

July 23rd, 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 July 23rd, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance-

All members of the Common Council were present except Mayor Decker and Mrs. Fitzpatrick.

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. Foster , seconded by Mr. Belcher to allow Executive session to discuss potential sale of City owned property, the shared services and school policing agreements involving the City of Port Jervis, Town of Deerpark and Port Jervis City School District, a potential Contract and Grant relating to the CDBG Program and to invite the City Clerk-Treasurer, Director of Public Works, Police Chief and Valerie Maginsky into Executive Session 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 7:35pm

Attendance-

Mr. Bavoso and all members of the Common Council were present except Mayor Decker. DPW Director Jack Farr, Building Official David Rivera, City Clerk Treasurer Robin Waizenegger, Police Chief William Worden and Corporation Counsel were also present.

Youth Report- No report

Senior Report-

Mr. Siegel urged seniors to use caution before giving personal information over the phone.

Veteran Report-

Mr. Siegel noted lab results and text alerts are now available on myhealthyvet website.

Public Comment-

Linda Vanhorn, 4th ward, thanked recreation department for hosting a recent bus trip to the Bronx Zoo and inquired about 29-31 Front Street.

Ed Degroat, 3rd ward, inquired about FOIL requests he has submitted to the Building Department and also commented on a portion of street located on Farnum Street.

July 23rd, 2018**Minutes Approved-**

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the minutes of the July 9th, 2018 regular meeting.

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

Committee Reports:**Finance Committee**

Mrs. Trovei noted the finance committee discussed cash flow, 3rd quarter budget and shared services.

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the minutes of the June 2018 and July 2018 finance meeting.

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

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 \$375,684.86.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the resolution relating to 2018 budget changes.

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

The next meeting will be held on August 15th, at 6:30pm in the council chambers.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the minutes of the July 9th, 2018 regular meeting.

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

Fire & Emergency Management (FEM) Committee

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the removal of Roseann M. Weekes-Aber from active membership for Howard Wheat Company No. 4.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the removal of Tammy A. Aber from active membership for Howard Wheat Company No. 4.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the removal of Jose A. Ortiz from active membership for Tri State Hose Company No. 6.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve the resignation from the Office of Vice President in Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 be accepted for Heather L. Conklin and the election to that Office be approved for Wendy J. Howell.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the transfer of Joseph J. Trotta from Fowler's Rescue & Salvage Company No. 3 to Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4.

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

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Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to approve Frank W. Fuller, III as a driver for Neversink Engine Company No. 1.
 AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Siegel thanked all involved with the parade and the recent fire on Main Street.

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 August 20th, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Code Committee-

Mrs. Randazzo noted the code committee will be discussing kitchenettes and operating permit fees.

The next meeting will be held on August 1st, at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Committee-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Santini to approve the sale of raw water to Precision Pipeline for the cost of .4 per gallon, the meter will read and maintained by the DPW. This approval will be voided if the city declares a water restriction due to drought conditions.

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

Mr. Belcher read the following letter from Fire Chief Cicalese.

"Dear Councilman Belcher,

I wish to extend my personal thanks to Jack Farr and Steve Fucylo of the Department of Public Works (DPW). Knowing that they are short-staffed and undertaking some very time consuming projects, they still stepped up beyond our expectations to provide assistance to our Department. Each and every request we made leading up to our annual parade was accomplished in an expedient manner by members of DPW.

I request that the contents of this letter be read into the official minutes of the Committee and a copy placed in the personnel file of both Jack and Steve."

Garbage and recycling will be on its normal schedule for the next two weeks. Yard Debris will continue to be picked up on Monday's in all wards. Please be sure to use compostable and/or biodegradable bags for disposal. Debris placed in cans must be of 35 gallons or less in size.

Please be cautious while traveling on Jersey Ave as the DPW will begin working on preparing the road for paving.

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

Police Committee-

Mr. Foster announced that National Night Out will be held on August 7th, 2018 at 6:00pm at Riverside Park.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a mutual agreement between the Port Jervis School District, City of Port Jervis and the Town of Deerpark for the school police officer program.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 2 (Mr. Bavoso, Mr. Siegel) CARRIED

Mr. Siegel noted he did not feel comfortable approving the 15 page agreement without reading the agreement in full.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Belcher to accept the mutual aid agreement for shared services between the Town of Deerpark and the City of Port Jervis.

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

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the side letter of agreement between the City of Port Jervis and the Port Jervis PBA regarding the pilot school police officer program with the final form of the agreement being acceptable to the Chief of Police and Corporation Counsel. The side letter will also incorporate uniform allowance, salary schedules and employee coverage.

Mr. Siegel noted that the program will be evaluated in 2 years.

Mrs. Randazzo commended Chief Worden for his work on the school police officer program along with corporation counsel. She also noted that the City will incur some cost for uniforms and training; however a majority of the cost will be paid by the school district.

Corporation Counsel clarified that this program is separate from the school resource officer. This program will provide safety and crime prevention.

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

Mr. Foster announced an emergency drill will be held on July 24th at Bon Secours Community Hospital with no impact to hospital services.

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

Liaison Reports:

Community Development Agency (CDA)-

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the section 3 plan.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a letter of commitment from the city regarding the finance plan for the community development block grant application for \$700,000.00 for public infrastructure.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a letter of commitment from the city regarding the finance plan for the community development block grant application for \$50,000.00 for community planning and preliminary engineering.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve the resolution relating to the filing of a NYS CFA 2018 NYS Department of Environmental Conservation application to the water quality improvement project program.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to write a letter of support for NYS DEC water quality improvement project program.

