

July 24th, 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 July 24th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Siegel & Mrs. Hendry.

Meeting opened at 6:30pm by Mayor Decker.

Pledge of Allegiance-

Mayor Decker led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to allow Executive session to discuss, Personnel matters within the Building Department regarding the potential hiring of a seasonal employee and a Fire Inspector, personnel matters regarding the designation of the City Engineer for various City projects and, specifically, for the North Orange Street engineering project, the request by a local merchant to put a sign on City owned property, matters relating to the Whitewater Kayak park (WWKP) engineering firm and status of project, including approvals and billing, request by a property owner within the City to forego a vacant registration fee against the property he recently purchased, discussion with the City Clerk-Treasurer regarding Tourism funds account, discussion regarding the potential sale of City owned properties with regard to the process to be established for the Homestead Program to be reviewed, CSEA contractual matter regarding dental insurance, a request for a marriage ceremony fee waiver, and invite the Building Official, DPW Director, City Clerk Treasurer and to seek advice of counsel regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 (Mr. Siegel, Mrs. Hendry) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:35pm

Meeting reconvened from executive session at 7:30pm

Attendance-

Mayor Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Mrs. Hendry. DPW Director Jack Farr, Building Official David Rivera, City Clerk Treasurer Robin Waizenegger and Corporation Counsel were also present.

Youth Report-

Next Tuesday is the National Night Out against crime. There are a lot of other things for kids to do in Port Jervis this summer! The Recreation Department has their supervised parks open from 9-3:30 Monday-Friday. They have a lot to do and even free lunch. The PJMS has their summer academy contact the Guidance Department to register students' special courses or to address any questions. Space is limited. Join the fun during our summer reading program at the library. This is a weekly program for children in grades K-6. They will have a weekly program and crafts for the children. Earn prizes for reading! The library will also be hosting nerf fun games, capture the flag, humans vs. zombies on Wednesday, July 26th, 6:00-8:30pm. Tickets remain for the Dorney Park field trip on Friday July 28th. Contact the Recreation office for more information. There will be a free outdoor movie "The Secret Life of Pets" at Riverside Park on Wednesday 26th at 7:00pm.

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The 3rd annual Tri-State Triathlon will be held on Sunday August 6th, 2017 at West End Beach right here in Port Jervis. Register and challenge yourself to the 400 meter swim, 10 mile bike and 5k run.

The Ultimate teen Warrior race is coming to Riverside Park September 30th, 2017. The Ultimate teen Warrior Challenge is an amazing event where teens come together in a day of athletic competition. It is a full blown obstacle course race where teen athletes put their skills and will to the test. The festival will invite athletes and fans to enjoy live music, sporting games, amazing food and a very challenging, colorful and sometimes messy obstacle course.

Senior Report-

No report.

Veteran Report-

No report

Tax Lien Response

No public comment

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the appointment of Maria Mann as 2nd ward Councilwoman.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1(Mrs. Hendry) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mrs. Waizenegger sworn in Maria Mann.

Public Comment-

Wayne Kidney, 1st ward, stated that the Front St Promenade project has caused the only handicap mailbox to be removed and urged the Council to reach out to the Post Office for a replacement.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the minutes of the July 10th, 2017 regular meeting.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mrs. Mann) 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 \$500,184.38.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mrs. Mann) CARRIED

The next finance meeting will be held on July 26th, at 6:00pm in the council chambers.

July 24th, 2017**Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee**

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to remove Stephen J. Braun from Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 from their active rolls.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mrs. Mann) CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to remove Derek Brunelle from Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 from their active rolls.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mrs. Mann) CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to remove Victor J. Claisse, Sr. from Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 from their active rolls.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mrs. Mann) CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to remove Amanda L. Kolk, from Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 from their active rolls.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mrs. Mann) CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 to participate in a Kid's Day at the Middletown Community Health Center on August 12th, 2017 where they will demonstrate fire prevention.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mrs. Mann) CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 to attend a wet down in Howells, NY on August 6th, 2017 and have a booth at the Fall Foliage Festival on September 24th, 2017.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mrs. Mann) CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the By-Law addendums for Delaware Engine Company No. 2, Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 and Excelsior Engine Company No. 5.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mrs. Mann) CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the June Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee meeting minutes.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mrs. Mann) CARRIED

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 August 21st, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

Mr. Bavoso informed residents that the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Update committee will hold two informational workshops on Thursday July 27th from 7:00-9:00 pm and August 10th from 7:30-9:30 pm in the council chambers.

