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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 June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Attendance-**

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

Meeting opened at 6:30pm by, Councilman at Large, Mr. Bavoso.

### **Pledge of Allegiance-**

Mr. Bavoso 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 proposed rental agreement with a business person who has done business with the City previously, a proposed agreement between the City and a private entity regarding a telecommunications tower on City owned property, a proposed agreement between the City of Port Jervis, the Town of Deerpark and the Port Jervis Central School District regarding mutual aid and to invite the Director of Public Works and the Police Chief 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-**

Mr. Bavoso and all members of the Common Council were present except Mayor Decker. CDA Director Valerie Maginsky, Police Chief William Worden, City Clerk Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, and Corporation Counsel were also present.

### **Youth Report-**

The PJPD is excited to present a wonderful coloring book highlighting the public service provided by the men and women of the PJPD to our community created by the extremely talented and community minded PJCS D High School Visual Art Department teachers and students. Thank you for your artistic creativity and commitment to building positive relationships in our wonderful community. The PJPD and the Port Jervis Board of Education recently recognized the participants with certificated of appreciation and a coloring book for their artistic creativity, service and commitment to community policing.

In December 2017, the District committed to providing methods of communications with students, family, and community. In line with the improved communications, the PJCS D mobile app is now available. Please note that as of July 1, 2018, the school news notifier (SNN) system will be discontinued.

As summer approaches, we are all working toward a shared goal of keeping our students reading to avoid the summer slide that can rob them of academic gains they've made during the school year. In order to provide additional access to more books for more of our students during the summer, the NYS Education Department is partnering with myON through summer reading at New York libraries. Under this initiative, thousands of digital books are available to children from birth to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and their families, at no cost, from now through September 30. Older children are welcome to participate as well. Login credentials for Port Jervis' account, along with information for logging in and reading with myON, can be found on the PJ Schools website. Twenty-four 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students were inducted into the Port Jervis Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society for the 2018-2019 school year on Thursday, June 7, 2018. Inductees are selected for exhibiting the following standards

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of excellence: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character.

The PJMS Showcase 2018 is an opportunity for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to exhibit some of their most prized work from all content areas. PJMS students will display their work, explain the content in terms of NYS and common core learning standards, and describe the process that led to such exemplar creations. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend this exciting event at the PJMS, Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 6:00pm-8:00pm.

ASK sixth graders and their teachers would like to invite our learning community to our annual S.T.E.A.M. Fair, Family and Community Night, Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00pm, at ASK gymnasium. The HBE students learned about overcoming obstacles on their leadership day assembly. While keeping with the Harry Potter theme, the students heard stories from HBE staff members and community members about overcoming hardships and obstacles.

Join the Port Jervis Free Library for a guided build to make a balloon-powered car with Legos. Test out your car or have a race. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Advanced registration is required. Participant will bring home instructions and a surprise. Call 845-856-7313 extension 4 to register.

Coding Camp at the Library for Kids in Grades K-6. Learn basic computer coding skills while playing fun games. Sessions will run every Friday between June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. 1 session per week per child. Students are not required to attend every week. Weekly sessions require separate registration. Space is limited. Registration is required. Call 845-856-7313 x 4 to register.

#### **Senior Report-**

No report.

#### **Veteran Report-**

Mr. Siegel updated residents on the VA Mission Act.

#### **Public Hearing-**

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to open the public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant.

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

Valerie Maginsky, CDA Director, explained the application process and the types of projects that could be implemented if the grant was issued.

Linda Vanhorn, asked if the city could apply for senior citizen grants.

Ms. Maginsky noted that projects under the CDBG would benefit the public.

Wayne Kidney inquired about the value of the grant.

Ms. Maginsky responded up to \$750,000.00

Mr. Siegel noted money for infrastructure would be most vital and asked if there is any opportunity for the fire department to receive any grant money if awarded.

Ms. Maginsky stated not necessarily through the CDBG but other grants have been applied for on behalf of the fire department.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Foster to close the public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant.

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

#### **Public Comment-**

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Wayne Kidney, 1<sup>st</sup> ward, stated that he believes the annexation proposal should be a referendum vote of the people by the people. Discussed sewer inequities, sewer fund misappropriations, inquired about vacant building fees relating to tax lien properties and tax collection requirements as it relates to tax lien properties.

Ed Degroat, 3<sup>rd</sup> ward, spoke about claims of a motorcycle shop operating in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward. Mr. Degroat also noted that Jessica Cohen's report that he trespassed to take pictures of said motorcycle shop was not true.

