

February 26th, 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 26th, 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 potential contract matter between the City of Port Jervis and the PJVAC, to discuss contractual issues between the City and the potential purchaser of 29-31 Front Street 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. DPW Director Jack Farr, Building Official David Rivera, Recreation Director John Faggione, City Clerk Treasurer Robin Waizenegger and Corporation Counsel were also present.

Youth Report- No report given

Senior Report-

Mr. Siegel informed seniors that they will be receiving new secure Medicare cards. He also warned residents of a phone scam that is attempting to gather personal information and urged seniors not to give any information, especially a social security number over the phone and to notify Police.

Veteran Report- No report given

Public Comment-

Tim Simmons, 4th ward, asked the Council to verify where this year's Soap Box Derby will be held.

Mayor Decker indicated that the Soap Box Derby will be held on Sussex Street.

February 26th, 2018**Minutes Approved-**

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the minutes of the February 12th, 2018 regular meeting.

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

Committee Reports:**Finance Committee**

Mrs. Trovei reported that the finance committee discussed the RFP for fire insurance, cash flow, capital note request, vehicle replacement plans, IT upgrades, utility audit, sales tax revenue and parking fees.

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 \$326,040.20.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the resolution relating to the increase for tax search fees from \$100.00 to \$150.00 per search and an increase for administrative fees from \$35.00 to \$100.00 per invoice effective April 1st, 2018.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the resolution for an ATM to be placed within City Hall.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the resolution authorizing the City Clerk Treasurer to process insurance renewal policies.

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

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

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the Special Operations Squad request to approve Gregory A. Collette to the Accident Victim Extrication Team (AVET) and Peter O. Tomasi to the Accident Victim Extrication Team and as support for the Water Operations Team.

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 March 19th, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

Mrs. Randazzo noted that the February 27th meeting has been cancelled.

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

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Comprehensive Plan- No report given

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Update:

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

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 only 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. Each coupon is \$10.00 a piece.

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

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

Police Committee-

Mr. Foster noted that the police committee discussed training, parking ticket fees, recent police activity, and the upcoming internships.

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

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

The next meeting will be held on March 22nd, 2018.

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

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

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

Mrs. Mann reported that she attended a site visit at 100 Pike Street and noted the project is ongoing.

Next meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

Mayor Decker announced that Save A Lot is scheduled to be open in May 2018.

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

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

Housing Authority-

Next meeting will be held on January 23rd, 2018 at 7:30 at Hillside Terrace.

Recreation Commission:

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This Wednesday February 28 the Recreation Department is holding its 5th and 6th grade Youth Basketball Championship Games. Game #1- Arizona State vs. UCONN is at 6 pm followed by the Championship Game- Texas vs. North Carolina at 7 pm. We welcome all to come down and support the kids.

The Tom Chuckran Cops and Kids Basketball game will be held this Saturday March 3, 2018 at 10:00 am at the A.S.K. Elementary School Gym. Police officers from the Tri-State Area will take on the 6th grade boys and girls from our Youth Basketball program. Open to the public, this event is also a charity event for the Humane Society of Port Jervis/Deerpark. We are asking all players and spectators to bring dog food, cat food, old towels and blankets, bleach or other donations with you to the game. Donations will be delivered to the Humane Society after the game. A 50/50 will also be held. Please join us for an entertaining game and a charitable cause. For more information contact the PJ Recreation office at 845-858-4045.

A casino trip to Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs is set for Saturday, March 10, 2018. A coach Bus will leave Port at 11:30 am and return approximately 7:30 pm. Adults only 21 and older. Cost will be \$30 per person for transportation. All attending will receive \$25 in slot play and a \$5 voucher for any restaurant in the casino. Coach bus! Join us and don't worry about driving or parking- come with us and make it more comfortable for you! Call the Recreation office at 845-858-4045 to sign up.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for tomorrow February 27th at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center on Pike Street.

