

March 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Attendance-**

All members of the Common Council were present except Mayor Decker, Mr. Foster and Mrs. Randazzo.

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. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher, to allow Executive session to discuss two contractual matters, involving sidewalk work at the promenade and the sale of city owned property and to invite the City Clerk Treasurer 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 6:31pm

Meeting reconvened from executive session at 7:30pm

### **Attendance-**

All members of the Common Council were present except Mayor Decker, Mr. Foster and Mrs. Randazzo. Recreation Director John Faggione, Police Chief William Worden, City Clerk Treasurer Robin Waizenegger and Corporation Counsel were also present.

### **Youth Report-**

Port Jervis Schools are on spring vacation this week, and will return Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> which will be a regular school day. Students from all four PJ Schools were awarded the "Music in Our Schools Award" at the March 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting. Congratulations to all these talented students. Due to the closing of the PJSD on March 21<sup>st</sup>, the Harlem Wizard game will be postponed. The game will now be played on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. All pre purchased tickets for the game will be honored at the game. It is not necessary to receive new tickets. If you sent in a ticket order, your tickets will be at the door on April 9<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to purchase tickets, they will be available at the advanced price until April 6<sup>th</sup>.

"Empty Bowls" is an international project to fight hunger, personalized by artists and art organizations on a community level. PJHS teachers showed off their culinary soup skills by preparing their favorite soup to be shared with others. Mrs. Horst's ceramic students made the bowls. Mrs. Accardi's class made the cookies. Over \$535.00 was raised for the local food bank. On Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, four students from the PJMS competed in the Mid-Hudson Division B NY Science Olympiad. Our Olympiads included Zander, Kayla, Antonio and Kasidie. They competed in such diverse events as Dynamic Planet, Mystery Architecture, Rocks and Minerals, The Solar System, and Optics.

In Celebration of Foreign Language Week, students in Ms. Abarbanel's French classes and Mrs. Medina's Spanish classes learned different cultural dances from Cuba and the Dominic Republic to Albania.

The spring freshman orientation is on Thursday, April 26, 6:00-7:00pm, at the PJHS. With family in the audience, fifth graders from Hamilton Bicentennial Elementary School to the stage and received certificates upon graduating from the D.A.R.E. Program. D.A.R.E. teaches students the positive aspects of respecting others, choosing to lead lives free from violence,

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substance abuse, and other dangerous behaviors. Deerpark Police Officer Frank McGrath teaches the D.A.R.E. program at HBE. From February 15 to March 6, HBE held the 17<sup>th</sup> annual read-a-thon in memory of Betty Morgan, a former HBE teacher. Congratulations to the 43 students who raised a total of \$2,431.00 and did lots of excellent reading. The money raised will go to the Betty Morgan Scholarship Fund. The Rec Department is excited to announce a new event for Easter time! This year on Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1:00pm we will be holding the spring Easter races at Church Street Park. This new and exciting event will be replacing the Easter Candy Dash from past years. Kids' ages 9 and younger can compete in egg/spoon races, egg roll races, bunny hop (potato sack) races and more. Prizes will be awarded to winners and goody bags for all participants. Join us on April 8<sup>th</sup> for a fun afternoon for the kids. This event is free of charge to attend and participate. The annual cops and kids basketball game was once again a fun filled game that went back and forth with the kids coming out on top once again by a score of 75-71. Thank you to the volunteers and Police officers.

#### **Senior Report-**

Mr. Siegel warned seniors that IRS phone scams are continuing.

#### **Veteran Report-**

Mr. Siegel informed Veterans that online scheduling is now available through myhealthyvet.com.

#### **Public Comment-**

Linda Vanhorn, 4<sup>th</sup> ward, asked the council for help locating a meeting space for the Senior Club and suggested the council look into shared services grants.

Mr. Siegel suggested Howard Wheat Engine Co #4 Firehouse as a meeting place.

Catherine Westfall, inquired about when renovations on the Farnum building will begin, asked the council to consider finding the senior club a permanent location and asked about the future of the Recreation Department.

Ed Degroat, 3<sup>rd</sup> ward, showed the council signed letters from individuals with 40 and 65 years of experience changing tires, Mr. Degroat stated he showed those individuals pictures and videos and they said if it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, quacks like a duck and swims like a duck, just like Wayne Kidney said it's a duck. Mr. Degroat noted that he would really like to end that motorcycle shop today.

#### **Minutes Approved-**

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Trovei to approve the minutes of the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 regular meeting.

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

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Finance Committee**

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 \$234,895.02.

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

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

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### **Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee**

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the minutes of the March FEM meeting minutes.

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

Watch our Facebook page: Port Jervis Fire Department and our website [www.pjnyfd.com](http://www.pjnyfd.com) for information about the PJFD.

The next meeting will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

### **Code Committee-**

The Code committee discussed fees for PB and ZBA, open container law and a sandwich board sign law.

The next meeting will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

### **Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-**

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Santini to approve the resolution regarding training and travel for the Department of Public Works.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the resignation of Joseph Kowal with regret.

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

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.

Yard debris will begin getting picked up on Mondays starting on April 2nd in all wards. Yard debris must be in cans of 35 gallons or less or be placed in biodegradable/compostable bags. No debris will be picked up unless either of those means are used or if garbage is mixed in with your yard debris

Brush must be tied and bundled in 12" or less bundles.