Jessica Cohen responded that she used Mr. Rivera's statement as a city official stating Mr. Degroat trespassed and balanced the statement with Mr. Degroat's comments that he used a camera on his property to obtain pictures.

Wayne Kidney, 1<sup>st</sup> ward, made additional comments on vacant building fees relating to properties in the tax lien process and thinks it's ridiculous the city hasn't resolved Mr. Degroat's issues on Farnum Street.

Linda Vanhorn, 4<sup>th</sup> ward, asked the council when the vacant building registration fee was created.  
Mr. Bavoso noted around 2015.

Mark Hordy, Ellicott Development, noted 100 Pike Street plaza construction is moving along and Save A Lot will have a grand opening on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

#### **Minutes Approved-**

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the minutes of the May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 regular meeting.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 (Mrs. Randazzo) 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 \$710,916.04.

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

The next meeting will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm in the council chambers.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve Brian S. Vanderveer as fire police for Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve Wendy Howell as Probationary Driver for Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Morgan R. Mosher, Jr. as Probationary Driver for Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Mark J. Clavelli as a Driver for Neversink Engine Company No. 1.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve the transfer of Michael E. Reilly from Fowler's Rescue & Salvage Company No. 3 to Excelsior Engine Company No. 5.

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

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Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the transfer of Clare W. Clune from Fowler's Rescue & Salvage Company No. 3 to Delaware Engine Company No. 2.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the transfer of Donald G. Clune from Fowler's Rescue & Salvage Company No. 3 to Delaware Engine Company No. 2.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the transfer of Russell M. Grech, Jr. from Fowler's Rescue & Salvage Company No. 3 to Delaware Engine Company No. 2.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the transfer of Robert D. Padgett, Sr. from Fowler's Rescue & Salvage Company No. 3 to Delaware Engine Company No. 2.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 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 June 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

#### **Code Committee-**

Motion by Mr. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve local law #5 of 2018 allowing sidewalk cafes'.

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

Motion by Mr. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve local law #6 of 2018 relating to moratorium on wireless poles.

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

The next meeting will be held on June 12th, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the June DPW committee meeting minutes.

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

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

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 12777.

Please be cautious while traveling on Jersey Ave as preparation for paving will begin with the installation of ADA compliant curb cuts along with manhole and catch basin rehab.

The next DPW meeting will take place on Monday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 6pm here in the Council Chambers.

#### **Police Committee-**

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Mann to approve the May monthly police report.

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

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Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Belcher to authorize the Police Chief and Corporation Counsel to draft an agreement for mutual aid and shared services between the City of Port Jervis, the Town of Deerpark and Port Jervis City School District in regards to placing police officers in each of the school buildings.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to implement a parking ticket amnesty program from July 1<sup>st</sup> – September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, to waive late fees on parking tickets.

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

Mr. Foster noted that the PJPd is excited to present a wonderful coloring book highlighting the public service provided by the men and women of the PJPd to our community created by the extremely talented and community minded PJCSd High School Visual Art Department teachers and students.

The next meeting will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

#### **Liaison Reports:**

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

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

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

Mrs. Mann updated council on development at 100 Pike Street.

The next meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

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

Mr. Foster noted that ADA sidewalks are being installed throughout the City and Metro North has completed the handicap accessible ramp at the train station.

Next meeting will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 6:30pm.

##### **Housing Authority-**

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

#### **Recreation Commission:**

Motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the following seasonal staff: Lifeguards - Courtney Baxter, Substitute Recreation Specialist at the Youth Center – Mackenzie Leroy, Beach Attendant – Ani Coram, Recreation Specialists-Track Instructors – Mackenzie Leroy, Austin Trainor.

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

The Youth Center schedule the following two weeks is as follows: Monday-Thursday 3 pm-7 pm Friday June 15- 11:30 am-5:00 pm, Friday June 22- CLOSED

West End Beach opening will be delayed this year. Original opening date was this Friday June 15. We now plan to open Monday June 18. The beach schedule will be as follows: Monday, Thursday, Friday 12 pm-6 pm Saturday and Sunday 11 am-6 pm CLOSED Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please check the Recreation Department's FACEBOOK page throughout the week or call the Recreation office at 845-858-4045

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for continued updates.

Our Summer Recreation Program will start on Monday June 25. Three Supervised Playgrounds and the Youth Center will be open Monday-Friday 9:00 am-3:30 pm. PLENTY of daily activities and special events throughout the summer! We also offer field trips, FREE Outdoor Movies, FREE Outdoor concerts and much more! Don't miss out! Summer Recreation schedules are available at the Youth Center, on our FACEBOOK page or can be mailed or emailed to you. Please contact the Recreation office at 845-858-4045 with any questions.

