

May 29th, 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 Tuesday May 29th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance-

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

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. Bavoso to allow Executive session to discuss hiring of seasonal recreation department personnel, discuss a matter involving billing regarding 137 Ball Street and to invite Recreation Director John Faggione and City Clerk Treasurer and to seek advice of counsel regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Mrs. Randazzo) 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 except Mrs. Randazzo. DPW Director Jack Farr, Recreation Director John Faggione, Police Chief William Worden, Deputy City Clerk Treasurer Bobbie Jo Muller, and Corporation Counsel were also present.

Youth Report-

Regents and local exams are going to begin in June. Check with your students to see what days and times that they need to attend. Congrats to the girls varsity softball team. They defeated Cornwall 11-0 on Saturday May 26th, 2018 for the section 9 class A softball title. This is the 10th section 9 title in our school's history. They will play Saturday June 2, 2018 against an opponent which will be decided soon.

The Port Jervis School District Art Department presented the K-12 Art Show Exhibition at the PJHS Cafeteria from 6-8pm on May 18, 2018. Students from all of the PJSD were invited to be part of the exhibition. Students were chosen based on their commitment to art and for the quality of work that comes from the art programs. The art teachers from ASK, HBE, Middle, and High schools were asked to select artwork in any media.

Congratulations to the 7 2018 inductees for BOCES/C-Tech Honor Society.

The artwork of Shannon Klotz from PJHS and a group project by an Introduction to Art class instructed by Ms. Maloney were selected to be part of an exhibit at Stewart International Airport in New Windsor, May through November of 2018. Works displayed on the lower level of the airport terminal are open to the public. The complete collection will be displayed online, on the Orange County Arts Council website.

With family in the audience, fifth graders from ASK School took to the stage and received certificates upon graduating from the DARE program. Students are taught the positive aspects of respecting others, choosing to lead lives free from violence, substance abuse, and other dangerous behaviors. Port Jervis Police Officer Nicole McGowan spoke to the students at their graduation about continuing the valuable lessons learned in the program.

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On Saturday, May 19th at Washingtonville High School, six 6th grade students from ASK were honored for the Catskill Zone of NYS Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance's Physical Education Students Leadership Award. This award is given to outstanding leadership and excellence in the areas of fitness, citizenship, and leadership.

The HBE Color Run was held on May 20th. It featured a color walk/run, 3-mile course. Participants were doused with color at various color stations ending with one final color celebrations at the finish line. It was great fun!

Be on the lookout for the Port Jervis Free Library's Summer Reading Program signups to begin soon.

The Port Jervis Rec's Supervised Playgrounds will open on Monday June 25th, 2018 and will close on Friday August 10, 2018. At Church Street Park, Farnum Park and Riverside park, Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:30pm. Children can participate in many activities during supervised playground hours. All activities are free of charge unless otherwise indicated.

Senior Report-

Mr. Siegel warned seniors against phone scams.

Veteran Report-

Mr. Siegel informed residents of the newly adopted VA Mission Act.

Orange County Legislator, Tom Faggione, informed residents that Orange County will hold a household waste & operation safe scripts pharmaceutical collection event Saturday, June 2nd, 2108 at the lower parking lot of the Port Jervis High School from 9:00am - 3:00pm. Thanked all involved with the Memorial Day services.

Public Hearing-

Local Law #4- Tax exemption re: capital improvements to residential buildings

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to open the public hearing on proposed local law #4.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Mrs. Randazzo) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

No public comment.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to close the public hearing on proposed local law #4.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Mrs. Randazzo) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Foster to adopt local law #4, relating to tax exemptions for capital improvements to residential buildings.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Mrs. Randazzo) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Local Law #5- Amend chapter 464 of PJCC to allow sidewalk cafes.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to open the public hearing on proposed local law #5.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Mrs. Randazzo) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Siegel noted the law is a win win for the City and for business owners.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Foster to close the public hearing on proposed local law #5.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Mrs. Randazzo) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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Local Law #6- Create moratorium on erecting & operating wireless telecommunications towers within the City of Port Jervis.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to open the public hearing on proposed local law #6.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Mrs. Randazzo) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

No public comment.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Foster to close the public hearing on proposed local law #6.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Mrs. Randazzo) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Bavoso noted the council is awaiting comments from Orange County Planning and will hold voting on proposed local law 5 & 6 until the next council meeting.

Public Comment-

Catherine Westfall discussed issues the senior club is facing by not having proper insurance.

Mayor Decker explained what the senior club must do in order to be covered under the city's insurance policy.

Ed Degroat, 3rd ward, spoke about claims of a motorcycle shop operating in the 3rd ward, asked if the council looked at pictures he presented at the last meeting. Mr. Degroat also noted his displeasure with Jessica Cohen's reporting on the matter.

Linda Vanhorn, 4th ward, noted the possible impact that the annexation would have on reservoir levels.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to approve the minutes of the May 14th, 2018 regular meeting.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Mrs. Randazzo) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

Mrs. Trovei reported that the finance committee discussed the recent audit, parking issues and tickets.

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the May finance meeting minutes.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Mrs. Randazzo) 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 \$460,760.81.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Mrs. Randazzo) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The next meeting will be held on June 27th, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Mr. Siegel announced Officer Appreciation Night will be held on June 4th at 7:00pm at Engine #4 firehouse.

