

October 23rd, 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 October 23rd, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance-

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

Meeting opened at 6:30pm by Mr. Bavoso.

Pledge of Allegiance-

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Belcher, to allow Executive session to discuss, a personnel matter regarding the appointment of a labor attorney for the City of Port Jervis, a potential litigation regarding canal work issues and invite DPW Director Jack Farr, City Clerk Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, and to seek advice of counsel regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:35pm

Mr. Siegel arrived during executive session.

Meeting reconvened from executive session at 7:30pm

Attendance-

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

Youth Report-

Congratulations to Ms. Dorritie. Albany awarded the "Master Educator" title to her. First launched in 2013, the program selects teachers who have been found to be among the highest performing in the areas of STEM. Mount St. Mary College will hold an instant admission on October 24th, 2017. All interested should register with Mrs. Schields in guidance.

ASK participated in The Big Apple Crunch on Thursday, October 19th. ASK joined millions of New Yorkers around the state and crunched into a New York grown apple to celebrate New York Food and New York farms. As part of their commitment to literacy, the Port Jervis Rotary Club visited ASK and HBE on October 11th and gave out dictionaries to every 3rd grader. The Huguenot Fire Department visited ASK and HBE on October 11th and 12th to educate student on fire safety and prevention. The firefighters visited classrooms and meet with students throughout the building. Students in grades K-3 also had the opportunity to go outside and see how the fire engine works and operates. The 70th Annual Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday October 29th, 2017 at 3:00pm on Hammond Street in front of City Hall. The parade is open to children, adults, and leashed lets. Join us for a fun afternoon and remember to dress in costume! The Recreation Department is holding a fall clean up in City Parks on Saturday November 4th, 2017 from 10:00am -2:00pm. Volunteers are needed. We will all meet at Farnum Park at 10:00 am. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion.

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Mr. Siegel reminded voters that absentee ballots can be found online.

Veteran Report-

Mr. Siegel reported new identification cards can be completed online through the Veteran Affairs website.

Public Hearing-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to open the public hearing on proposed local law #14 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

No public comment.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to close the public hearing on proposed local law #14.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to adopt local law #14 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

Public Comment-

Wayne Kidney, 1st ward, noted that he was glad that the discussion of restructuring the sewer fee is moving forward and plans to attend the next finance meeting.

Mary Decker, 1st ward, announced the 2nd annual Kutcher Shoe Drive will begin November 2nd, 2017.

Peter Grech, 2nd ward, condemned Council for allowing cheerleaders to stand in the back of pickup trucks during a recent Homecoming parade. He noted that the City created a liability for itself by allowing such behavior, as the City provided a police escort. Mr. Grech also stated that severe injury or death have happened when people standing on the bed of the trucks were thrown off.

Pete Tomasi, 2nd ward, urged the Council to take action against Metro North for the lack of ADA compliance at the Port Jervis Station. He stated that getting handicap accessibility should take priority before the realignment project. Mr. Tomasi also noted that the City should forgo paying MTA Tax until the issue is resolved.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the minutes of the October 6th, 2017 special meeting.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 3(Mrs. Hendry, Mrs. Trovei, Mr. Bavoso) CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the minutes of the October 10th, 2017 regular meeting.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the minutes of the October 19th, 2017 special meeting.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 2(Mr. Bavoso, Mrs. Randazzo) CARRIED

Committee Reports:

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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 \$871,352.18.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the Tax Anticipation Note resolution to be issued on or about October 31st, 2017 with a maturity date of January 31st 2018 with rates resulting from a competitive bidding process for the purpose of funding tax payment to Orange County.

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

The next finance meeting will be held on November 15th, at 6:00pm in the Council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the October FEM Committee meeting minutes.

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 November 20th, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

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-

Update:

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

Bagged and canned leaf pickup will continue citywide every Monday until further notice. Please place your yard debris in cans of 35 gallons or less or biodegradable/compostable bags for pickup. If we do not get to you picked up on Monday please be patient as we will get you on Tuesday.

Loose leaves will not be picked up until late November so if you want them removed earlier please bag or can them.

The paving of E Main St and Park Ave will take place on October 26th, 27th and possibly October 30th. If schedules change we will be sending out a NIXLE notification to alert everyone.

The next DPW meeting will take place on November 6th at 6pm in the Council Chambers.

