

August 27th, 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 August 27th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

All members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Foster.

Meeting opened at 7:00pm by Mayor Decker.

Pledge of Allegiance-

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

Youth Report- No report

Senior Report- No report

Veteran Report- Mr. Siegel announced that the next honor flight will be held on October 6th, 2018. Call 845-391-0076 or visit hvhonorflight.com for more information.

Public Hearing:

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to open the public hearing on proposed local law #7 related to kitchenettes.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mrs. Randazzo explained the proposed local law.

No public comment.

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to close the public hearing on proposed local law #7 related to kitchenettes.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the minutes of the August 13th, 2018 regular meeting.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Mr. Siegel) CARRIED

For the Good of the City

Linda Vanhorn, 4th ward, inquired about new water/sewer meter installations.

August 27th, 2018**Business:****Mrs. Randazzo-**

The plumbing board will next meet on September 5th at 6:30pm. The electrical board will next meet in September 5th at 6:45pm. The next code committee meeting will be held on September 5th at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve local law#7 relating to kitchenettes.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

The Youth Center Recreation Room is open 11 am-3 pm for the rest of the week. We will be closed September 3 and 4. We will reopen Wednesday September 5 under our school hours. They are: Monday-Thursday 3 pm-7 pm, Friday 3 pm- 6pm, Friday Night Teen Night- which begins September 7- 6 pm- 10 pm.

DJ G will be performing FREE of charge this Thursday night August 30 at Riverside Park from 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm. DJ G will be playing 80s music as well as some of today's hits. Come out for a fun night in the park as summer comes to a close.

The Recreation Department's fall flyer is now available. It can be picked up at the Youth Center or emailed to you. It can also be found on our Facebook page- Port Jervis Recreation. We have introduced some new programs while also bringing back popular ones. PJ Recreation is looking for a self-motivated, energetic and outgoing person to fill the position of Youth Center Leader. Duties include daily supervision and interaction with youth, help organize and conduct activities, assist youth with homework and maintain a clean and safe environment. Must be able to work afternoons and Friday evenings during school year and days in the summer. Job qualifications are available at the Recreation office or the Clerk's office. Contact Mr. Faggione at the Recreation office with questions- 845-858-4045. Deadline for applications is September 5, 2018.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 19 at 7 pm at the Youth Center.

Motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mrs. Mann to hire two (2) temporary laborers for nine (9) weeks each. The laborers will be assigned to the Recreation Department. Money is budgeted for these positions. We are requesting to hire Mr. Greg Conklin and Mr. Brock Richards- both of Port Jervis. If approved they will be scheduled to start upon completion of background checks.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Belcher to accept, with regret Nicole Stellato's resignation as a Youth Center Leader.

Both Mrs. Randazzo and Mr. Siegel wished Ms. Stellato good luck with her future endeavors.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Belcher-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to hire 1 (one) full time Laborer for the Department of Public Works and also 2 (two) part time seasonal Laborers to cut grass and do other odd jobs.

Discussion:

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mrs. Mann to enter into executive session regarding DPW personnel.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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Council entered into executive session.

Mayor Decker called the meeting back to order.

Mr. Belcher amended his motion to include only hiring 2 (two) part time seasonal employees to do grass cutting and odd jobs.

Discussion:

Mr. Siegel noted the positions hired are for the purpose of grass cutting and leaf pick up, he is uncomfortable with odd job language used.

Mrs. Randazzo clarified the funds used to hire the 2 part timers will be offset. The duties will include rectifying lawn maintenance violations for which homeowners are billed for services performed.

Public:

Asked about snow removal maintenance and the duration of employment.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the promotions of 3 (three) DPW employees to the title of working supervisors, employee #507, #450, & #457.

Mr. Siegel asked if the promotions were mandated by the union contract.

Mayor Decker noted it's mandated by the contract and civil service.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Belcher read the following DPW update: Garbage and recycling will be on its normal schedule for this week. The week of September 3rd is Labor Day and Garbage and recycling will be one day late in all wards. Paper Recycling will be picked up as normal on the 1st Friday in September. Please be advised that there will be no paper pickup on Friday the 31st of August due to it being the 5th Friday of the month. Please advise your constituents in the 4th ward. 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 Tuesday September 4th, 2018 at 6pm here in the Council Chambers. This meeting is being moved due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Mr. Belcher announced the next Tourism meeting will be held on September 12th, 2018 and reported everything is going well at Access 23.

Mr. Santini-

Reported that the next Zoning board meeting will be held on September 4th, 7:00pm. Mr. Santini also announced that the next Planning board will be held on September 18th, 7:00pm.

Mr. Foster- Absent

Mrs. Mann-

Mrs. Mann read the police report, announced the next police committee meeting will be held on September 20th, 2018 and the next IDA meeting will be held on September 18th, 2018 at 6:00pm. She also noted that a nail salon will be opening at 100 Pike Street within the next few weeks.

August 27th, 2018**Mrs. Trovei-**

Mrs. Trovei reported that the CDA discussed the section 8 update, financial updates, director's report, grant updates, long term sewer repair meeting, and carbon inventory. She reported that the finance committee discussed job title classifications, fire department physicals and additional insurance costs, water meter reading software, replacement of water meters, homestead program and bids, city infrastructure repair meeting and funding options.