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 June 18th, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

May 29th, 2018**Code Committee-**

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to waive the bill received by the owner of 137 Ball Street in regards to property violations.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Mrs. Randazzo) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The next meeting will be held on June 6th, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the federal-aid eligible costs, of a transportation federal-aid project, and appropriating funds therefore.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Mrs. Randazzo) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Garbage and recycling will be one day late this week due to the Memorial Day Holiday. The pickup will be back to normal next week. 1st Ward papers will be picked up as normal on Friday the 1st of June.

The bulk waste truck continues to be open for dumping every Saturday morning from 7:15 am until 11:30 am. Please buy a permit at the City Clerk's office M-F 8am -5pm at 20 Hammond St, Port Jervis, NY 12771.

The contractor is still installing the new sidewalks in the downtown section of the City, please use caution when traveling in that area.

The next DPW meeting will take place on Monday June 4th, 2018 at 6pm here in the Council Chambers.

Police Committee-

Mr. Foster reported that camera bids were discussed at the last Police committee meeting.

The next meeting will be held on June 21st, 2018.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the May police committee meeting minutes.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Mrs. Randazzo) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Liaison Reports:**Community Development Agency (CDA)-**

Mrs. Trovei reported that financials, section 8, director's report, and grant opportunities were discussed at the last meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a public hearing to be set for June 11th, 2018 at 7:31pm to discuss the NYS Community Development Block Grant submission options.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Mrs. Randazzo) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The next meeting will be June 27th, 2018 at 7:00pm on the second floor of the Youth Center.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

Mrs. Mann reported that Save A Lot will be opening June 20th, 2018.

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The next meeting will be June 18th, 2018 at 6:00pm.

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

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

Housing Authority-

Next meeting will be held on June 26th, 2018 at 7:30 at Hillside Terrace.

Recreation Commission:

For the remainder of the school year the Youth Center will be open 11:00 am-5:00 pm on Fridays. These dates are June 1, 8, 15. The Youth Center will be closed Friday June 22. Teen Night is finished for the school year and will resume in September.

Monday-Thursday the Youth Center will continue to be open from 3:00 pm-7:00 pm.

We hope to have West End Beach open the weekend of June 16, 2018. Please contact the Recreation office for updates. When the beach opens the schedule will be as follows:

CLOSED- Tuesday and Wednesday, OPEN- Monday, Thursday, Friday 12:00 pm-6:00 pm, OPEN- Saturday and Sunday 11:00 am-6:00 pm

Please note- The beach will be open on Wednesday July 4.

Our Summer Recreation program will begin on Monday June 25, 2018. Playground and Youth Center hours will be Monday-Friday 9:00 am-3:30 pm. Program flyers are available at the Youth Center and on our Facebook page. They will also be distributed to the elementary schools later this week.

Don't forget the hiking and biking trails in the Watershed Park. Miles and miles of great trails. Remember to keep our park clean- pack in and pack out leave only footprints and bike treads. Trail maps are available at the Youth Center.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

The next meeting will be on June 13th, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Council chambers.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

The next meeting will be on June 5th, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Council chambers.

Planning Board-

The next meeting will be held on June 19th, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

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

Electrical Board-

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

Senior Advisory-

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Mr. Siegel is hopeful the council can assist the senior club in obtaining proper insurance.

Access 23 TV-

Mr. Belcher thanked the cameraman.

PJV Ambulance Report-

Mayor Decker noted that the PJVAC currently has more volunteers than paid staff.

Mayor's Correspondence-

Mayor Decker noted the 2017 audit is complete, with zero recommendations. He stated the fund balance is approximately \$1million dollars and predicts a 4% tax increase for 2019.

Mr. Decker reminded everyone that OCCC will be offering summer courses at half price at the Port Jervis location and Orange County will host a household waste & operation safe scripts pharmaceutical collection event Saturday, June 2nd, 2108 at the lower parking lot of the Port Jervis High School from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

Mayor Decker informed residents that the PowerPoint presentation presented at the May 21st annexation meeting, is now available online.

City Clerk Treasurer's Report-

No report.

Old Business:

Mrs. Randazzo- Absent

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- Welcomed Mr. Belcher back.

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mr. Santini- No comment

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mr. Foster- No comment

Mrs. Mann- No comment

Mrs. Trovei- No comment

Mr. Siegel-

Mr. Siegel thanked Mr. Dunn and everyone involved with the Memorial Day Parade. He noted the city should not be responsible for the increased cost of the bridge project and stated the disabled ramp at the train station is almost complete.

New Business:

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Mr. Siegel- No comment

Mrs. Trovei- Congratulated Foundry 42 on being recognized as one of Americas top 50 home accessory retailers by National Trade Magazine. Mrs. Trovei also announced National Night Out will be held on August 7th, 2018 at Riverside Park.

Mrs. Mann- No comment

Mr. Foster- No comment

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mr. Santini- No comment

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- Congratulated the PJHS girls' varsity softball team.

Mrs. Randazzo- Absent

Public Comment-

No public comment.

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Bavoso seconded by Mrs. Trovei to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Mrs. Randazzo) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Bobbie Jo Muller
Deputy Clerk Treasurer