

February 12th, 2018

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 February 12th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance-

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

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 Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso, to allow Executive session to discuss a personnel matter regarding potential replacement hiring in the Department of Public Works and invite Jack Farr, discuss a personnel matter regarding appointment of an attorney to represent the Port Jervis Planning Board, discuss a potential Contract Agreement on the sale of City owned property under the Port Jervis Homestead Program and to seek advice of counsel regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

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

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:31pm

Meeting reconvened from executive session at 7:30pm

Attendance-

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

Youth Report-

The Port Jervis Wrestling team scored 228 points to win the Section 9 Wrestling Tournament. This is the first sectional tournament title since 1980. The Raiders were led by four champions William Harrison, Jason Bulter, Eric Tigue, and Carson Sauschuck. This brings Port Jervis to a total of 85 all-time sectional champions.

There was a Health & Wellness Fair for our high school students on February the 8th. Community agencies and organizations were present in addition to representatives from several of our clubs and groups. The goal was to expose the students to various physical health, mental health and other resources from the community, as well as various clubs, groups and activities that can benefit their overall wellness.

Congratulations to the 20018 Science Olympiad Team who competed against 27 other teams this past Saturday at SUNY Ulster at the Mid-Hudson Regional Competition. The Science Olympiad us a national competition of nearly 25 events involving Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Environmental Science, Earth Science, Engineering or Technology.

The Middle School hosted the district Spelling Bee on February 7th. The five finalists will move on to represent Port Jervis at the Tri-State Spelling Bee to be held on March 11th, 2018, at the PJHS.

Accelerated Reader top prize winners for the first semester at PJMS were Anthony Shauger and Gavin O'Neill. Both won an Amazon Kindle Fire! Additional winners were Mallory Conklin and Ava Gorman. Other prizes were donated by Port Jervis Bowl and Taste of Italy.

Bears to Build Family Fun Night is March 2nd 6:00pm-8:00pm in the HBE Cafeteria. Come to the "Bears 2 Build" Family Fun Night

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only \$15 per animal. Pre-registration is due on Tuesday, February 13th. On February 2nd, HBE had their monthly school wide assembly. The entire building wore their new Character Education Hogwarts inspired shirts that art teacher Mr. Villegas designed. The program was a presentation on their next "Habit" from their "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" program that is run all year, each house is collecting points. In the third annual HBE Super Book Bowl, each fourth-sixth grade class nominated, advocated for, and voted on a worthy book to represent them in this competition. During the four weeks of the NFL playoffs, these books battled it out in a single elimination bracket system tournament with the students voting electronically during library class. This year's winner was Wonder by R.J. Palacio which was nominated by Mrs. Burns' fourth grade class. It is "random Acts of Kindness" month at HBE! Mrs. Haight and Mrs. Sickler's Kindergarten class made valentines for the animals at the PJ/Deerpark Humane Society. The Human Society was delighted to receive them and will be hanging them on each animal's cage.

Wednesday from 10:00 - 11:15 am at Foundry 42 is Children's Story Time. Story, Music, Craft and of course Fun. Free and no reservation needed.

Senior Report-

Mr. Siegel urged seniors to get flu shots.

Veteran Report-

Mr. Siegel urged Veterans to get flu shots.

Presentations: Soap Box Derby

Members of the Soap Box Derby Committee spoke about changes to the upcoming 2018 derby season. Mrs. Addy went on to discuss the revised practice schedule, restructured format and the new Church Street race location. The 2018 Soap Box Derby will be held on June 10th, 2018.

Mayor Decker noted that an event application form must be completed and returned.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the minutes of the January 22nd, 2018 regular meeting.
 AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Public Comment-

No public comment

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the January finance meeting minutes.
 AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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 \$1,062,974.13.

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

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The next meeting will be held on February 21st, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve James B. Fuller, Sr. as an emergency driver for Delaware Engine Company No. 2.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve James B. Fuller, Jr. as a probationary driver for Excelsior Engine Company No. 5.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve Delaware Engine Company No. 2 requests to hold the following events: Wing Night at the Erie on 03/27/2018; Taste of Sicily on a day to be determined in April; Car Wash on 05/19/2018; a Fish Toss at the Soap Box Derby; and a raffle for items at the Fall Foliage Festival.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 requests to hold the following events: Host an Old Timer's Night for members and guests on 04/22/2018, Host a Bicycle Rodeo in conjunction with the Port Jervis Police Department and the Fourth Ward Neighborhood Watch on 05/19/2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at their firehouse.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 requests to hold the following events Host an Old Timer's Night for members and guests on 04/28/2018; Have a booth at the Sportsmen's Expo to sell pizza & funnel cakes on 05/19/2018; The Color Guard to attend the game and present the Colors during the pregame ceremony at PNC Field (Scranton/Wilkes Barre Rail Riders) on 06/09/2018 and to use the Engine for transportation and display purposes; Have a booth at the Soapbox Derby on 06/10/2018; Attend a steak bake in Middletown on 07/28/2018 and use the bus and U820 or other vehicle as needed to transport personnel; The apparatus to attend Public Safety Day at PNC Field on 08/03/2018 where there will be a parade followed by fireworks; Attend the Candlelight Vigil in the Village of Washingtonville on 09/11/2018 and to use the Engine and U820 or other vehicle as needed to transport personnel; Have a booth at the Fall Foliage Festival on 09/23/2018; and Host a Kid's Christmas Party on 12/16/2018.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Tri State Hose Company No. 6 requests to hold the following event Parade in Haverstraw on 05/19/2018.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to remove Tristan M. Richter from Tri States Hose Company No. 6 from active membership rolls.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 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 February 19th, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

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Next code meeting to be held February 27th, 2018 at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Comprehensive Plan-

The Comprehensive Plan committee will next meet on February 27th at 7:00 in the Council Chambers.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Update:

Garbage and recycling will be on their normal schedule for the week of February 12th. The week of February 19th will have garbage and recycling picked up a day late in all wards due to the President's Holiday. 4th Ward papers will be picked up as scheduled on the 4th Friday of the month.

