

October 10th, 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 Tuesday October 10th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting opened at 7:30pm by Mayor Decker.

Pledge of Allegiance-

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

Attendance-

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

Youth Report-

Fall sports are all up and running at the middle school and high school. Little Shop of Horrors will be played at the high school October 20th at 7:00pm, and October 21st at 2:00pm and 7:00pm. Mr. Gary Batzel, owner of Laurel Grove Florist in Port Jervis, recently donated 20 Chrysanthemum plants to PJMS. Students worked with Mr. Doyle, PJMS art teacher, to repaint the flower box surrounding the Port Jervis Middle School sign and plant the flowers. The support from this local business, aside from beautifying our school, reinforced the sense of community and Port Pride that is instilled in PJMS students. Middle school students received a special visit by honored guest, Alan Moskin. M. Moskin is a World War II Holocaust Liberator. He spoke about his experiences and the power of compassion, peace, and forgiveness. ASK & HBE will hold their parent teacher conferences will be held on November 20th and 21st. If you were not at Open House to schedule a meeting time, please contact your child's teacher to make an appointment. Dismissal will be at 11:30 on these days. October is National Bullying Prevention Month. A.S.K. faculty, staff and students are participating in daily activities during the month of October to promote anti bullying. Celebrate the library's 125th anniversary on October 21st from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The celebration included programs for all ages including: self-guided library tours, art show, live music, door prizes and give aways, edible book cake contest, book birthday party for kids and refreshments. The 70th Annual Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday October 29th, 2017 at 3:00 pm on Hammond Street in front of City Hall. The parade will end at Farnum Park where refreshments will be served and prizes awarded. The parade is open to children, adults and leashed pets. The Rec Department is holding a Fall Clean-up in City parks on Saturday November 4th, 2017 from 10:00-12:00pm. Volunteers are needed. We will all meet at Farnum Park at 10:00 am. Call the Recreation office. Refreshments to be served at the conclusion.

Senior Report- No report

Veteran Report- No report

Public Hearing-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to open the public hearing on proposed local law #12 regulating the use of fireworks within the City.

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

No public comment.

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to close the public hearing on proposed local law #12 regulating the use of fireworks within the City.

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

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Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to open the public hearing on proposed local law #13 amending the filming law.

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

No public comment.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to close the public hearing on proposed local law #13 amending the filming law.

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

Presentations-

Bernie Kozykowski, local architect and planner, presented the Council with the original 1994 plans for the proposed rail realignment, which would alleviate parking in the downtown section of the City. He thanked the Council for revisiting the proposal and thinks it's a viable and necessary option to the current parking issue.

Mayor Decker noted that he looks forward to working with Mr. Kozykowski, local government officials and Railroad officials to facilitate the project. He stated the proposal would provide 310 additional parking spaces downtown.

Public Comment-

Patty O'Leary, Landlord Association, gave an update on the recent landlord association meeting. She stated that the eviction process, lead and accident prevention were some of the topics discussed. Mrs. O'Leary thanked the Council for their continued support of the association. Meetings will be held on October 12th and December 14th at 5:30 in the Council Chambers.

Ed Degroat, 3rd ward, presented pictures to the Council that he says prove his claims of a motorcycle repair shop operating in a residential zone and stated his lawsuit against the City relates to a sale of a portion of Farnum Street.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the minutes of the September 25th, 2017 regular meeting.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve the minutes of the October 2nd, 2017 special meeting.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 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 \$295,658.03.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the resolution that requests the County Executive of Orange County to enter into an agreement with said City of Port Jervis to exempt this real property located in the Town of Deerpark from County taxes for the year 2019.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 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

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Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the annual Firemen's banquet on January 27th, 2018.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 to host a Sip & Paint fundraiser on October 28th, 2017. Subject to the approval from the City insurance company.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to remove Rev. Robert D. Cassidy from Neversink Engine Company No. 1 active rolls.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to remove Mitchell D. Weed from Neversink Engine Company No. 1 active rolls.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 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 October 16th, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to adopt local law # 12 relating to fireworks laws and regulations.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to adopt local law #13 relating to filming regulations law.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a public hearing to be held on October 23rd at 7:30pm relating to a potential local law requiring income and expense statements as they pertain to grievances of assessments filed against the City.

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

Next code meeting to be held November 1st, 2017 at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Comprehensive Plan-

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

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the October 2017 DPW committee meeting minutes.

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

Update:

Garbage and recycling will be one day late in all wards this week due to the Columbus Day Holiday (1st ward will be Tuesday 2nd ward will be Wednesday and so on). Cardboard and paper will be picked up this Friday in the 2nd ward. Garbage and recycling will be on its normal schedule for the week of Oct. 16th.

Bagged or canned leaves will start to be picked up on every Monday starting the week of October 16th. Please be patient if they are not removed on Mondays as it might take us a couple days to get them all removed. These leaves need to be placed in biodegradable/compostable bags or placed in a can of less than 35 gallons. The City's compost pile will continue to be open every Saturday from 7:15 am until 11:30 am.

Paving preparation will continue to happen along the E Main St corridor. Paving is scheduled to take place the week of October 23rd.

The next DPW meeting will take place on November 6th, 2017 at 6pm here in the Council room.

Police Committee-

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

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to authorize the City to receive two refurbished laptop computers from Orange County to replace older models.

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

Mr. Foster reminded residents of the Halloween curfew.

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

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Mrs. Trovei reported that the board reviewed financials, section 8 updates, grants and upcoming seminars were discussed at the last meeting.

