

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

Attendance-

Mayor Decker and all members of the Common Council were present except 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 Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher, to allow Executive session to discuss a personnel matter involving the Building Official's office and part time employees and request David Rivera to join executive session, proposed contract agreement between the City and Department of Motor Vehicle, personnel matter and potential contract regarding the Police Department and the City School District and request the Police Chief to join executive session, and to seek advice of counsel regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

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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 except Mr. Foster. DPW Director Jack Farr, Police Chief William Worden, City Clerk Treasurer Robin Waizenegger and Corporation Counsel were also present.

Youth Report-

The Harlem Wizards are coming to Port Jervis to take on the faculty and staff! Come cheer on your teachers on Wednesday, March 21st at 7:00pm. Tickets are on sale from Ms. Dorritie at the high school. On February 23rd and 24th members of the PJ Wrestling team competed in the NYS Wrestling Championships in Albany, NY. Carson Sauschuck, Eric Tigue, William Harrison and Jason Butler all competed for the Raiders. Eric Tigue made it to day 2, earning a spot in the top 8 for 113 pounds. Jason Butler defeated Patrick Walsh of Olean High School to take 5th place at 182lbs. The Raiders finished ranked #10 in New York State.

The PJCS D is partnering with Aesthetic Family Dentistry of Port Jervis NY to promote dental health. In an effort to promote and ensure good dental hygiene, the PJCS D is partnering with Aesthetic Family Dentistry of Port Jervis NY, to offer free health screenings at school-at no cost to families. Forms for the free screening have been mailed home to parents. If parents choose this free dental health examination to be done at school by a dentist from Aesthetic Family Dentistry, they will be provided with the findings from the screening, as well as any recommendation the dentist offers. Families can then follow up with Aesthetic Family Dentistry or any dentist of their choice.

The spring freshman orientation is coming up! Thursday, April 26th, 6:00-7:00pm at the Port Jervis High School.

The March 11th, Tri-State Spelling Bee at Port Jervis High School was a huge success. Port Jervis Middle school students who participated were Kareem Haynesworth, Jordan Henderson, and Isabella Talmadge. They did an impressive job representing our district. ASK sixth grader William Mackin was the top finisher for Port Jervis, Finishing in third place.

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Math March Madness Family Game Night for staff, students, parents/guardians was held on Thursday, March 8th, at 6:00pm at the Port Jervis High School. Renowned math education consultants, Greg Tang, SR. and Greg Tang Jr. hosted this game night. Parents/guardians met in the High School Auditorium for a short presentation while students met in the High School Cafeteria to play math games.

The Middle School Drama Club's school musical Oklahoma, has been postponed until March 16th, 17th & 18th. Show times will be at 7pm on March 16th and 17th, and 3:00pm on March 18th.

Mrs. Robinson & Mr. Puopolo's science classes are learning about amphibians! Students are studying Vertebrates, which are animals of a large group distinguished by the possession of a backbone or spinal column, including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fishes.

The second graders at Anna S. Kuhl were tasked with creating full size presidents for inclusion in a "Hall of Presidents." They have been working on learning about their assigned presidents as well as incorporating different aspects of research and technology to go along with their project.

HBE PTA will hold an adult comedy show and full dinner on Friday April 27th, 2018 at the Erie in Port Jervis. Doors open at 6:30, dinner begins at 7:00pm. 90 minutes of comedy to follow! The Tom Chuckran Cops and Kids Basketball Game has been rescheduled for Sunday March 18th, 2018 at 12:00pm in the ASK 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 Human Society after the game. A 50/50 will also be held. Mark your calendars for Sunday May 6th, 2018 as we hold the 25th Annual Delaware River 5K Run. Don't miss the great community event. Start running now. May 6th will be here in the blink of an eye! Registration is now open. Foundry 42 has their Children's Story Time Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30am-11:15am enjoy a story, music, crafts and of course fun. It's free and no reservation needed.

