

September 11th, 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 September 11th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Decker was not in attendance, however, all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Bavoso & Mrs. Fitzpatrick.

Meeting opened at 6:30pm by Council member Mr. Belcher.

Pledge of Allegiance-

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo, to allow Executive session to discuss, a contractual matter involving tree trimming on Park Avenue with the City, a personnel matter regarding the hiring of a Watershed Caretaker, a contractual matter with a local banking institution regarding the title to 32 Church Street, a contractual matter regarding the potential sale of City owned property on New Street, a contractual matter regarding the City's purchase of energy until March/April 2018, and invite DPW Director Jack Farr, Building Official and to seek advice of counsel regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2 (Mr. Bavoso, Mrs. Fitzpatrick) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:35pm

Mr. Foster left after the motion and did not attend executive session.

Meeting reconvened from executive session at 7:30pm

Attendance-

Mayor Decker was not in attendance, however, all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Bavoso, Mrs. Fitzpatrick & Mr. Foster. Building Official David Rivera, CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, DPW Director Jack Farr, City Clerk Treasurer Robin Waizenegger and Corporation Counsel were also present.

Youth Report-

All Port Jervis Schools are back in session. There are many open house dates to remember: PJMS September 11th at 7:00pm, PJHS September 12th at 7:00pm, ASK and HBE grades 1-3 Wednesday September 13th at 7:00 and ASK and HBE grades 4-6 Thursday September 14th at 7:00pm. Fall sports have started and are off to a great start. This Saturday, September 16th, 2017 the Recreation Department will be sponsoring its annual Canned Food Drive Music Festival at Riverside Park called Rockin the City to Fight Hunger. Music starts at 11:00am and runs until 4:00pm. They are asking all that attend to bring canned food items or non-perishable goods. On Sunday September 24th, 2017 the REC department is taking a trip to the Miami Dolphins take on the NY Jets at Metlife Stadium. Ticket price and transportation on a coach bus is only \$100.00. Only 3 tickets are left so if interested contract the Recreation Office. The Fall Foliage is Sunday, September 24th, 2017 in downtown Port Jervis. Come for a great day in the community. Grey Towers in Milford is having their Community Appreciation Day & Ice Cream Social on

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September 30th, at 11:00am. Enjoy a fee-free day of self-guided mansion tours, music, children's programs, Smokey Bear, and more.

The next meeting of the Port Jervis School Board is September 19th, 2017.

Senior Report- No report

Veteran Report-

Mr. Siegel attended the Veteran Park Dedication on September 9th, he stated that it was an honor to attend and thanked all involved.

Public Comment-

Kathy Hylas, Council for the Arts, invited all to attend a Pike County Historical Society event being held in Deerpark on Sunday, September 17th at 12:00pm.

Wayne Kidney, 1st ward, inquired about a phone call that he claims was made by the Mayors Secretary to the Landlord Associations organizer and read a passage from the writer William Faulkner.

Ed Degroat, 3rd ward, showed the Council several pictures of what he claims is a running motorcycle shop in a residential zone.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mrs. Mann to approve the minutes of the August 28th, 2017 regular meeting.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve the minutes of the September 6th, 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 \$329,180.39.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the resolution regarding the Jersey Avenue administrative contract between the City of Port Jervis and the Port Jervis Community Development Agency.

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

The next finance meeting will be held on September 20th, at 6:00pm in the Council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to approve the relocation of the Memorial Monument, currently located in the Mini Mall parking lot to Farmers Market Square.

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

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Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 to sponsor a fundraiser for Camp Neveda.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Mann to approve Delaware Engine Company No. 2 to hold an online fundraiser until September 30th, 2017.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve Delaware Engine Company No. 2 to attend a Wet Down in Cornwall on September 30th, 2017.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to approve Jeffrey W. Ewing from Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 to serve as Second Lieutenant through the end of 2017.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 request to allow the Daisy Troop organization to continue using their firehouse for meetings in 2018, a certification of insurance has been requested.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve by-law addendums for Tri State Hose Company No. 6.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve the removal of Lloyd R. Rhoades (Neversink) and Thomas N. Gallondorn (Excelsior) from active membership rolls.

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

Mr. Siegel announced 25 & 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 September 18th, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

Next code meeting to be held October 4th, 2017 at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Comprehensive Plan-

Next meeting will be held on September 28th, 2017.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Update:

Garbage and recycling will be on their normal schedules for the next 2 weeks.

Bagged or canned yard debris continues to be picked up on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. The City's compost brush pile will also be open every Saturday from 7:15 am until 11:30 am for those who wish to dump their yard debris.

Be advised that O&R crews are currently working in the upper 3rd ward area replacing gas mains. You will be contacted by an O&R representative when your residence is ready to be upgraded.

The City is currently working on East Main Street to prep the road for paving, please be cautious when traveling in that vicinity.

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Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve American Tree Service, to perform trimming services on Park Avenue.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Mann to approve change order #1 for the Jersey Avenue Sewer Main Replacement Project and approves final payment to be paid at a future date with authorization for Mayor Kelly Decker to execute same.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve Tectonic Engineering for the special inspections which will be required by the NYS Building Code for the Canal Improvement Projects and authorizes the Mayor and/or DPW Director to execute documents as necessary.

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

The next DPW meeting will take place on October 2nd, 2017 at 6pm here in the Council Chambers.

Police Committee-

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve the August 2017 Police Committee meeting minutes.

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

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve the following Police Clerks resignations; Maggie Shields, Brian Doss and Thomas Snyder.

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

The next meeting will be announced at the next Council meeting.