Tourism Board-

Mr. Belcher reported that the tourism board discussed the upcoming City Wide Yard sale on May 5th and other events.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals-

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

Planning Board-

Mr. Santini reported that the planning board held public hearings for Drew Church and the Beast Project, pre submissions for Bell Trust and Viking Hatchet Hurling and a 6 month extension for O&R was approved.

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

Plumbing Board-

The plumbing board will hold a special meeting on February 27th at 6:30pm in the Council chambers.

Electrical Board-

The electrical board will hold a special meeting on February 27th at 6:45pm in the Council chambers.

Senior Advisory-

Nothing to report.

Access 23 TV-

Mr. Belcher thanked the cameraman.

PJV Ambulance Report-

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No report given.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve a special joint meeting with the Town of Deerpark regarding the proposed annexation to be held on April 9th, 2018 at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the event application for the City Wide Yard Sale to be held on May 5th, 2018.

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

Mayor Decker stated that Mr. Bavoso will be removed from the Police Committee and Mrs. Trovei will be added. He also announced that Glen Plotsky will serve as the Planning Board Attorney.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Mrs. Waizenegger noted that the state controllers risk assessment and the internal audits are ongoing. She noted that the tax warrant will need to be approved at the March 12th, 2018 council meeting and encouraged residents to check the City's website regarding new information on the homestead program.

Old Business:

Mrs. Randazzo-

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a contract with the PJVAC for past gas bills through December 31st, 2017 in the amount of \$6,536.28.

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

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mr. Santini- No comment

Mr. Bavoso-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve 10 Patterson Street to be put into the homestead program.

Mr. Bavoso announced the Homestead Program Schedule for 10 Patterson Street;

Open house to be held on Saturday March 10th, 2018 from 10:00am-2:00pm.

-2nd look by appointment Wednesday March 14th, 2018 call 858-4014 to get on appointment list.

-Sealed bids with application due at Office of City Clerk Treasurer at or before 2:00pm on Wednesday March 20th, 2018.

-Review by council on Monday March 26th to either cancel process, award or determination of necessary interview.

-On March 27th, 2018 a written notices of bid award or interview scheduling to applicant and applications to attorney for closings if appropriate.

-Closing in 30-90 days.

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Mr. Foster- No comment

Mrs. Mann- No comment

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Mrs. Trovei- No comment

Mr. Siegel-

Mr. Siegel thanked everyone who attended or watched the live feed of the recent Cornerstone meeting regarding a possible methadone clinic being established in Port Jervis. He recognized opinions on both sides of the issue.

New Business:

Mr. Siegel- No comment

Mrs. Trovei-

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to waive the interest that has accrued since the tax lien sale on 29-31 Front Street for a potential sale and continue until the closing.

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Mrs. Mann-

Mrs. Mann read the following statement "With regards to our meeting with Cornerstone I would like to say that nobody disputes the need to help those in need of recovery. What concerns our residents is why the clinic is searching for a location within our city in a residential and business districts. This is what has caused an atmosphere of unease settlement over our community. It is time serious consideration is given to putting these clinics into medical facilities and not in a residential or business neighborhood. Our Mayor, numerous city official's and city employees have attempted to assist Cornerstone with suggestions of locations. They have been artfully cunning and dishonest while secretly attempting to find a way into our community. This is not being transparent. I would also like to reiterate that the clinic made it loud and clear on more than one occasion that our Port Jervis residents will not have first priority for treatment. I know I will always try to do what is in the best interest for the residents of our city."

Mr. Foster- No comment

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mr. Santini-

Motion by Mr. Santini, seconded by Mr. Belcher to waive the building permit fees for the Salvation Army building renovations at 130 Pike Street.

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

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Mrs. Randazzo- No comment

Public Comment- No public comment

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Bavoso seconded by Mr. Foster to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm.

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Robin Waizenegger
Clerk Treasurer