Next code meeting to be held August 2nd, 2017 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.

Grass and yard debris pickup continues to be picked up on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Please be sure that your debris is in biodegradable bags, cans of 35 gallons or less or paper bags.

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The City compost and bulk debris drop off will be open every Saturday from 7:15 am until 11:30 am. Please remember that a coupon is needed to dump bulk debris and can be purchase at the city Clerk's office for the cost of \$10 each. The Downtown Promenade construction has begun. Be advised that all of the businesses will remain open during construction. We apologize for the inconvenience during this construction period.

The next DPW meeting will take place on August 7th, 2017 at 6pm here in the Council Chambers.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the July DPW Committee meeting minutes.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mrs. Mann) CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the hire of Farr Engineering for the sum of \$1,000.00 to do the preliminary engineering for a grant application for the replacement of the North Orange St. storm line.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mrs. Mann) CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the hire of Conrad, Close and Ewald for the sum price \$6,800.00 to do the needed survey work for the Downtown Sidewalk Project. These funds will be paid for by the SAM Grant.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mrs. Mann) CARRIED

Police Committee-

The next meeting will be July 27th, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

The next meeting will be July 26th, 2017 at 7:00pm on the second floor of the Youth Center.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

The next meeting will be August 21st, 2017 at 6:00pm

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

Next meeting to be held August 7th, 2017 at 6:30pm in the council chambers.

Housing Authority-

Mr. Siegel stated the drainage, sidewalks and blacktopping work at Hillside Terrace is now complete and thanked everyone for their patience.

The next meeting will be June 25th, 2017 at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace.

Recreation Commission:

The Summer Playground and Youth Center Program is now in its third week. Playgrounds and the Youth Center are open 9 am-3:30 pm Monday-Friday. There are plenty of daily activities and programs to participate in as well as special events all week. Programs and activities are FREE of charge. Contact the Recreation office at 845-858-4045 for more details. West End Beach is also open for the season. The beach is open Monday, Thursday and Friday 12 pm-6 pm and weekends 11 am-6 pm. The beach is closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. There is a \$5 parking fee on weekends for non-residents. Special Events

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this week and next are, tonight- Broome Street Wind Ensemble Band at Farnum Park at 7pm, Circle Line Field Trip Wednesday July 12- a few seats remain, NY Met Baseball game- Wednesday July 19- a few seats remain. Free Outdoor Movie- Wednesday July 12 at 7 pm at Riverside Park. Movie this week is Moana. Free Concert in the Park- Thursday July 13 at 7 pm at Riverside Park- The Carl Richards Band. Free Concert in the Park- Thursday July 20 at 7 pm at Riverside Park- Rich Wilson.

Youth Track is offered every Tuesday and Thursday evening at the Port Jervis high School for boys and girls ages 5 and up. This program is free of charge.

Tennis camp will be held next week- July 17 – 21 at Church Street Park from 9 am-12:30 pm. This FREE Camp is for boys and girls ages 8-13.

Dorney Park field trip on Friday July 28 has plenty of seats left. Cost for transportation and all day pass to the park is only \$70. Transportation will be on a coach bus.

For more information on any of our activities, programs, field trips or special events contact the Recreation office at 845-858-4045 or email us at pjrec@frontiernet.net.

There is no Recreation Commission meeting in July.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 16th at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center

Tourism Board-

Mr. Belcher announced that the 2018 Dinner along the Delaware will be held on July 3rd, 2018 and the 25th Fall Foliage will be held on September 24th, 2017 from 10:00-5:00pm. Vendor applications are due by August 25th and are available online or at the City Clerk's Office. He also announced that the Christkindlemarkt will be held on November 26th, 2017 form 10:00am-6:00pm.

