

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

Attendance-

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance-

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher, to allow Executive session to discuss, personnel matter regarding the appointment of a Fire Inspector for the City, a contractual matter regarding the City with Norfolk Southern Railway regarding leases for track crossings. Personnel matter regarding rollover days from the Director of Public Works, a contractual matter regarding Department Heads' request for contractual agreement, a contractual matter regarding the Soap Box Derby and the City, a contractual matter regarding hiring of a litigation attorney for property acquisitions on the Tri-State Bridge Project and invite the Building Official, DPW Director, 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

Meeting reconvened from executive session at 7:33pm

Attendance-

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

Youth Report- No report

Senior Report- No report

Veteran Report- No report

Public Hearing: LL#15 Habitual Offenders

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to open the public hearing on LL#15 habitual offenders.

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

No public comment

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Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to close the public hearing on LL#15 habitual offenders.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to adopt Local Law #15 relating to the habitual offender law.

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

Public Hearing: 2018 Budget

Wayne Kidney, 1st ward, asked what has changed with the proposed 2018 budget since the last meeting.

Mrs. Trovei noted that a finalized budget has not been set and is still being discussed. The next budget workshop will be held on December 14th, 2017 at 6:00pm.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to close the public hearing relating to the 2018 budget.

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

Public Comment-

Patty O'Leary-May gave a brief update on the recent landlord association meeting and noted the next meeting will be held on December 14th at 5:30pm in the council chambers.

Mayor Decker thanked Mrs. O'Leary-May for being proactive.

Amy Outwater, 3rd ward, asked the Council about the possibility of local bars being forced to close at 2:00am.

Mayor Decker noted that the idea was only mentioned at the Code meeting and all local establishments would be involved with any further discussions.

Mark Hortie, Project Manager, gave an update on the construction progress at the 100 Pike Street Plaza.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the minutes of the November 27th, 2017 regular meeting.

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

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

Mrs. Trovei reviewed the last budget workshop and announced the next meeting will be December 14th, 2017 at 6:00pm.

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 \$774217.63

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the November 2017 finance committee meeting minutes.

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

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

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Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Jack Shannon, Neversink Engine Company No. 1 to be removed from active rolls.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve a breakfast with Santa at Roy's on December 17th, 2017 for Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company No. 1.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Brianna N. Moore as a junior member for Neversink Engine Co #1.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2 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-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a public hearing for proposed local law #1 of 2018 relating to sandwich boards to be set for January 8th, 2018 at 7:30pm.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Mann to hire Robert Brady as a Part Time Fire Inspector effective immediately with a salary not to exceed \$21,000.00 per year.

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

Next code meeting to be held January 3rd, 2018 at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Comprehensive Plan- No report

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the Director of Public Works to rollover 7 vacation days to be used in the 1st quarter of 2018.

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

Update:

Garbage and recycling will be on its normal schedule for the next two weeks. The week of Christmas and New Year's will be as follows:

There will be no pickup on Dec. 25th and garbage and recycling will be one day late in all wards for the remainder of the week.

There will be no pickup on January 1st, and garbage and recycling will be one day late in all wards for the remainder of the week. 1st ward cardboard will be picked up on Friday the 5th of January as normal.

Please have your garbage out by 7am everyday as we will have multiple crews out trying to catch up.

Also please remember that there are 5 Fridays in December and there will be no cardboard pickup on the week of Christmas.

The bulk truck and compost pile will be closed on the 23rd and 30th of December due to the Holiday weekend.

Bagged and canned yard debris will cease collection the week of December 11th and will resume in the Spring.

Just a reminder that the winter parking regulations are now in effect.

From December 1st through April 1st, no vehicles shall park on any City street or highway between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

The next DPW meeting will take place on January 8th, 2018 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers.

December 11th, 2017**Police Committee-**

Motion by Mrs. Hendry, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a community outreach event being held on December 23rd, 2017 from 1:00pm-5:00pm.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2 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 December 20th, 2017 at 7:00pm on the second floor of the Youth Center.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

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

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

Next meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

Housing Authority-

Next meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

Recreation Commission:

Motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the following individuals as instructors and supervisors of our Youth Basketball program and our adult basketball league. Paid positions receive a \$575 stipend at the conclusion of the program.

