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### **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 April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Attendance-**

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

Meeting opened at 6:30pm by Mayor Decker.

### **Pledge of Allegiance-**

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Belcher, to allow Executive session to discuss a potential contract for additional repairs to the spillway near Glass Street, proposal and potential agreement regarding light pole banners, recreation personnel, 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. CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, DPW Director Jack Farr, Building Official David Rivera, Recreation Director John Faggione, Police Chief William Worden, City Clerk Treasurer Robin Waizenegger and Corporation Counsel were also present.

### **Youth Report-**

Spring sports are well underway and sign-ups for fall sports are beginning.

SUNY Orange will have first- year college courses this summer at 150 Pike Street July 2<sup>nd</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup>. Check the school website for more information and a list of classes.

Mrs. Messenger came to the Middle School to donate a 1919 PJHS pennant that has been in her family for many years. She was greeted with flowers and a plaque from the Middle School students. The students in turn, received hugs and stories from Mrs. Messenger's days at the old PJHS which is now the Middle School.

The spring freshman orientation is on! Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm, at the PJHS. Staff will be there to meet with incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders' parents and talk about HS programs, discuss options for your child, as well as see our different clubs and activities at PJHS. Parents or guardians should accompany each student. You should plan to arrive at 5:45pm.

The National Honor Society made a service commitment to help Dan Klotz build his Eagle Project benches. The Honor Society students worked on the benches after school to help finish the project.

Congratulated all humanities award recipient and all will be honored at the Senior Scholar Humanities Honoree Breakfast on April 26<sup>th</sup> at Orange- Ulster BOCES.

The student's in Mrs. Conboy's kindergarten class celebrated Earth Day! They learned all about Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. They made headbands and made a picture of our Earth. The student's shared ideas about helping at home and how they can help our Earth.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at HBE worked in groups to complete planning sheets that contained word problems that consisted of

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multiplying, dividing, adding and subtracting fractions. The students will then ultimately build dog houses out of cardboard. Congratulations to the all the students who will be the new inductees into the "Neversink Chapter of the National Honor Society". The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Delaware River 5K Run is less than two weeks away! The race will take place on Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:00am. It's not too late to register-you can register 3 ways; On-line, At the Recreation office, or on race day morning. Contact the Recreation office for more information.

#### **Senior Report-**

Mr. Siegel announced a senior day being held at the Goshen Historic Track on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Gates will open at 11:30 am and racing starts at 1:00pm.

#### **Veteran Report-**

Mr. Siegel informed residents that a new program "Doctor can see you now" allows veterans to connect with medical professionals using the internet.

#### **Public Comment-**

John Beasley, 1<sup>st</sup> ward, inquired about the local government structure and asked the council to look into motorist with modified mufflers. He stated these motorists are a nuisance to his neighborhood.

Mayor Decker suggested that Mr. Beasley express his concerns at the next Police Committee meeting.

Linda Vanhorn, 4<sup>th</sup> ward, asked several questions regarding the proposed annexation deal with the Town of Deerpark and inquired about the future plans for the campground located within the watershed property. Mrs. Vanhorn also announced the next tax payers meeting will be held at Firehouse #4 on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Patty O'leary May, Sparrowbush resident, gave an update from the last landlord association meeting and announced the next meeting will be held in the council chambers on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

#### **Minutes Approved-**

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 regular meeting.

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

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Finance Committee**

Mrs. Trovei reported that the finance committee discussed 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financials, shared services, online retirement, IT bids, parking tickets.

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 \$925,769.32.

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The next meeting will be held on May 16<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 Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 to assist in training at the Orange County Training Center on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 and May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

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Mr. Siegel announced the Orange County Volunteer Fire Police Association 2018 memorial service will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Warwick Fire Station.

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 May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

### **Code Committee-**

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a public hearing to be set for May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:31pm for proposed local law #2.

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Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve a public hearing to be set for May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:32pm for proposed local law #3.

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

The next meeting will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

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

Update:

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

Yard debris will be getting picked up on Mondays 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.

If your debris is not picked up on Monday's, please be patient as it might take a couple of days to accomplish this task.

DPW crews are currently removing sidewalks in the downtown business district so please use caution when traveling in that area.

The next DPW meeting will take place on Monday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6pm here in the Council Chambers.

### **Police Committee-**

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the Mayor to sign an agreement between the City of Port Jervis and Orange County for the reimbursement of active shooter training funding.

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**Liaison Reports:**

**Community Development Agency (CDA)-**

The next meeting will be April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00pm on the second floor of the Youth Center.

**Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-**

Mrs. Mann reported that the IDA committee discussed recent projects at 100 Pike Street.

Next meeting has not been scheduled.

**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 April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:30 at Hillside Terrace.

**Recreation Commission:**

The 25th Annual Delaware River 5K Run is less than two weeks away! The race will take place on Sunday May 6, 2018 at 9:00 am. It's not too late to register- you can register 3 ways. On-line at [delawareriver5krun.com](http://delawareriver5krun.com), At the Recreation office or register on race day morning. Sign in and race day registration takes place at Riverside Park between 7:15 am- 8:45 am. Starting line is on Jersey Ave in front of the old sav-a-lot store. Join us for an awesome family event. T-shirts for race participants, bagels, fruit and juice after the race plus Rita's Italian Ice for participants! Contact the Recreation office at 845-858-4045 or [pjrec@frontiernet.net](mailto:pjrec@frontiernet.net) for more information.