Senior Report-

Mr. Siegel warned seniors of an IRS phone scam that is attempting to gather personal information.

Veteran Report-

Mr. Siegel urged Veterans to get the new 2 dose shingles vaccination.

Public Comment-

Mark Hortie, Pike Street Project Manager, updated the council on the construction progress and noted that Save A Lot is scheduled to be open in May 2018.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the minutes of the February 26th, 2018 regular meeting.

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

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

Mrs. Trovei reported that the finance committee discussed the results of the recent risk assessment audit.

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 \$87274.85.

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Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the February finance committee minutes.

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Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the warrant for the collection of 2018 City Tax.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to the 2 year lease for the Department of Motor Vehicles.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve \$1,985.00 to be used from the contingency fund for a monument to honor Mr. Kucher.

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Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the change of salary to \$20.00 an hour and decrease the number of overall hours allotted for the part time building inspectors.

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

The next meeting will be held on March 28th, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 to hold the following events host a no cost Rabies Clinic at the firehouse on 04/08/2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and host a Sausage & Pepper Take Out on 10/13/2018 at their firehouse.

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Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Zachary S. Morris and Ryan R. Kowal from Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 to be approved for active membership.

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Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the following Inter-Department Transfers: Jerry D. Enright from Fowler's Rescue & Salvage Company No. 3 to Delaware Engine Company No. 2, Kenneth J. Howell and Wendy J. Howell from Delaware Engine Company No. 2 to Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 and Michael J. Nason, Jr. from Fowler's Rescue & Salvage Company No. 3 to Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4.

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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-

The next meeting will be held on March 13th, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

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Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the March DPW committee meeting minutes.

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Update:

Garbage and recycling will be on their normal schedule for the next two weeks. Please remember that regardless of the weather we will always be picking up your garbage so please have it out prior to 7am on the day of your pickup. 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 a piece. Please call the DPW office at 845-858-4001 to report potholes in need of repair.

The next DPW meeting will take place on Monday April 2nd, 2018 at 6pm here in the Council Chambers.

Police Committee-

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

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the permanent appointment of Andrew Dillinger as Police Officer to be effective as of February 1st, 2018.

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

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the February police committee meeting minutes.

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

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

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

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Mr. Belcher noted that the CDA reviewed financials, monthly reports, director's report and the section 8 update.

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

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

Next meeting will be on March 19th, at 6:30 pm in the council chambers.

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the March ADA committee meeting minutes.

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

Next meeting will be held on June 4th, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Housing Authority-

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Next meeting will be held on March 27th, 2018 at 7:30 at Hillside Terrace.

Recreation Commission:

The Tom Chuckran Cops and Kids Basketball Game has been rescheduled for this upcoming Sunday March 18, 2018 at 12:00 pm in the ASK Gym. The game was postponed on March 3rd due to the weather. 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 and ask for Mr. Faggione. Hope you can join us for a fun filled afternoon.

On March 10th, 31 people attended the Recreation Department's trip to Pocono Downs Casino in Wilkes-Barre PA. Everyone had a great time and is looking forward to the next scheduled trip.

The Youth Center schedule for Spring Break is as follows: Monday through Friday March 26-April 2- 11:00 am-3:00 pm-No Teen Night over Spring Break.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 21 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

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 April 3rd, 2018 at 6:00pm in the Council chambers.

Planning Board-

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

Plumbing Board-

The plumbing board will be held on March 13th at 6:30pm in the Council chambers.

Electrical Board-

The electrical board will held on March 13th at 6:45pm in the Council chambers.

Senior Advisory-

Nothing to report.

Access 23 TV-

Mr. Belcher thanked the cameraman.

PJV Ambulance Report-

The next meeting will be held on March 16th, 2018.