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

The next meeting will be July 25th, 2018 at 7:00pm on the second floor of the Youth Center.

Industrial Development Agency (IDA)-

The next meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-

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

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Housing Authority-

Next meeting will be held on July 24th, 2018 at 7:30 at Hillside Terrace.

Recreation Commission:

The Summer Program started its 5th week today and will run for three more weeks ending on August 10. Activities and events are provided at Church St. Park, Farnum Park, Riverside Park and the Youth Center. Summer hours are 9 am- 3:30 pm. This week is "Spirit Week" at the parks. Tomorrow is "Twin" Day- match clothing with your friends, Wednesday is "Water Day"- bring bathing suit for slip and slide, Thursday is "Sports Team" Day- dress in your favorite sports team gear, Friday is "Tie Die" Day and Beach Party Friday. In addition to Spirit Week we will also have Treasure Hunt Walk Tuesday, Arts and Crafts Wednesday, Fun with Food Thursday and more. Contact the Recreation office for more information.

Special events this week include FREE Outdoor Concert Wednesday at Riverside Park at 7 pm. The Parting Glass Irish Folk Trio band is performing and FREE Outdoor movie on Friday also at Riverside Park at 7 pm. This week's movie is The Star. Free popcorn and hot dogs while they last!

Next Wednesday August 1 we are sponsoring a trip to Yankee Stadium to watch the Yankees take on the Baltimore Orioles. Game time is 1:05 pm. Charter bus will leave PORT at 9:30 am and return approximately 7 pm. Cost for this trip is only \$50 per person. Limited tickets remain so contact us if interested.

Our end of summer program "Field Day" will be held on Thursday August 9, 2018 at Riverside Park from 10 am-2:30 pm. All other playgrounds and the Youth Center will be closed this day. We will have plenty of competitions and games for the kids- plus a dunking booth! Kids get the chance to DUNK the supervisors! Lunch will also be provided. This event is FREE of charge! West End Beach is open 12 pm- 6 pm Monday, Thursday and Friday and 11 am-6 pm on weekends. The beach is closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Please remember swimming is prohibited when lifeguards are off duty. The beach will close on Monday August 20th.

For more information on Recreation activities or events contact the office at 845-858-4045, email us at pjrec@frontiernet.net or check us out on Face Book- like Port Jervis Recreation.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 15th at 7:00pm at the Youth Center.

Tourism Board-

Mr. Belcher noted the tourism board discussed current and future events.

The next meeting will be on August 8th, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Council chambers.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

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

Planning Board-

Mr. Santini noted the planning board reviewed a site improvement pre submission. The next meeting will be held on August 21st, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Plumbing Board-

The plumbing board will next meet in September.

Electrical Board-

The electrical board will next meet in September.

Senior Advisory-

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No report

Access 23 TV-

No report.

PJV Ambulance Report-

No report.

Mayor's Correspondence- Mr. Bavoso

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the resolution regarding the site access agreement between IPX International Systems Inc. and the City of Port Jervis.

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

Mr. Bavoso reminded residents that SUNY Orange will be offering classes this fall at the Port Jervis location and noted the City is not expecting any issues with the upcoming weather forecast.

City Clerk Treasurer-

Mrs. Waizenegger announced that Pest Master will be collecting test data at catch basin sites throughout the City, parking ticket amnesty program letters were mailed and open houses were held on the 5 properties currently in the Homestead Program.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve 10 Patterson Street to be billed at a single family water/sewer rate as the property has deed restrictions stating the property must convert to a single family occupancy within the homestead program.

Mr. Siegel asked that all homestead properties that will be converted to single family occupancy will be billed at the single rate as part of all parties agreed to amend accordingly.

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

Old Business:

Mrs. Randazzo- No comment

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment

Mr. Belcher- No comment

Mr. Santini- No comment

Mr. Bavoso- No comment

Mr. Foster- No comment

Mrs. Mann- no comment

Mrs. Trovei-

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the assessors adjusted base proportion report.

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

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Mrs. Trovei also thanked the Police Chief for his active participation in the school safety program.

Mr. Siegel- congratulated the cast and crew of the play Annie, showing at the Forestburgh Play House and urged all to attend. He also stated he has recently received noise complaints and suggested residents call police when necessary.

New Business:

Mr. Siegel- Urged residents to visit pjnyfd.com for river water levels and water trends, wished his wife Sharron a happy birthday, and announced that the Friendly Visitors Program is looking for volunteers and to call 845-341-1173 Ext 305 for more information.

Mrs. Trovei- reminded residents that SUNY Orange will be offering classes starting on August 28th, 2018, National Night Out will be held on August 7th and thanked all donors.

Mrs. Mann- offered condolences to the Fitzpatrick family.

Mr. Foster- offered condolences to the Fitzpatrick family and noted he is looking forward to the upcoming NNO event

Mr. Bavoso- No comment.

Mr. Santini- No comment.

Mr. Belcher- No comment.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- No comment.

Mrs. Randazzo- No comment

Public Comment-

Ed Degroat, 3rd ward, inquired about a judgement that was recently made relating to a section of Farnum Street and a FOIL request from the Building Department.

Ken Baumel, Pike County Dispatch, inquired about the progress of the solar farm.

Mr. Siegel stated no significant progress.

Mr. Siegel asked if anyone is interested in coordinating the 4th ward neighborhood watch meetings to please contact him.

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mrs. Trovei seconded by Mr. Siegel to adjourn the meeting at 8:41pm.

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

Robin Waizenegger
Clerk Treasurer