Parks, trails, basketball courts and tennis courts are now all open for the season. Get out and enjoy them. Please help us keep them clean- put garbage in the garbage cans and report any damage to the Recreation office. Also please remember that dogs and pets are not allowed in City parks. They are permitted on the trails. Please keep all pets leashed. Thank you.

Reminder that the Youth Center is open for the kids after school Monday-Friday. Monday-Thursday it is open 3 pm-7 pm and Friday its open 3 pm-6 pm. Friday night is "Teen Night" and the Youth Center is open for Middle School and High School students from 6 pm-10 pm.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7 pm at the Youth Center.

Motion by Mr. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the hiring of Kobie Lane, Lucas Reilly, Rory Matz and Mike Piscitelli as seasonal laborer employees for 2018. All positions are budgeted and employees will start on or after May 10, 2018- pending background check.

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**Tourism Board-**

Mr. Belcher announced that the City Wide Yard has 96 participants and will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The next meeting will be on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Council chambers.

**Zoning Board of Appeals-**

The next meeting will be on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Council chambers.

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**Planning Board-**

The next meeting will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00pm.

**Plumbing Board-**

The plumbing board will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm in the Council chambers.

**Electrical Board-**

The electrical board will held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:45pm in the Council chambers.

**Senior Advisory-**

No report.

**Access 23 TV-**

Mr. Belcher thanked the cameraman.

**PJV Ambulance Report-**

Mayor Decker noted that trees are scheduled to be removed around the ambulance building to prevent future hazards.

**Mayor's Correspondence-**

Mayor Decker announced that Little Pediatrics had a grand opening over the weekend. Mr. Decker wished Dr. Little well at her new location on Orchard Street.

Mr. Decker informed residents that a joint meeting will be held to discuss the potential annexation with the Town of Deerpark on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at the Deerpark Senior Center at 7:00pm.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the scheduled May 28<sup>th</sup> Common Council meeting to be moved to May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018, due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

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Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the Saint Mary Church parade on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 9:30am.

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Mayor Decker displayed a business district flyer that will be placed in a kiosk at the promenade.

Mr. Decker invited residents to the Sportsman Expo being held at Riverside Park on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Arbor Day Ceremony and Promenade dictation on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 starting at 10:00am. He also noted that the building located at 43 Front Street has been renamed The Kucher Building.

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a PJVAC coin toss event to be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 8:00am-5:00pm.

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**City Clerk Treasurer's Report-**

Mrs. Waizenegger noted that an audit and insurance presentation will be presented at the next finance meeting and urges all to attend.

**Old Business:**

**Mrs. Randazzo-**

Mrs. Randazzo congratulated Dr. Little on her new office location.

**Mrs. Fitzpatrick-**

Mrs. Fitzpatrick noted it was a great weekend for the Port Jervis Little League.

**Mr. Belcher-** No comment

**Mr. Santini-** No comment

**Mr. Bavoso-**

Mr. Bavoso urged all residents to complete an online 14 question survey relating to the future of Port Jervis by visiting [www.portjerviscompplan.com](http://www.portjerviscompplan.com). The next comprehensive plan meeting will be held at the Rec center on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

**Mr. Foster-**

Mr. Foster congratulated Dr. Little and wished her the best of luck.

**Mrs. Mann-**

Mrs. Mann congratulated Dr. Little and wished her the best of luck.

**Mrs. Trovei-**

Mrs. Trovei reminded residents that all committee meetings are open to the public.

**Mr. Siegel-**

Mr. Siegel wished Dr. Little good luck, stated that Howard Wheat Engine Company #4 recently held an event in which all 25 and 50 year members were honored. Mr. Siegel also urged anyone interested in being a firefighter to visit any firehouse for an application; He also noted the next worship and prayer service will be held April 29th at 10:30am at Deerpark Reformed Church and Saint Peters Lutheran Church will host a community garden meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**New Business:**

**Mr. Siegel-**

Mr. Siegel suggested the council host a tour of the proposed annexation land and urged the public to take the comprehensive plan survey.

**Mrs. Trovei-**

Mrs. Trovei announced the following Operation PJ Pride events; senior safety presentation and drug take back event on April

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27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at Waters Edge, national drug take back day on April 28<sup>th</sup>, senior safety presentation and drug take back event on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Hillside Terrace Apartments, family fun fair at Family Dollar on May 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-4:00pm, free narcotic training at the Loft on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:00pm. The next Operation PJ Pride meeting will be May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 12:30pm.

**Mrs. Mann-** No comment

**Mr. Foster-** No comment

**Mr. Bavoso-** No comment

**Mr. Santini-** No comment

**Mr. Belcher-** No comment

**Mrs. Fitzpatrick-** No comment

**Mrs. Randazzo-** No comment

**Public Comment-**

John Beasley, 1<sup>st</sup> ward, urged the council to enforce noise ordinances to help deter loud motorists.

Linda Vanhorn, 4<sup>th</sup> ward, agrees with Mr. Beasley's comment and announced the next tax payers meeting will be held at Firehouse #4 on May 24th, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Jerry Vanorden, asked if the disabled vehicles were sold at auction.  
DPW Director, Jack Farr, responded that yes the vehicles were sold.

**Meeting Adjourned –**

Motion by Mr. Bavoso seconded by Mr. Foster to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm.

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Robin Waizenegger  
Clerk Treasurer