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

### **Police Committee-**

No report given.

The next meeting will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### **Liaison Reports:**

#### **Community Development Agency (CDA)-**

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

#### **Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-**

Next meeting will be on April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm in the council chambers.

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**American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-**

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

**Housing Authority-**

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

**Recreation Commission:**

The Youth Center Recreation Room will be open 11:00 am-3:00 pm all this week- March 26-30 during the school's spring break. We will resume normal after school hours on Monday April 2, 2018.

On Sunday April 8, 2018 at 1:00 pm at Church St. Park the Recreation Department is excited to hold our 1st Annual Spring Easter Races. This event is replacing the Easter Candy Dash from years past. The Spring Easter Races is free of charge and for boys and girls ages 9 and younger. Kids will compete in Egg Races, Bunny Hop Races and other competitions. Prizes will be awarded to winners and goodie bags for all participants!

On Saturday April 14, 2018 the Recreation Department is holding its Spring Port Pride Clean-Up Day. We will be cleaning up our city parks and playgrounds. Volunteers are needed! We will meet at Farnum Park at 10:00 am and we will be done by 12:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served at Farnum Park at 12:00 pm. Please help us clean-up our parks and get them ready for the spring and summer.

On Sunday May 6, 2018 the Recreation Department is holding its 25th Annual Delaware River 5K Run and Walk! The race will start at 9:00 am at Riverside Park. Applications are available at the Youth Center or our Facebook page or you can register on-line at [www.delawareriver5Krun.com](http://www.delawareriver5Krun.com).

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center.

**Tourism Board-**

Discussed the upcoming City Wide Yard Sale on May 5<sup>th</sup> and Art in the Park on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

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

**Zoning Board of Appeals-**

The next meeting will be on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 6:00pm in the Council chambers.

**Planning Board-**

Discussed a lot line change and a site plan for Viking Hatchet.

The next meeting will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00pm.

**Plumbing Board-**

The plumbing board will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Council chambers.

**Electrical Board-**

The electrical board will held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm in the Council chambers.

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**Senior Advisory-**

Mr. Siegel noted that he would attend the next senior club meeting.

**Access 23 TV-**

Mr. Belcher thanked the cameraman.

**PJV Ambulance Report-**

No report given.

**Mayor's Correspondence- (Mr. Bavoso)**

Read a letter stating that all Cruzin Port events will be moved to Airport Park in Matamoras and thanked the City for their support over the years.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Santini to approve the resolution regarding travel and training approval for the Building Department, with a cost not to exceed the amount in the 2018 budget unless authorized by the Council.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve \$20,000.00 expenditure out of the 2013 Bond for materials for building a cover to the well tank for the fountain at the promenade as well as a cover for the power hook up.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve Cathleen Conboy as the successful bidder under the Homestead program, her bid was for \$15, 000 to purchase 10 Patterson Street.

Mr. Siegel suggested the council let realtors try and sell remaining city owned properties.

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

**City Clerk Treasurer's Report-**

Mrs. Waizenegger stated that Orange County Valley View Center is hosting a job fair on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm, noted that the IRS is encouraging everyone to do a paycheck checkup for taxpayer's regarding withholdings and reminded residents that the 1<sup>st</sup> half of taxes are due by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Old Business:**

**Mrs. Randazzo-** Absent

**Mrs. Fitzpatrick-** No comment

**Mr. Belcher-**

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Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to approve the Direct Energy 3 month contract.

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**Mr. Santini-** No comment

**Mr. Bavoso-** No comment

**Mr. Foster-** Absent

**Mrs. Mann-** No comment

**Mrs. Trovei-** No comment

**Mr. Siegel-**

Mr. Siegel expressed condolences for the 9 firefighters who lost their lives serving their communities.

**New Business:**

**Mr. Siegel-**

Mr. Siegel wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover. The next interfaith council meeting will be held on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30pm at Saint Peters Lutheran Church and the next worship and prayer service will be held April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am at Deerpark Reformed Church.

**Mrs. Trovei-** No comment

**Mrs. Mann-**

Mrs. Mann wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover.

**Mr. Foster-** Absent

**Mr. Bavoso-** No comment

**Mr. Santini-** No comment

**Mr. Belcher-**

Mr. Belcher wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover.

**Mrs. Fitzpatrick-**

Mrs. Fitzpatrick wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover.

**Mrs. Randazzo-** Absent

**Public Comment-**

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Ed Degroat, 3<sup>rd</sup> ward, stated that if anyone wants pictures you can send him a message on Facebook and noted he has a few thousand pictures of a motorcycle shop and suggested the council find the money to purchase a microphone for the City Clerk Treasurer and Corporation Counsel to use during meetings.

Joan McBride, asked about the status of the old fountain, noted that she dislikes how narrow Front Street is, asked if the City planned on removing the Civil War monument from Orange Square Park and expressed concern regarding the vacant building across the street from her house.

Council responded that the old fountain is currently in storage and the war monument is not being removed but will be restored in the future.

**Meeting Adjourned –**

Motion by Mr. Santini seconded by Mrs. Trovei to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm.

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

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Robin Waizenegger  
Clerk Treasurer