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the minutes of the August finance meeting minutes.

Public: discussed the contingency fund, sewer treatment, sewer funds, sewer infrastructure grants and water meter replacements.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 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 \$496,139.77

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution relating to the expenditure for Fire Department annual physicals.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the resolution regarding the determination to serve as lead agency for the purposed cellular communications tower by IPX near the turntable property.

Public: inquired about roadway use easements.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the bond resolution authorizing the construction of road improvements and other related improvements on East Main Street and South Maple Avenue in the vicinity of the Neversink Bridge; stating that the city's share of the estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$5,000,000; appropriating said amount for such purpose; and authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$5,000,000 bonds of said city to finance said appropriation.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve a side letter of agreement with the CSEA to change the title of Recreation Laborer to Working Supervisor.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mrs. Mann to enter into executive session regarding financial information provided for the homestead program.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mrs. Mann to accept the bid on 42 Pennsylvania Avenue of 14,813.37.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Reminded 2nd ward residents that their polling location has been moved from the Farnum House to the Council Room and anyone interested in working the polling stations, call the orange County Board of Elections. She wished students and teachers good luck for the upcoming school year.

Mr. Siegel-

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Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve Jessica J. Furman to the Water Operations Team as a Support member.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve Justin M. Brewster as a driver for Excelsior Engine Company No. 5.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 request to host a booth selling fresh cut French fries at the Fall Foliage Festival on 09/23/2018.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 request to hold a Soup Take Out on a yet to be determined date during the colder months.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Randazzo to approve The Port Jervis Fire Department request to host an Annual Banquet to be held on 01/26/2019.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the following changes for Delaware Engine Company No. 2: Resignation of Nicholas R. McKeon as president, Appointment of Robert W. Hicks as president until the next election; Appointment of Megan L. Metzger as vice president until the next election; and Appointment of Victor E. Mascary as trustee.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the following changes for Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4: Resignation of Mark R. Fuller, Jr. as First Lieutenant and appointment of Kenneth J. Howell as First Lieutenant until the next election.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the following changes for the Port Jervis Fire Police: Resignation of Henry H. Dunn, III as First Lieutenant and appointment of Brian S. Vanderveer as First Lieutenant until the next election.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the transfer of Michael J. Hill from Fowler's Rescue & Salvage Company No. 3 to Excelsior Engine Company No. 5.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the removal of Melvin E. Watson from Fowler's Rescue & Salvage Company No. 3.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the removal of Jennifer A. Conklin-Cole from Fowler's Rescue & Salvage Company No. 3.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to approve the By-Laws of the Port Jervis Fire Department to be amended as follows: The current reading is "The Regular meeting of this Squad shall be held at the 141 West Main Street station on the last Tuesday of each month at seven (7:00 p.m.) o'clock."

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The requested change is "The Regular meeting of this Squad shall be held at the 141 West Main Street station on the last Tuesday of each month at seven-thirty (7:30 p.m.) o'clock. No meetings will be held during the months of July and August.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Siegel thanked the Mayor for bringing back public comment, noted he was available to discuss any issue anytime for residents, urged everyone to wear life jackets anytime they are near a river and suggested checking river levels before planning water activities.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Mann to approve the minutes of the August 2018 FEM meeting minutes.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Siegel announced the next FEM meeting will be held on September 17th, 2018, the Housing Authority will meet on September 25th, 2018 at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace. He asked the public to contact the DPW if they notice clogged storm drains, spoke briefly on overnight parking regulations and asked the council to reach out to the school district and request a bus stop change located at 126 Front Street as the building is structurally unsafe for children.

Mr. Bavoso-

Mr. Bavoso announced the next comprehensive zoning plan committee will be held on September 6th, 2018 at 6:00pm in the council chambers.

For the Good of the City-

Wayne Kidney, 1st ward, informed council that other individuals may be interested in purchasing the property located at 186-188 Pike Street.

Mayor Decker asked Mr. Kidney to have those individuals contact his office.

Linda Vanhorn, 4th ward, announced a 9/11 memorial service will be held at the Town of Deerpark Town Hall on September 11th, 2018 at 8:30am

Mayor Decker-

Mayor Decker discussed the pre-construction meeting for the Neversink Bridge Project and announced an estimated timeframe of completion; spoke about unfunded state mandates as it relates to cancer screening and annual Fire Department physicals.

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the sale of 33 Seward Avenue for \$12,000.00. The buyer noted the property would become a primary residence.

Public: asked if the buyer would have to adhere to the homestead regulations.

Mayor stated no, as this property was not purchased through the homestead program.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the sale of 20 Minisink Avenue for \$15,000.00.

Mr. Siegel suggested as part of the sale, the buyer should be given a certain amount of time to clean up the property and the building.

Mayor noted that 90 days would be given.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve a waiver for sign requirements for the properties slated for demolition through a NYS Grant Program.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the Energy in the Bank pilot agreement for the solar project for 15 years at \$1,500.00 per year

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Siegel to give the Mayor permission to discuss 5 properties, acquired by tax lien, with Westchester Medical relating to an affordable housing repair project.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Announced a 9/11 memorial service will be held at the Town of Deerpark Town Hall on September 11th, 2018 at 8:30am

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Belcher seconded by Mrs. Trovei to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Robin Waizenegger
Clerk Treasurer