Police Committee-

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

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

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

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Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

The next meeting will be October 25th, 2017 at 7:00pm on the second floor of the Youth Center.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

Mrs. Waizenegger reported that the IDA issued a letter to the owner of 100 Pike Street requesting his attendance at the next meeting.

Next meeting will be November 13th, 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 29, 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 4, 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. Call us at 845-858-4045 or email us at pjrec@frontiernet.net.

The Youth Center will be closing at 5:00 pm on Halloween, Tuesday October 31st, 2017.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center.

Motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the resignation of Recreation Laborer, James McCooey.

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

Tourism Board-

Mr. Belcher reported that Tourism Board is working on several events and 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-

Mrs. Randazzo reported that the ZBA discussed 2 public hearings.

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The next meeting will be on November 7th, at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

Mrs. Randazzo reported that the Planning Board discussed 3 public hearings and a pre-submission. The next meeting will be held on November 21st, 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-

No report

Mayor's Correspondence- (Mr. Bavoso)

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the Arts in the Park event scheduled for June 16th, 2018 from 10:00am-5:00pm at Orange Square Park with a rain date of June 17th, 2018.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Belcher to adopt the drug and alcohol testing policy for the City of Port Jervis Dial a Bus.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Siegel to accept the proposal of Attorney Stuart Waxman to provide labor counsel to the City of Port Jervis.

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

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Mrs. Waizenegger reminded residents to vote and stated that the Newburgh Rec Center will be hosting a free rabies clinic for pets on November 4th, 2017, to register call 845-569-7311. She also reported the finance committee reviewed 3rd quarter budget and noted that the City of Port Jervis pays MTA Tax for all employees.

Old Business:

Mrs. Randazzo-

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Mrs. Randazzo stated that it was a great weekend in Port Jervis.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mrs. Hendry-

Mrs. Hendry thanked the Outdoor Club for an excellent event and suggested the Metro North ADA compliance issue should be discussed at the next ADA Committee meeting in November.

Mr. Bavoso-

Mr. Bavoso encouraged all residents to vote.

Mr. Foster-

Mr. Foster stated that the Erie 80 was a great bike event and will address ADA compliance at the train station at ADA committee meeting.

Mrs. Mann- Absent

Mrs. Trovei-

Mrs. Trovei thanked all Erie 80 event organizers and volunteers.

Mr. Siegel-

Mr. Siegel applauded Mr. Tomasi and his statements relating to the lack of ADA compliance at the Port Jervis Train Station and noted that he has been fighting with MTA and State Officials over this issue for a long time. He encouraged residents to get behind this cause. Mr. Siegel asked the Council to consider a section of Church Street Park for the possible location for a dog park and reminded all residents to vote.

New Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Mr. Siegel announced that Saint Peters Lutheran Church will be hosting a concert to benefit the warming station on November 10th at 7:00pm and noted that he is working with 4th ward residents on the idea of getting cameras installed throughout the neighborhood.

Mrs. Trovei-

Mrs. Trovei announced that the Port Jervis/Matamoras blood drive hosted by the Elks Lodge will be held on October 25th from

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1:00-6:00pm and appointments can be made by calling 1800-red-cross.

Mrs. Mann- Absent

Mr. Foster-

Mr. Foster asked residents to be mindful of children while driving through the City on Halloween and reminded everyone that that Daylight Saving Time change is November 5th, 2017.

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mrs. Hendry- No comment

Mr. Belcher-

Mr. Belcher invited everyone to a soup & bread dinner on November 4th at the Saint Peters Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Mrs. Fitzpatrick announced that a trunk or treat will be held at the Port Jervis High School parking lot on October 29th, 2017 from 5:00pm -7:00pm. She stated that she agrees with Mr. Grech's concern regarding the cheerleaders standing in the back of trucks during the Homecoming parade and noted it was illegal and dangerous. Mrs. Fitzpatrick pointed out that the School District did not get approval for the parade and thinks the Council should discuss further.

Mrs. Randazzo- No comment

Mr. Siegel-

Mr. Siegel announced that the Port Jervis Fire Department will cruise around the City on Halloween, giving out candy.

Public Comment-

No public comment

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Foster seconded by Mrs. Trovei to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.

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

Robin Waizenegger
Clerk Treasurer