

September 10th, 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 September 10th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

All members of the Common Council were present except Mr. David Bavoso.

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- Mallory Conklin gave the youth report as follows:

The Port Jervis school year started last Wednesday and is in full swing. She relayed an invitation to all to the Town of Deerpark 9/11 Memorial services at Town Hall beginning at 8:30am. School Open houses will be grades 1-3 Wednesday 9/12, grades 4-6 Thursday 9/13, middle school Monday 9/17 and high school Thursday 9/20. The Port Jervis recreation department is doing a field trip to the Jets game on October 7th, a back-to-school dance on Friday 9/28 and the 71st Halloween Parade on Saturday 10/27 with a rain date of 10/28. Line-up is at 3pm at City Hall and after the parade refreshments and prizes will be distributed. Port Jervis Library is hosting a YA Game night on Thursday 9/20 from 6:30-8:30 for teens in grades 7-12 and an anniversary celebration with music on Saturday 9/29 from 10am-2pm. The Port Jervis vs. Middletown 138th Erie Bell Game will take place at Middletown's Faller Field on Friday 9/14 with kickoff at 7pm.

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. He also reminded people of the services on Patriots day 9/11/18 at Town of Deerpark Town Hall at 8:30am and Veterans Park in Matamoras PA at 7pm.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Ms. Randazzo to approve the minutes of the August 27th, 2018 regular meeting.

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

For the Good of the City

Linda Vanhorn, 4th ward, inquired about the bid process for new water/sewer meter installations and installations of garbage cans at business not in downtown locations. She also voiced a complaint about the audio feed on the City's broadcast of the council meetings.

Ulana Emerson, Port Jervis Rotary President, voiced concern from the Club about the relocation of the garbage cans donated by the Rotary and an Eagle Scout away from the business district. The club wished them to remain in well-traveled areas.

Business:

September 10th, 2018**Ms. Randazzo-**

There was no plumbing board meeting on September 5th due to lack of quorum. Next meeting will be at 6:30pm on October 3rd. The electrical board will next meet on October 3rd at 6:45pm. The next code committee meeting will be held on October 3rd at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Code Committee met on September 5th and discussed problem residences, operating fees for fire inspections, proposed Local #9 regarding specialty food stores and the homestead versus non-homestead property classification

Motion by Ms. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve local law #8 regarding taxi dispatch centers in service commercial zones for a public hearing on September 24th at 7:05pm .

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

Motion by Ms. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve local law #9 regarding specialty food stores for a public hearing on September 24th at 7:06pm.

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

Ms. Randazzo congratulated the Port Jervis football team on their opening day win and reminded everyone to be careful when traveling through the City now that school is in session.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

The Youth Center is now open under its school schedule. These hours are as follows:

Monday-Thursday 3:00 pm- 7:00 pm

Friday 3:00 pm-6:00 pm

Friday Night Teen Night 6:00 pm-10:00 pm

Please note- The Youth Center is open for all students ages 7-18. Teen Night is for Middle School and High School students only.

The Recreation trip to the New York Jets football game on October 7, 2018 is now SOLD OUT.

Check out our Facebook page- Port Jervis Recreation- for information, pictures and special announcements on all Recreation sponsored activities. The September Recreation Commission scheduled for September 19 has been moved to September 26 at 7 pm at the Youth Center.

Mr. Belcher-

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to approve the September DPW Minutes.

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 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 paving work on the 17th. Also be cautious as the Tri-State Bridge project will commence in the next couple weeks. The next DPW meeting will take place on Monday October 1st, 2018 at 6pm here in the Council Chambers.

Mr. Belcher announced the next Tourism meeting will be held on September 12th, 2018.

Mr. Santini-

Reported that the Zoning board meeting on September 4th at 7:00pm was comprised of two public hearings. First was the Ice Cream Soda Club Inc. for a variance which passed and second was for a setback variance at 31 Sullivan Avenue for a pool which also passed. Mr. Santini also announced that the next Planning board will be held on September 18th, 7:00pm.

Mr. Foster- Announced that the next ADA committee meeting will be October 1st at 6:30.

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Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Mann to approve the August Police Monthly Report.

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

Mr. Foster reviewed highlights from the report.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Siegel to accept a letter of retirement from Sargent Kara Smith-Angeloni

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

Mr. Foster noted that 5 part-time Port Jervis police officers have been deployed for school security and that the Police Chief is currently interviewing candidates for police officer positions. Next Police Committee meeting is scheduled for September 20th at 6pm.

Mrs. Mann-

Mrs. Mann noted the next IDA meeting will be held on September 17th, 2018 at 6:00pm.

Mrs. Trovei-

Mrs. Trovei noted the next finance meeting will be held on September 19th, 2018 at 6:00pm.

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 \$218,902.18

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Ms. Randazzo to approve the PBA MOA effective 9/1/2018.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 (Belcher) CARRIED

Mrs. Trovei indicated that CDA's next meeting is September 26th at 6pm and there has been issued an opportunity to quote on rehabilitation of 10 homes in Port Jervis through a NYS ACH Grant.

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Siegel to advertise for bids for the demolition of 6 properties through the NYS AHC Grant.

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

Reminded everyone that there is a Primary election on Thursday September 13th and that 2nd ward residents have had their polling location moved from the Farnum House to the Council Room.

Mr. Siegel-

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Fitzpatrick to remove Mark Fuller as a member of Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4.

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

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Ms. Randazzo to Transfer Jeffrey Rohrer from Fowler's Rescue & Salvage Company No. 3 to Delaware Engine Company No. 2

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 wished everyone of the Jewish faith a Happy New Year, noted that the next Interfaith Council Meeting will be 9/15 at 10 am at St. Peters Lutheran Church and a Gospel Concert at New Life Christian Fellowship Ave G in Matamoras on October 7 at 6pm for more information email NLCFTODAY@gmail.com.

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Mr. Siegel indicated his support of leaving Rotary garbage cans at City business locations, Schools are open so please drive safely, wished the retired police officers the best of luck, and warned drivers to be cautious of a sink hole on Owen Street that has been marked with a barrel.

Mr. Bavoso-

Absent

For the Good of the City-

Ed Degroat, thanked the council for not helping to get rid of the motorcycle shop and inquired as to the status of the investigation of 31 Farnum Street. He questioned the Mayor about his unruly neighbor who moved.

Mr. Howard Kuperman asked the Council to take a fresh look at the garbage can placement, thanked Mr. Siegel for the New Year wishes, and requested to meet with the Council in Executive session regarding a potential contract for downtown parking.

Linda Vanhorn, 4th ward, requested that the repair of the sink hole on Owen Street be given priority due to public safety.

Mayor Decker-

Mayor Decker announced his appointment to fill a vacancy due to a death of a member on the Board of Assessment by appointing Mrs. Kathy Potter to compete the term thru 9/30/2019.

Mayor Decker also re-appointed the current Board of Assessment chairman, Mr. Rafael Gonzalez for a 5 year term ending 9/30/2023.

Mayor Decker read a letter received from 1st Assistant fire Chief Snyder resigning his position and requesting a waiver to stay in the office until the end of the year as he has moved outside the City of Port Jervis, then read from an email received from Fire Chief requesting a residency waiver to allow him to continue in the position to the end of the year based on the City Code and Charter.

Corporation Counsel expressed that the Council members did in his opinion have the authority to grant such a waiver.

Motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Mr. Siegel to accept the resignation effective 12/31/2018 instead of immediately as a temporary waiver of residency requirement.

As discussion Mr. Siegel expressed his support in continuing the office until 12/31/2018 and therefore not accepting his resignation until that date. No one from the public commented when asked.

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

Announced the Pie-baking contest at the Fall Foliage and reminded everyone to come out for all of the festivities.

Mayor Decker informed everyone that the water meters are not yet out to bid previous information was done just as information only. He explained that the audio feed is set up for the official Access 23 broadcast which is functioning properly through the microphone system. The complaints resonate from the Facebook live feed which is being broadcast by him personally. The audio problem does clear in the Facebook replay. He noted that the sink hole repair will be repaired by the DPW as part of its normal work. He noted that the home improvements being done are the result of a grant which is great for the residents involved. The Mayor noted that the relocation of any Rotary garbage cans will be given another review in light of input from the Rotary and other concerned citizens with respect to other businesses in the City. He noted that the cans however are constructed to fit in well in our parks and trail system which is now being very well used and are actually a very visible site for their use.

Motion by Mr. Belcher seconded by Mr. Siegel to adjourn to executive session at 7:50 pm for the purpose of a proposal and potential contract for parking.

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

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Meeting reconvened at 7:57pm

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mr. Belcher seconded by Mr. Foster to adjourn to the meeting at 7:57 pm

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

Robin Waizenegger
Clerk Treasurer