Youth Basketball Instructors: Warren Ponds- Paid, Steven Small- Volunteer, Daniel Keuntje- Paid, Stanley Buczek- Volunteer, Mackenzie Decker- Volunteer, Scott Robertson- Volunteer

Adult Basketball Supervisor: Justin Schofield- Volunteer

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

The Recreation Department is collecting toys this holiday season for our annual toy drive for children here in the Tri-State area. We are collecting NEW toys up until December 21. Toys can be dropped off at the Youth Center any weekday between 10 am-6 pm. All toys will go to children in the Tri-State area. Please help us help the kids. Thank you. For more information contact us at 845-858-4045 or email us at pjrec@frontiernet.net.

Our annual winter co-ed Youth Basketball program will start this Saturday, December 16. All games and practices will be at the ASK gym. Registration will end this Wednesday night December 13. This program is for boys and girls in grades 3-6. Information is also available on our Facebook page- Port Jervis Recreation.

The Youth Center schedule for Winter Break will be as follows:

Fri December 22nd 3:00 pm-6:00 pm NO TEEN NIGHT

Christmas Day and New Year's Day- Closed

December 26th-December 29th open 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Upcoming field trips we are looking into this winter include Mohegan Sun Casino trip in Wilkes-Barre and a Snow Tubing trip in Bushkill. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

The Sleigh Riding Hill at West End Beach will be set up this winter before the first big snow storm.

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There is no Recreation Commission meeting in December. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday January 16th, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Mann to approve a resolution relating to deferred revenue for the tourism board.

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

Mr. Belcher encouraged residents to participate in the Holiday Lighting Contest. Residents can vote by emailing pjtourism@gmail.com or calling 845-858-4017 by December 19th, 2017.

The next meeting will be on December 19th, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

The next meeting will be on January 18th, 2018 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers.

Planning Board-

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

Plumbing Board-

The next meeting will be held as needed.

Electrical Board-

The next meeting will be held as needed.

Senior Advisory- No report

Access 23 TV-

Mr. Belcher reported that everything is running good at the station and thanked the DPW and wished everyone a happy holiday.

PJV Ambulance Report-

Mrs. Randazzo reviewed recent election results for board members.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the Council meeting to be rescheduled from December 25th, 2017 to December 20th, 2017 at 6:00pm.

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

Mayor Decker announced the City of Port Jervis inauguration will be held on January 1st, 2018.

Mr. Decker informed residents that the Dial-A-Bus will be conducting City light tours on December 6th -7th and December 13th-14th and encouraged residents to participate in the Holiday Lighting Contest. Residents can vote by emailing pjtourism@gmail.com or calling 845-858-4017 by December 19th, 2017.

Mayor Decker urged all residents to partake in a survey to help the Port Jervis School District select a new Superintendent of

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Schools. The survey can found on the schools website www.portjervisschools.org

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Mrs. Waizenegger stated that her office is working on audit prep and encouraged all Port Jervis residents to license their dogs.

Old Business:

Mrs. Randazzo- No comment

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Thanked all involved with the Christmas parade.

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mrs. Hendry- No comment

Mr. Bavoso-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve hire David Cooper as legal Counsel to assist with acquisitions regarding the Bridge Project, pending Corporation Counsels approval.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the City of Port Jervis to work the Community Development Agency on the LGMRIF Program.

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

Mr. Bavoso thanked all involved with Christkindlemarkt.

Mr. Foster- Absent

Mrs. Mann- No comment

Mrs. Trovei- No comment

Mr. Siegel- Absent

New Business:

Mr. Siegel- Absent

Mrs. Trovei- No comment

Mrs. Mann- No comment

Mr. Foster- Absent

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mrs. Hendry- No comment

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Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Announced a benefit breakfast for the Fournier family will be held at the Erie-Trackside on December 23rd from 9:00am-11:00am.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick also read a letter, from a third ward resident, who supports the proposed Mayors salary increase.

Mrs. Randazzo-

Mrs. Randazzo reviewed urged the public to reach out to Council members to give input regarding the 2018 budget.

Public Comment-

Wayne Kidney, 1st ward, confirmed that on December 20th, 2017 the Council will hold a council meeting instead of the scheduled finance committee meeting.

Mrs. Trovei confirmed.

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Belcher seconded by Mr. Foster to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm.

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

Robin Waizenegger
Clerk Treasurer