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

The next meeting will be September 27th, 2017 at 7:00pm on the second floor of the Youth Center.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

Next meeting will be September 18th, 2017 at 6:00pm

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

Next meeting will be November 11th, 2017 at 6:30pm in the council chambers.

Housing Authority-

The next meeting will be October 24th, 2017 at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace.

Recreation Commission:

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Saturday, September 16, 2017 the Recreation Department will be sponsoring its annual Canned Food Drive Music Festival at Riverside Park- called Rockin the City to Fight Hunger. Music starts at 11 am and runs until 4 pm. The Carl Richards Band, Side F/X and more will be performing. Thank you to Shoprite and Jeff's Garden Shop for donations. We are asking all that attend to bring down canned food items or non-perishable goods. All donations will be given to local food pantries. If you can't stay and listen to entertainment please drop off some food. Thank you.

Sunday September 24th, 2017 the Recreation Department is taking a field trip to see the Miami Dolphins take on the NY Jets at Metlife Stadium in the Meadowlands. Ticket price and transportation on a coach bus is only \$100. Add \$40 to include a pre-game and post-game tailgate! All you need to bring with you is a chair. Only 3 tickets are left so if interested contact the Recreation office at 845-858-4045 ASAP.

The Recreation Department has Dorney Park tickets available. Tickets are only \$40 and are good for any day and for this season only. Come grab some tickets before the summer is over! No transportation provided.

The Youth Center Recreation room is closing at 5 pm this Thursday September 14th. Regular Youth Center hours are Monday-Thursday 3 pm-7 pm and Friday 3 pm-6 pm. Friday night "Teen Night" is 6 pm- 10 pm and for Middle and High School students. On Friday September 22nd "Teen Night" will be having a back-to-school dance from 6:30 pm-9:00 pm. DJ Entertainment by DJ G. If you haven't been to the Watershed Park Hiking and Biking Trails this is the best time of year to experience them. Trails for all ages and abilities. Remember help us keep the trail system clean- Pack in and Pack out leave only tire treads and footprints.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

The 25th Fall Foliage will be held on September 24th, 2017 from 10:00-5:00pm.

The next meeting will be on September 13th, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the council chambers.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

Mrs. Randazzo reported that 2 pre-submissions were discussed at the last meeting. The next meeting will be held on October 3rd, at 7:00pm.

Planning Board-

No report

The next meeting will be held on September 19th, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

No report

The next meeting will be held on October 4th, 2017 at 5:30pm.

Electrical Board-

No report

The next meeting will be held on October 4th, 2017 at 5:45pm.

Senior Advisory-

No report

Access 23 TV-

Mr. Belcher thanked the cameraman.

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No report.

The next meeting will be held on October 3rd, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Mayor's Correspondence- (Mr. Belcher)

On September 23rd, 2017 the Sparrowbush Fire Department will be hosting the Orange County Fireman's Parade, from 1:00 - 4:00pm.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to approve the Life Chain Event on October 15th, 2017 on East Main Street & Pike Street.

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

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.

Mr. Belcher reminded residents to save deposit bottles and cans to help raise funds for the White Water Kayak Park and a recycling container is located near Riverside Park and noted that over \$100.00 has been raised so far.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Mrs. Waizenegger announced that a primary election vote will be held on September 12th, 2017 at Neversink Engine Co #1.

Motion by Mr. Sigel, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve the event application for Respect for Life to hold a prayer vigil on October 14th, 2017 at 12:00pm.

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

Mrs. Waizenegger reminded residents that school taxes have been mailed and are paid directly to the school district.

Old Business:

Mrs. Randazzo- No comment

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- Absent

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mrs. Hendry- No comment

Mr. Bavoso- Absent

Mr. Foster- Absent

Mrs. Mann- No comment

Mrs. Trovei-

Mrs. Trovei reminded residents that O&R crews are currently working in the upper 3rd ward area replacing gas mains. You will be contacted by an O&R representative when your residence is ready to be upgraded. Any questions please call 845-344.8865.

Mr. Siegel- No comment

September 11th, 2017**New Business:****Mr. Siegel-**

Mr. Siegel stated that an increase in crime has been reported in the 4th ward and reminded residents "if you see something say something." He also thanked all who remember 9/11 and reminded eligible voters to vote on September 12th, 2017. On September 23rd, 2017 the Sparrowbush Fire Department will be hosting the Orange County Fireman's Parade, from 1:00 - 4:00pm and the First Presbyterian Church will be hosting a concert.

Mrs. Trovei-

Mrs. Trovei thanked the Town of Deerpark for hosting an emotional and inspiring 9/11 memorial and all first responders for their dedication service.

Mrs. Mann- No comment

Mr. Foster- Absent

Mr. Bavoso- Absent

Mrs. Hendry-

Motion by Mrs. Hendry, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the sale of a piece of land near 8-10 New Street for \$1,500.00.

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

Motion by Mrs. Hendry, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the resolution relating to the Port Jervis Safe Sidewalk Program and approve the DPW Director, City Engineer & City Clerk Treasurer to execute any necessary agreements or certifications on behalf of the Municipality, NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the project identified in the State/Local Agreement.

Mr. Siegel doesn't believe it's morally or legally correct to force residents to convert from blue stone to concrete sidewalks.

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

Mr. Belcher-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the waiver of a building permit fee for VFW Post 161.

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

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- Absent

Mrs. Randazzo-

Mrs. Randazzo announced that the 4th ward meeting will be held on September 20th, 2017.

Public Comment-

No public comment

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Belcher seconded by Mrs. Trovei to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm.

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

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Meeting Reconvened at 8:36

Motion by Mr. Belcher seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve a special meeting for personnel on September 19th, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Council chambers.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei seconded by Mrs. Hendry to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm.

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

Robin Waizenegger
Clerk Treasurer