Dinner along the Delaware and Fireworks Show will be held on Tuesday July 3, 2018. Tickets- available soon will be \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under the age of 12. Dinner will be held at Riverside Park 6:00 pm-8:30 pm and Fireworks- from Pt. Peter will go off approximately 9:15 pm. Fireworks can be viewed from just about anywhere in Port Jervis and the Tri-State area! Tickets will be available at the Clerk's Office and the Recreation Office.

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

#### **Tourism Board-**

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

#### **Zoning Board of Appeals-**

The next meeting will be on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Council chambers.

#### **Planning Board-**

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

#### **Plumbing Board-**

The plumbing board will be held on July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Council chambers.

#### **Electrical Board-**

The electrical board will held on July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm in the Council chambers.

#### **Senior Advisory-**

No report.

#### **Access 23 TV-**

No report.

#### **PJV Ambulance Report-**

No report.

#### **Mayor's Correspondence- Mr. Bavoso**

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Santini to approve the city to loan the city stage to Action Bike and Outdoors for an event being held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 for a rental fee of \$250.00 and is contingent upon rental agreement from Corporation Counsel.

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

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Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve event application for the Farnum House Haunting LLC to be held on October 26<sup>th</sup>- October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and contingent upon providing proper insurance and assuring that all materials be removed by October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Mr. Siegel asked if the event fee would remain the same as last year.

Mr. Bavoso responded yes.

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

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Santini to approve the Dinner along the Delaware event being held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at Riverside Park.

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

Mr. Bavoso reminded everyone that OCCC will be offering summer courses at half price at the Port Jervis location.

#### **City Clerk Treasurer's Report-**

Mrs. Waizenegger warned residents against O&R and IRS phone scams, reminded residents that the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of taxes are due by July 2<sup>nd</sup> and noted SUNY Orange is offering youth enrichment programs designed for students entering high school and/or middle school.

#### **Old Business:**

**Mrs. Randazzo-** Congratulated all Soapbox Derby and Little League participants and urges residents to drive slowly as kids are starting summer break shortly.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Santini to approve an appointment for David Rivera to a 10 year term which will be effect immediately upon expiration of his current term period.

Mr. Siegel stated that he doesn't agree with a 10 year appointment or contract for anyone.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mr. Siegel) CARRIED

**Mrs. Fitzpatrick-** No comment

**Mr. Belcher-** Noted he will be working on an electric contract extension.

**Mr. Santini-** No comment

**Mr. Bavoso-** No comment

**Mr. Foster-** congratulated all Soapbox derby participants.

**Mrs. Mann-** No comment

**Mrs. Trovei-** No comment

**Mr. Siegel-** Noted new Medicare cards will be issued in the near future and that the handicap ramp is now complete and functional at the train station.

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**New Business:**

**Mr. Siegel-** Announced a Flag Day ceremony will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm outside City Hall, Fireman's Day Parade will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Mr. Siegel would like the vacant building registration fee added to the next code committee meeting agenda to address Mr. Kidney's concerns.

**Mrs. Trovei-** Reminded residents that Art in the Park will be held on Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> at Orange Square Park and the Farmers Market will begin Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

**Mrs. Mann-** No comment

**Mr. Foster-** stated he hopes the code committee can address Mr. Kidney's concerns and announced a 1<sup>st</sup> ward meeting to be held at #5 firehouse at 6:45pm.

**Mr. Bavoso-** No comment

**Mr. Santini-** No comment

**Mr. Belcher-** Agrees with Mr. Kidney's comments relating to the vacant building fees and asked the council to consider funding for garbage and cigarette receptacles to be placed downtown.

**Mrs. Fitzpatrick-** Stated she agreed with Mr. Kidney's concerns and noted the council will look into the issue to find a resolution.

**Mrs. Randazzo-** No comment

**Public Comment-**

Wayne Kidney, 1<sup>st</sup> ward, inquired about the City stage, stated that the handicap ramp at the train station is up and functional and noted that the terms given to tested civil service positions don't mean anything.

Linda Vanhorn, 4<sup>th</sup> ward, thanked council for addressing Mr. Kidney's concerns so quickly.

**Meeting Adjourned –**

Motion by Mrs. Trovei seconded by Mrs. Mann to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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Robin Waizenegger  
Clerk Treasurer