March 12th, 2018**Mayor's Correspondence-**

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Faith Webb and Emily Lanzo as interns for the Police Department and authorize Corporation Counsel, Chief Worden and the City Clerk to implement the internship program. Interns are authorized to work up to 80 hours from March 19th, 2018 to June 30th, 2018 and are permitted to perform administrative, clerical, communication and assist with the parking ticket compliance program within the Police Department.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the resolution authorizing the Animal Control Officer and the City Clerk's Office to sponsor a free rabies clinic to be held in April, which will include waivers for City dog licensing fees during the program. The event will be held at Howard Wheat Firehouse in conjunction with the Orange County Department of Health and is subject to proper insurance.

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Mayor Decker invited everyone to attend the annual Soap Box Derby on June 10th, 2018.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Little Lamb to hold their annual morning parade on April 16th, 2018. Parade will start at Church Street Park at approximately 10:00am and end at Little Lambs.

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Mr. Decker congratulated Noah Webb on earning his Eagle Scout award and announced the Snow Ball Chance Affair event will be held on March 18th, 2018.

Mayor Decker noted that Port Jervis has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Foundation for the 2017 year.

Mayor Decker stated that the state controllers risk assessment audit came back with no services needed. He noted that was highly unheard of and thanked City employees and Department heads for their due diligence.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

Mrs. Waizenegger stated that her office was in receipt of a liquor license renewal for the Erie hotel and if no objections are made she will sign off and send it to the State Liquor Authority. The Tax warrant was approved, therefore taxes will be sent out March 15th, 2018. She also noted that the internal audit was completed within 4 days due to a well trained staff.

Old Business:

Mrs. Randazzo- No comment

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mr. Santini- No comment

Mr. Bavoso-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of concurrence on behalf of the City of Port Jervis and the Fire Department regarding a change in frequency by the Marshalls Creek Fire Department.

Mr. Siegel asked if the motion could be amended to include the approval of the Fire Chief.

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Mr. Bavoso and Mr. Belcher agreed to amend the motion.

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Comprehensive Plan-

The next meeting will be held on March 14th, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Rec center.

Mr. Foster- Absent

Mrs. Mann- No comment

Mrs. Trovei- No comment

Mr. Siegel-

Expressed condolences to the Wagner family and get well wishes for past Fire Chief Mike Cicalese.

New Business:

Mr. Siegel-

Mr. Siegel announced a radio operations class being held on March 21st at 6:30pm at the training center and contact Chief Snyder about ER training. The warming station will remain open until March 31st, 2018. The next interfaith council meeting will be held on April 8th, 2018 at 6:30pm at Saint Peters Lutheran Church and the next worship and pray service will be held March 16th at 7:00pm at Newlife Christian Fellowship in Matamoras.

Mrs. Trovei-

Mrs. Trovei mentioned that Operation PJ Pride members trained library staff on the uses of Narcan and the stigma of substance abuse disorder and the next meeting will be held March 15th, 2018 at 12:30pm at the Erie. She also noted that a representative from the Orange County Department of Health will be at the library during two upcoming story time sessions conducting developmental screening for children, free of charge on March 20th & March 27th from 10:00am-12:00pm.

Mrs. Mann- No comment

Mr. Foster- Absent

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mr. Santini- No comment

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

Mrs. Fitzpatrick announced that on March 24th, 2018 from 4:00pm-7:00pm the Mount Carmel Society will be having a sausage and pepper take out and on March 17th, 2018 from 4:00pm- 7:00pm the Erie will be hosting a Saint Patty's day celebration.

Mrs. Randazzo-

Mrs. Randazzo announced the next 4th ward meeting will be held on March 21st, 2018 at 7:00 at Howard Wheat #4 firehouse.

Public Comment-

Carol Decker, 1st ward, asked the council to consider getting Corporation Counsel and Mrs. Waizenegger microphones. She noted that their reports cannot be heard over Access 23.

Meeting Adjourned –

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

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Robin Waizenegger
Clerk Treasurer