

September 25th, 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 25th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance-

Mayor Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Foster.

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. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher, to allow Executive session to discuss, a personnel matter involving a potential hire in the DPW, a personnel matter involving the Police Jervis Police Department, a potential contractual matter involving the inspection report done on the Orange Square Park Monument and a contract for the repairs to be done, a personnel matter regarding the Port Jervis Civil Service Commission and potential change in compensation for an employee, the potential appointment of a Planning Board attorney for the City and invite DPW Director Jack Farr, Police Chief William Worden, and to seek advice of counsel regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Foster) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:35pm

Mr. Foster arrived during executive session.

Meeting reconvened from executive session at 7:30pm

Attendance-

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

Youth Report- No report

Senior Report- No report

Veteran Report- No report

Public Comment-

Ed Degroat, 3rd ward, informed Council that he spoke to NYS relating to his claims of a motorcycle repair shop operating in a residential zone and stated that NYS suggested he speak to the Council about the non-conforming use of the property in question.

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Mayor Decker replied that the Council cannot speak to Mr. Degroat regarding the matter in which he sued the City of Port Jervis.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the minutes of the September 11th, 2017 regular meeting.
 AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 (Mr. Bavoso) CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

Mrs. Trovei reported that cash flow, the 2018 budget, water auditing and the potential increase in permit fees were all discussed at the last meeting.

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 \$811,730.25.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution authorizing the signing of an addendum to the sub-recipient agreement between the City of Port Jervis and the Port Jervis Community Development Agency.

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

The next finance meeting will be held on October 18th, at 6:00pm in the Council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 to attend a Wet Down in Cornwall on September 30th, 2017.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 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 October 16th, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve a public hearing on October 11th, 2017 at 7:30 relating to fireworks laws and regulations.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve a public hearing on October 11th, 2017 at 7:31 relating to filming regulations law.

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

Mr. Bavoso noted that a potential local law requiring income and expense statements as they pertain to grievances of assessments filed against the City of Port Jervis will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

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

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Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the hire of Terrance VanStrander as a part-time seasonal Building Inspector.

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

Comprehensive Plan-

The next meeting will be held on October 26th, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Update:

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

Yard debris pickup will continue on the 2nd and 4th Monday's of each month. Please be sure to either use a can of 35 gallons or less or biodegradable/compostable bags for your debris. Leaf and yard debris pick up times will increase once leaves begin to fall.

Work is continuing on the downtown Promenade and we hope to be finished in November. Thank you for your patience.

Gas upgrades will be continuing in the upper 3rd wards along with areas in the Tri Sate section of the City. Please be safe and watch for the construction crews as there will be lanes closures during construction.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the hiring of Joseph Wilson for the position of Watershed Caretaker in the DPW. This hire is subject to a 6 month probation period starting on his date of commencing work for the City of Port Jervis. This hire will be starting with the salary of Step 1 Laborer as listed in the salary schedule in the CSEA contract.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve the resignation of Donna Rose from the Port Jervis Dial a Bus.

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

Police Committee-

Mr. Foster announced that an opioid forum will be held on September 27th, 2017 at the Port Jervis High School cafeteria, starting at 6:00pm.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Mann to approve the September 2017 Police Committee meeting minutes.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to the annual Halloween curfew.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the hiring of Savannah Dooley as a part time Police Clerk.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Hendry to approve the hiring of Stanley Buczek as a Police Officer with a start date to be contingent with the start date of the Police Academy, which is slated to start on October 23rd, 2017. The hire is subject to the passing of a physical, psych exam and fingerprinting.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the hiring of Mackenzie Decker as a Police Officer with a start date to be contingent with the start date of the Police Academy, which is slated to start on October 23rd, 2017. The hire is subject to the passing of a physical, psych exam and fingerprinting.

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

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The next meeting will be held on October 19th, 2017 at 6:00pm.

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 October 16th, 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:

The 70th Annual City of Port Jervis Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday October 29, 2017. Line-up is at 3:00 pm on Hammond Street in front of City Hall. The parade will start at 3:30 pm and will end at Farnum Park. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments served at the conclusion of the parade. The parade is open to adults, children and leashed pets. Dress festive! The Youth Center schedule for the school year is as follows: Monday-Thursday 3:00 pm-7:00 pm, Friday 3:00 pm-6:00 pm Friday nights is our "Teen Night" from 6:00 pm-10:00 pm. Teen Night is for Middle and High School students only. This past Friday- September 22nd more than 80 teens attended our annual back-to-school dance at the Youth Center. Everyone had a great time. Yesterday 38 enthusiastic football fans battled the heat and attended the NY Jets and Miami Dolphins football game at the Meadowlands. Despite the heat everyone had a great time at the game the Jets won and the tailgate party. Thank you all for attending. Don't forget the trails in the Watershed Park and Recreation Area. This is the best time of the year to hike or bike the trails. Help us keep the trails clean pack in and pack out leave only footprints and tire treads. Trail maps are available at the Youth Center.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 19th, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center.

Motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the PJHS Varsity Cheerleaders to host a Princess Tea Party fundraiser at the recreation center on September 30th, 2017 from 10:00am -2:00pm.

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

Tourism Board-

Mr. Belcher thanked the tourism board for successful fall foliage. He also encouraged residents to participant in the 2nd annual Halloween decorating contest. To register, email pjtourismboard@gamil.com or call 845-858-4017. Register your home by October 25th and be entered to win prizes from local stores.

The next meeting will be on October 11th, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the council chambers.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

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

Planning Board-

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Mrs. Randazzo reported that the board discussed pre-submissions and upcoming public hearings. She also noted that the Planning Board will hold a special meeting on October 3rd, 2017 at 6:30pm.
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.

PJV Ambulance Report-

No report.
The next meeting will be held on October 5th, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the annual Farmers Market Brunch.

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

Mr. Decker invited residents to the annual Halloween Parade being held on October 29th, 2017 at 3:30pm.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the free little library to be placed on City property.

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

Mayor Decker thanked the Tourism Board for doing a fantastic job for the City and encouraged residents to visit the Fox n Hare Brewing Co and The Whimsy Owl both located on Front Street.

Mr. Decker urged 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 the WWKP Committee has been abolished and the Outdoor Club has created a subcommittee to organize fundraising efforts moving forward.

Mr. Decker addressed Mr. Degroat's lawsuit against the City and his recent trip to Farnum Street, where Mr. Degroat claims a motorcycle repair shop is operating in a residential zone. He went on to explain the City has done its due diligence in investigating Mr. Degroat's claim and at this point, the City has found Mr. Degroat's claims to be unfounded.

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

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will receive one warning, there will be a fine for a second offense.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Mrs. Waizenegger noted that water auditing is underway and announced that all residents receiving ½ rate water will have to renew by completing a new water affidavit. She also reminded dog owners to get their dog licensed. Mrs. Waizenegger stated that 35 Orchard Street received 3 bids, however all bids were missing a component. They will conduct individual interviews with the hopes of obtaining any missing information. Mrs. Waizenegger also suggested the Council consider raises the parking ticket fees in 2018.

Old Business:

Mrs. Randazzo-

Mrs. Randazzo offered condolences to the Wagner family, thanked the Tourism Board and congratulated the new business owners on Front Street.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Mrs. Fitzpatrick gave condolences to the Wagner family, thanked the Tourism Board and thanked Sparrowbush Fire Company for a successful parade. She noted it was a great weekend for the community.

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mrs. Hendry- No comment

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mr. Decker-

Offered his deepest condolences to the Wagner Family on the passing of past Police Chief Warren E. Wagner.

Mr. Foster-

Mr. Foster gave his condolences to the Wagner family and noted he will be dearly missed. He also noted that this past fall foliage festival was the best yet.

Mrs. Mann-

Mrs. Mann extended condolences to the Wagner family, thanked Laura Meyer and her team and stated it was a great busy weekend in Port Jervis.

Mrs. Trovei-

Mrs. Trovei gave condolences to the Wagner family and noted Mr. Wagner was a great friend and Port Jervis resident.

Mr. Siegel-

Mr. Siegel gave condolences to the Wagner family, thanked everyone that attended the last 4th ward meeting and announced the next meeting will be October 18th, 2017. He also congratulated the Port Jervis Fire Department on winning a marching trophy at the recent Orange County Fireman's Parade hosted by Sparrowbush Fire Company. Mr. Siegel thanked all involved with the fall foliage festival and noted it was a great event.

Motion by Mrs. Hendry, seconded by Mrs. Mann to approve the Council to explore the option of moving the train tracks behind Front Street to create parking.

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

Mr. Siegel inquired about obtaining a copy of the lawsuit Mr. Degroat has against the City.

New Business:

September 25th, 2017**Mr. Siegel-**

Mr. Siegel asked the Council to consider adding habitual offenders to the next Code Committee agenda, as he hopes to create an easier process. He announced that volunteers are needed to help with the warming station this season and free training is available on the following dates: October 2nd from 7:00-8:30pm, October 4th from 7:00-8:30pm and October 14th from 9:00-11:00am at Saint Peters Lutheran Church. Mr. Siegel offered get well wishes to Past Fire Chief Mike Cicalese.

Mrs. Trovei- No comment

Mrs. Mann-

Mrs. Mann invited everyone to the 2nd ward meeting being held on October 30th, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Mr. Foster- No comment

Mr. Bavoso-

The next Comprehensive Plan meeting will be held on October 26th, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Mrs. Hendry- No comment

Mr. Belcher-

Mr. Belcher encouraged everyone to attend the 2nd ward meeting.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Mrs. Randazzo- No comment

Public Comment-

Ed Degroat, 3rd ward, asked the Council to consider looking at additional pictures to prove his claims of a motorcycle repair shop operating in a residential zone.

Laura Meyer, Tourism Board member, thanked everyone who made the fall foliage such a great success and noted Christkindlemarkt is scheduled for November 26th, 2017.

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Bavoso seconded by Mrs. Trovei to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm.

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

Robin Waizenegger
Clerk Treasurer