The City's bulk waste truck is still available on Saturday mornings from 7:15am until 11:30 am. A coupon is needed for City residents to be able to dump and is available for purchase from the City Clerk's office located at 20 Hammond St M-F from 8am -5pm.

Please call the DPW office at 845-858-4001 to report potholes in need of repair.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the minutes from the February DPW meeting minutes.

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

The next meeting will be held on March 5th, 2018 at 6:00pm.

Police Committee-

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the January monthly police report.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve employee #324 to carry over 40hrs unused 2017 time to be used in the 1st quarter of 2018, due to an approved 207C on the job injury.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve James Davis to complete 90 hours of internship hours for the Police Department through the Sussex County Community College Internship program.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Mann to authorize the City Clerk Treasurer and the Chief of Police to advertise bids for 2018 City of Port Jervis street public safety camera project.

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

The next meeting will be held on February 15th, 2018.

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Mrs. Trovei noted that board members were announced, the committee discussed current financials, section 8 update and affordable housing.

The next meeting will be February 28th, 2018 at 7:00pm on the second floor of the Youth Center.

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Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

Mrs. Mann noted that the IDA reviewed and approved a sales tax exemption for 100 Pike Street.

Next meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

Next meeting will be held on March 5th, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Housing Authority-

No report was given.

Recreation Commission:

The Youth Center schedule for President's weekend will be as follows: Friday Feb. 16th and Monday Feb. 19th 11:00 am-3:00 pm No Teen Night this Friday Feb. 16th, 2018.

The Recreation Department is sponsoring a CASINO TRIP to Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs on Saturday, March 10, 2018. A Coach Bus will leave Port at 11:30am and return approximately 7:30 pm. Adults only 21 and older. Cost will be only \$30 per person for transportation. All attending will receive \$25 in slot play and a \$5 voucher for any restaurant in the casino. Join us for a great day at the casino! Call the Recreation office to sign up. 845-858-4045.

The Tom Chuckran Cops and Kids Basketball game will be held on Saturday March 3rd, 2018 at 10:00 am at the A.S.K. Gym. This annual game puts our 6th grade boys and girls vs. the Tri-State area police men and women. This game is also a charity event to benefit the Humane Society. We are asking all players and spectators to bring dog food, cat food, old blankets or sheets, bleach or other donations for the Humane Society. No charge to attend this highly entertaining game, just bring an item for the Humane Society.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 27th, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

The next meeting will be on February 14th, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

Mrs. Randazzo noted that a public hearing was discussed and approved for 22-26 N. Maple Ave for a line movement change.

The next meeting will be on March 6th, 2018 at 6:00pm in the Council chambers.

Planning Board-

The next meeting will be held on February 20th, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

The next meeting will be held on March 7th at 6:30pm in the Council chambers.

Electrical Board-

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The next meeting will be held on March 7th at 6:45pm in the Council chambers.

Senior Advisory-

Nothing to report.

Access 23 TV-

Mr. Belcher thanked the cameraman.

PJV Ambulance Report-

Mayor Decker reported that the PJVAC purchased a used ambulance for a total of 3 fleet vehicles.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Mayor Decker urged the public to reach out to state officials to vote down the proposed Presumptive Release Program.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Mrs. Waizenegger informed residents that there has been a change in the voting site for 2nd ward residents from the Farnum building to the Council Chambers.

Old Business:

Mrs. Randazzo-

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the consent of representation in regards to Corporation Counsel. She also stated that the Council has acknowledged the receipt of the annexed conflicts disclosure, and, nevertheless, direct and request you to continue to represent us with respect to the subject transaction. If we believe a conflict of interest develops or if you may so advise us, we further understand you may withdraw from your representation of us in this transaction. In that event, we shall be billed only for services rendered to the date of notification, together with costs expended on our behalf.

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

Mayor Decker indicated that the Planning Board attorney will be announced after the next Planning Board meeting, which is scheduled for February 20th, 2018.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mr. Santini- No comment

Mr. Bavoso-

Mr. Bavoso noted the comprehensive plan committee will next meet on February 27th at 7:00 in the Council Chambers.

Mr. Foster- No comment

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Mrs. Mann- No comment

Mrs. Trovei- No comment

Mr. Siegel-

Mr. Siegel thanked everyone involved with getting MTA on board with getting MTA to agree to make necessary ADA compliant changes to the Port Jervis Train Station.

New Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to authorize Corporation Counsel to begin the eviction proceedings on behalf of the City with regards to the properties acquired from the 2015 tax lien sale which are still occupied.

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

Next workshop and prayer service will be held at the Matamoras United Methodist Church on February 16th, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Mrs. Trovei-

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the site access agreement with Verizon Wireless in regards to conducting a site investigation for a potential cell phone tower on City property.

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

Mrs. Trovei announced that PJ Pride will be hosting a Winter Warmup free event on February 18th from 1:00pm-3:00pm at the Youth Center.

Mrs. Mann- No comment

Mr. Foster- No comment

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mr. Santini-

Mr. Santini announced that SUNY Orange will be offering 4 evening classes this spring to be held at the Port Jervis High School. For more information please visit Sunyorange.edu/port.

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Announced that the Raiders Lady Softball Team will be hosting a fundraiser at the Elks Lodge on February 24th, 2018 from 7:00-10:00pm.

Mrs. Randazzo- No comment

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Public Comment- No public comment

Meeting Adjourned –

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

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

Robin Waizenegger
Clerk Treasurer