The next meeting will be October 25th, 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 6th, 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 Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday October 29th, 2017 at 3:00 pm on Hammond Street in front of City Hall. The parade will end at Farnum Park where refreshments will be served and prizes awarded. The parade is open to children, adults and leashed pets. Join us for a fun afternoon and remember to dress in costume! The parade is co-sponsored by The Elks.

The Recreation Department is holding a Fall Clean-up in City Parks on Saturday November 4th, 2017 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Volunteers are needed. We will all meet at Farnum Park at 10:00 am. This is a great event to complete or add to your community service requirements. Call the Recreation office at 845-858-4045 for more information. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion.

The Recreation Department is looking for adult individuals interested in assisting us with our Youth Basketball program this winter. Individuals must have knowledge of basketball. Interested individuals must fill out an application and complete a background check. Please contact the Recreation office if interested.

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

Tourism Board-

Mr. Belcher 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.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals-

A special meeting will be held on October 17th, at 6:00pm.

Planning Board-

The next meeting will be held on October 17th, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

The next meeting will be held on November 1st, 2017 at 5:30pm.

Electrical Board-

The next meeting will be held on November 1st, 2017 at 5:45pm.

Senior Advisory-

No report

Access 23 TV-

Mr. Belcher thanked the cameraman.

PJV Ambulance Report-

Mrs. Randazzo noted that the Operations manager will be attending the next Council meeting to provide Council members with an update.

The next meeting will be held on October 11th, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Mayor Decker thanked Kathy Shortell for her years of service as the Site Manager for the Nutrition program and wished her all the best in her retirement.

Mr. Decker appointed Mrs. Mann to the Police Committee and removed Mr. Bavoso. He also appointed Donn Copa to the IDA Committee.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve the 2017 surplus equipment and vehicle resolution.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 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. 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.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

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Mrs. Waizenegger informed residents to expect a commercial mass mailing for sewer/water line insurance and noted that neither the company nor the insurance coverage is affiliated with the City of Port Jervis. She also reminded residents that parking permits for the upcoming winter season are available in the Clerk's office and the 2017 tax lien sale will be held Tuesday November 14th, 2017 at 2:00pm in the Council Chambers.

Old Business:

Mrs. Randazzo-

Mrs. Randazzo invited residents to the 4th ward meeting being held on October 18th at 7:00pm.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Mrs. Fitzpatrick thanked Kathy Shortell for her service.

Mr. Belcher-

Mr. Belcher invited residents to the 2nd ward meeting being held on October 30th, 2017.

Mrs. Hendry- Absent

Mr. Bavoso-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the resolution naming the City as lead agency for the SEQR Act Review of the proposed action: a solar project, sponsored by Energy in the Bank Development Partners LLC.

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

Mr. Bavoso reminded residents that garbage and recycling will be one day late in all wards this week due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

Mr. Foster-

Mr. Foster invited everyone to the Saint Patrick's Church hall in Milford on October 17th from 7:00pm-9:00pm for a prescription drug forum.

Mrs. Mann-

Mrs. Mann congratulated Kathy Shortell on her retirement.

Mrs. Trovei-

Mrs. Trovei encouraged residents to participant in the 2nd annual Halloween decorating contest. To register, email pjtourismboard@gmail.com or call 845-858-4017. Register your home by October 25th and be entered to win prizes from local stores.

Mr. Siegel-

Mr. Siegel offered best wishes to Kathy Shortell on her retirement and noted he enjoyed working with her. He congratulated Mr. Dunn and Mr. Cunningham on their business endeavors.

October 10th, 2017**New Business:****Mr. Siegel-**

Mr. Siegel read the following letter from Robin Tamburino "I am sorry I cannot be there in person tonight to speak for myself but I am happy to have Stan read this for me. I would like to thank you all for all the beautiful changes I see happening around town! I think it will help our town finally grow and come back to life! The brewery is fantastic and we can't wait for the Vegan restaurant to open! I was hoping to hear news regarding the dog park. I don't know if the Council has discussed this yet, or looked into the cost of fencing, but it is something that I and I am sure many other residents are interested in! It is just another thing that would be a positive for the community. We will be at the next meeting, so that we can know what is happening. Thanks for listening and for all you are doing to help bring Port Jervis back to be a thriving community."

Mr. Siegel and the Council discussed possible locations for a dog park. Councilman Siegel noted that all election applications must be postmarked by October 13th and applications can be at online, City Clerk's office and the Post Office. 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.

Mrs. Trovei- No comment

Mrs. Mann- No comment

Mr. Foster-

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to allow Executive session to discuss, a personnel matter involving the selection of a City Engineer, a contractual matter involving the selection of a buyer for the first home to be transferred under the City homestead program and to seek advice of counsel regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

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

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mrs. Hendry- Absent

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Mrs. Fitzpatrick announced that Mount Carmel Society will host a sausage and pepper sandwich fundraiser on Saturday October 14th, 2017 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm.

Mrs. Randazzo- No comment

Public Comment-

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Ed Degroat, 3rd ward, stated that the resident, which he claims is operating a motorcycle repair shop in a residential zone, is also burning tires.

Motion by Mrs. Mann seconded by Mr. Bavoso to enter into executive session at 8:57pm.

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

Meeting reconvened from executive session at 9:15pm

Motion by Regis Foster, seconded by David Bavoso to accept the bid of Kathleen Conboy for the purchase of the property at 35 Orchard Street through the City of Port Jervis Homestead Program.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAYS: 1(Mr. Siegel) ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Belcher seconded by Mrs. Trovei to adjourn the meeting at 9:16pm.

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

Robin Waizenegger
Clerk Treasurer