The next meeting will be on August 9th, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the council chambers.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

No report

The next meeting will be held on August 3rd, at 7:00pm.

Planning Board-

Mrs. Randazzo reported that the board discussed 2 public hearings and a pre submission.

The next meeting will be held on August 15th, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

No report

The next meeting will be held on September 6th, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Electrical Board-

No report

The next meeting will be held on September 6th, 2017 at 6:45pm.

Senior Advisory-

Access 23 TV-

Mr. Belcher noted that the broadcast was going well.

PJV Ambulance Report-

George Ewing, Operations Manager, discussed the current financials, upcoming training ideas, fund raising and future grant opportunities.

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As a reminder, biodegradable bags, paper bags or a can may be used for pickup; if one of these is not used the property owner will receive one warning, there will be a fine for a second offense.

Mayor Decker reminded residents to save water bottles and cans to help raise funds for the White Water Kayak Park and a recycling container is located near Riverside Park.

Mr. Decker asked for a moment of silence for the passing of DPW employee Sean Riordan.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Mrs. Waizenegger informed homeowners that financial assistance information will be readily available in the City Clerk's Office for property owners involved in the tax lien process.

Old Business:**Mrs. Randazzo-**

Mrs. Randazzo welcomed Mrs. Mann to the Council, offered condolences to the Riordan family and reminded residents that the Farmer's market is every Saturday from 9:00am-1:00pm.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Mrs. Fitzpatrick welcomed Maria and offered condolences to the Riordan family.

Mr. Belcher-

Mr. Belcher stated he looks forward to working alongside Mrs. Mann and offered condolences to the Riordan family.

Mrs. Hendry- Absent**Mr. Bavoso-**

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the prorating of a vacant building registration for a property located at 21 King Street, due to its demolition.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mrs. Mann) CARRIED

Mr. Bavoso also welcomed Mrs. Mann to the Council.

Mr. Foster-

Mr. Foster offered condolences to the Riordan family.

July 24th, 2017**Mrs. Mann-**

Mrs. Mann thanked the Council for their warm welcome and offered condolences to the Riordan family.

Mrs. Trovei-

Mrs. Trovei welcomed Mrs. Mann to the Council and offered condolences to the DPW and the Riordan family.

Mr. Siegel-

Mr. Siegel offered condolences to the Riordan family and stated he urged NY State officials for an inspection of the Port Jervis Train Station, in hopes of getting the location ADA compliant.

New Business:**Mr. Siegel-**

Announced that the next inter-faith worship church service will be held at the Sparrowbush Methodist Church on July 28th at 7:00pm.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the homestead housing program.

Mr. Siegel believes this is a beneficial program for the residents of Port Jervis.

Mrs. Waizenegger noted that she will reach out to local financial establishments for program participation.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mrs. Mann) CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the sale of 35-37 Orchard Street under the homestead housing program with a minimum starting bid of \$5,000.00.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mrs. Mann) CARRIED

Mrs. Trovei-

Mrs. Trovei stated anyone interested in becoming an election inspector to contact the Board of Elections Office.

Mrs. Mann- No comment

Mr. Foster- No comment

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

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Mrs. Hendry- Absent

Mr. Belcher-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve the D.O.T. sign for the Maple River Restaurant.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mrs. Mann) CARRIED

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Mrs. Randazzo-

Mrs. Randazzo thanked Austin Wilson, a Port Jervis graduate, for his volunteering efforts. The Preserving PJ group meets every Wednesday to clean up streets throughout the City.

Public Comment-

Wayne Kidney, 1st ward, asked for clarification on the D.O.T. sign.

Mayor Decker explained that D.O.T. stands for Department of Transportation.

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Bavoso seconded by Mr. Foster to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Robin Waizenegger
Clerk Treasurer