 pm. Weekends the beach will be open 11 am- 6 pm. The beach will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesdays. Please note there is a \$5.00 parking fee for all non-City of Port Jervis residents on Saturdays and Sundays.

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 Wednesday 21st at 7 pm at the Youth Center.

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, Seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the hire of the following seasonal employees. Senior Recreation Leaders, June 26th-August 11th Mike Cordisco, Dan Nicolette. Recreation Leaders- June 26th - August 11th Nick Chuckran, James Luckey, Austin Wilson, Mike Conklin, Travis Edwards, Skylar Fisher. Recreation Specialists(Tennis Instructors) to start July 17th Sydney Sauschuck, Theresa Zingaro. Lifeguards, June 16th- August 20th Tom Brislin, Ian Guyette, Timea Stenk, Gweneth Loughman. All positions are budgeted and new employees are subject to background checks.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Tourism Board-

Mr. Belcher thanked Maria Mann and everyone involved with the Sportsmen's Expo.
The next meeting will be on June 14th at 6:30 pm in the Council chambers.

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 6th at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

Mrs. Randazzo reported that a public hearing was held for 100-200 Skyline Drive and a pre-submission for 24-32 Front Street, L&S Auto 191-193 East Main Street and Millie's Pooch Parlor.
The next meeting will be held on June 20th at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

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

Electrical Board-

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

Senior Advisory-

No report.

Access 23 TV-

No report.

PJV Ambulance Report-

Mrs. Randazzo thanked all the participants that volunteered or contributed to the coin drop fundraiser. She also noted that the board is looking into grant funding and always looking for volunteers.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the resolution relating to the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant and to adopt the Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress' City of Port Jervis plan as a strategic view of the challenges and opportunities present within the City.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the Frisky Goat contract.

Mrs. Hendry & Mrs. Trovei both inquired about the event application and urged the Mayor to have event organizers complete the applications prior to voting.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the contract with McGoey, Hauser & Edsall, relating to the Front Street sidewalk SAM grant #8774.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Proclaimed the week of June 4th as Artful Gardeners Week.

Mayor Decker announced that the City of Port Jervis and the Town of Deerpark will hold a special joint meeting to discuss the proposed annexation on June 19th at the Deerpark Senior Center at 7:00pm.

Mr. Decker read Mr. Coopers Appreciation letter on the Sportsmen's Expo.

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.

He also wished everyone a happy Memorial Day Holiday.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Mrs. Waizenegger reported that the Clerk's Office processed their 1st electronic death certificate, reminded residents that

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dump passes are for City residents only and also thanked the residents for patience as the City Clerk's Office was non-automated during the installation of a new computer server.

Old Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Mr. Siegel thanked Maria Mann and her crew for a great event and offered condolences to the Chase family. He also thanked the Council for approving the Fire Department Bylaws.

Mrs. Trovei-

Mrs. Trovei noted that it was a great weekend in Port Jervis.

Mr. VanHorn- Absent

Mr. Foster-

Mr. Foster thanked Maria Mann for organizing the Sportsmen's Expo.

Mr. Bavoso- Absent

Mrs. Hendry-

Mrs. Hendry thanked everyone that participating in the Sportsmen's Expo and thanked PJVAC for allowing her take part in the coin toss fundraiser.

Mr. Belcher-

Mr. Belcher invited everyone to the 2nd ward neighborhood watch meeting being held June 8th at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- Absent

Mrs. Randazzo-

Mrs. Randazzo Invited everyone to the 4th ward neighborhood watch meeting being held June 21st at 7:00pm at Fire Engine Co#4 and gave kudos to Maria Mann on the Sportsmen's Expo.

May 22nd, 2017**New Business:****Mrs. Randazzo-**

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the Contract with Energy in the Bank with modifications.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mrs. Trovei) CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the PILOT agreement with Energy in the Bank.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mrs. Trovei) CARRIED

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- Absent

Mr. Belcher-

Offered condolences to the Chase family and reminded residents to show support for EMS week.

Mrs. Hendry- No comment

Mr. Bavoso- Absent

Mr. Foster-

Wished everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day Holiday.

Mr. VanHorn- Absent

Mrs. Trovei- No comment

Mr. Siegel-

Stan Siegel announced that anyone having trouble getting treatment for an addiction can contact him. His information can be found on the City website. He also reminded residents of the Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 29th, 2017.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the quit claim deed relating to the Rutan Property on Farnum Street.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Public Comment-

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Wayne Kidney, 1st Ward, reminded residents that yard debris can be placed in garbage cans for pickup.

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mrs. Trovei seconded by Mr. Foster to adjourn the meeting at 9:55p.m.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer