

September 24, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

### Attendance-

All members of the Common Council were present except Mr. Regis Foster and Mr. Dominic Santini.

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:

ASK Picture Days are October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> during the school day. Ask your child which day is theirs.

HBE will be having their book fair the first week of October.

The Middle School Picture Day will be this Friday the 28<sup>th</sup>.

There is also a Middle School PTA meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Through a special partnership with Cornell University Cooperative Extension, Port Jervis Middle School is able to offer a special leadership development program for ten families with children ages 10-14, called Strengthening Families for free. The Strengthening Families Program is designed to be attended by families together. Each portion, for youth and for adults focuses on enhancing and building important life and success skills for youth and skills to support children for parents. The cost per family to attend this program is \$850, but thanks to a grant from the Orange County Youth Bureau the cost is covered for all eligible families, no income restrictions apply. Additionally, the program provides childcare for younger siblings and even includes a meal for the whole family before each session. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays, starting October 3 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Port Jervis Middle School.

Registration is now open until October 5<sup>th</sup> for PSAT - offered at PJHS, Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 2018. The Preliminary SAT, is a preparatory version of the SAT exam. You can only take the PSAT once per year, and most students take the test in both 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades. If you earn a high score on the PSAT your junior year, you could qualify to receive a National Merit Scholarship. This exam tests skills in reading, writing, and math. Unlike the SAT, the highest score possible on the PSAT is 1520. This exam is free for all sophomores and juniors. Students must register in the guidance office by October 5<sup>th</sup>.

The PJHS Homecoming Dance will be Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 10:00 in the HS Gymnasium. Tickets will be \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per couple and will be available at the door. The Assistant Principal's office MUST approve any alumni who would like to attend the dance as a guest. The deadline for guest approval will be October 4<sup>th</sup>. NO STUDENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND.

Free Youth Leadership Training—Be Proud, Be Responsible--here at PJHS, When: Tuesday 10/9, Wednesday 10/10 & Thursday 10/11, 215pm – 345pm, What: Learn about health and healthy relationships. Gain valuable peer education skills, What else: snacks and a \$25 gift card for completing the three-day program. Sign up in guidance!

Winter Sports signups are starting to begin. Be on the lookout for them.

Enter the Port Jervis Library's Edible Book Cake Contest. It is open to book lovers, lovers of crafting, jokesters, and those who appreciate a good cake. Each edible creation must depict a fictional or non-fictional literary work or character from a book. Bring your edible book cake to the library on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 10:00am for set up and judging at the Library's 126<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Entry forms are available at the library.

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**Senior Report-** No report

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

**Public Hearing:** Mayor Decker opened the public Hearing for Proposed Local law #8 of 2018. Ms. Randazzo reviewed the Local Law. No one commented from the public or the Council. Motion by Ms. Randazzo Seconded by Mr. Bavoso to close the public hearing.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Foster, Santini) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

**Public Hearing:** Mayor Decker opened the public Hearing for Proposed Local law #9 of 2018. Ms. Randazzo reviewed the Local Law. No one commented from the public. Mr. Bavoso noted that this law will not impact the fact that a new business would still have to go through the planning board process. Motion by Ms. Randazzo Seconded by Mr. Siegel to close the public hearing.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Foster, Santini) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

**Minutes Approved-**

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Ms. Randazzo to approve the minutes of the September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 regular meeting.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2(Foster, Santini) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Bavoso) CARRIED

**For the Good of the City**

Laura Meyer, Tourism Board, Thanked everyone for a successful Fall Foliage Festival. She noted that there were approximately 15,000 attendees to this weekend's event. She gave special thanks to the Port Jervis Honor Society, Police Department and Department of Public Works.

Michael Adams, expressed to Mayor dismay at the problems he has had purchasing a house through FNMA in the City that was 2 parcels where one parcel was not deeded correctly and the complication of a tax lien sale. Corporation counsel advised the Mayor that he and the Treasurer are aware of the situation and is corresponding with Mr. Adams regarding corrective action and payment of back taxes.

**Business:**

**Ms. Randazzo-**

Motion by Ms. Randazzo, seconded by Mrs. Trovei to approve local law #8 regarding taxi dispatch centers in service commercial zones.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Foster, Santini) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Ms. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve local law #9 regarding specialty food stores.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Foster, Santini) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Ms. Randazzo noted that the next meetings related to Code are Plumbing & Electrical on 10/3 at 6:30 & 6:45 respectively and Code committee at 7pm also on 10/3.

She thanked Laura and all those who worked on the Fall Foliage event to make it such a success.

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**Mrs. Fitzpatrick-**

1. Our Youth Fall Soccer program started this past Saturday September 22, 2018. Close to 40 kids are participating. This 6-week program will end on October 27. This program is held at West End Beach.
2. Thank you to everyone in the community that helped us with our Food Drive Concert this past Saturday September 22. We received more food than we expected! All the food is being donated to the food pantries at First Assembly of God Church and The Grace Episcopal Church. Special thanks to Shoprite for donating and cooking hot dogs, Jeff's Garden Shop for the flowers and Carl Richards for organizing and running the event.
3. The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Halloween Parade is scheduled to be held on Saturday October 27, 2018 at 3:00 pm on Hammond Street in front of City Hall. The parade will end at Farnum Park where refreshments will be served and prizes awarded. The parade is for all ages- so join us and remember to dress festive!
4. The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday September 26, 2018 at 7 pm at the Youth Center.

Ms. Fitzpatrick made a motion to approval to hire Ms. Megan Nason to fill the vacant Youth Center Leader position. Start date is expected to be September 27, 2018. This position is budgeted. Motion Seconded by Ms. Randazzo.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Foster, Santini) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

**Mr. Belcher-**

Mr. Belcher read the following DPW update: Garbage and recycling will be on its normal schedule this week but the week of 10/8 it will be 1 day later due to the Columbus Day holiday. Paper and recycling pickup will continue to be picked up on normal schedule. 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.

The Tri-state bridge construction will commence the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in October. Hydrant flushing will begin on October 1<sup>st</sup> and continue for 5-6 weeks. For up to date information please sign up for Nixle alerts through the link on the City website @ [www.portjervisny.org](http://www.portjervisny.org) . If your water is discolored during the flushing please clear by running your cold water only until clear. The next DPW meeting will take place on Monday October 1st, 2018 at 6pm here in the Council Chambers.

Tourism met before the fall foliage event to finalize plans. He noted that there were 286 vendors at the event. Unfortunately the pie contest had to be cancelled. He noted that Katherine Westfall did a good job with the T-shirts and sponsors. He welcomed a new member to the Tourism Board. Next tourism meeting 10/10 at 7pm.

He also noted that the tourism board will be filing to hold an art show in veterans Square Park for June 15<sup>th</sup> 2019.

**Mr. Santini-**

**Absent – No report**

**Mr. Foster-**

**Absent report delayed**

**Mrs. Mann-**

Mrs. Mann noted that the IDA has not meet due to lack of agenda items and the next IDA meeting will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00pm.

She thanked Laura and all those who worked on the Fall Foliage event to make it such a success.

**Mrs. Trovei-**

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Motion by Mrs. Trovei seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the minutes of the finance meeting held on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00pm.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Foster, Santini) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mrs. Trovei reviewed the minutes for the Council. Mrs. Trovei noted the next finance meeting will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00pm.

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 \$425,300.73.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Foster, Santini) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve the waiver of Port Jervis dog licensing fees for dogs not previously licensed during the Orange County DOH Free Rabies Clinic on 10/14/2018.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Foster, Santini) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mrs. Trovei indicated that CDA's next meeting is September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

She noted that the PJ Pride Reality Tour event, which is a drug prevention program on 10/18 6-8 pm for local dignitaries and 10/25 youth and parents. They are still looking for youth and adult volunteers. The Elks Lodge is holding a Harvest Dinner in memory of Britany Schoop on 11/7 with the proceeds to go to PJ Pride.

The Outdoor Club is holding a tricky tray fundraiser at 12pm on 10/20 at the Port Jervis high school.

She informed us that the Tourism Board will be conducting a Halloween decorating contest with prizes and that homeowners can call the mayor's office through 10/24 to register their homes for judging.

**Mr. Siegel-**

He thanked all those who worked on the Fall Foliage event to make it such a success.

He noted a Fire Captains meeting today has been cancelled and will be held 9/25 at 6:30 in the museum training room.

Mr. Siegel reminded firefighters that annual physicals are required and will be done at Engine 4 firehouse on 10/9 from 5-7pm and again on 10/13 from 9-11 am or may be done by your own physician at your own cost with the appropriate forms.

Mr. Siegel made a motion seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the Fire & Emergency Management minutes from the 9/17 meeting.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Foster, Santini) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Siegel announced the next FEM meeting will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Housing Authority will meet on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace. He noted that the next Interfaith Council Meeting will be 10/7 at 10:30 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](mailto:NLCFTODAY@gmail.com).

Mr. Belcher noted a concert will also be held on 11/9 at Drew Church to benefit the warming station.

**7:35 pm Councilman Regis Foster Arrived and was invited by the Mayor to give his report of City business.**

**Mr. Foster-**

He announced the Orange County DOH Free rabies clinic on 10/14 form 10-12pm at the Howard Wheat firehouse.

He announced a PBA Luncheon for retiring Police officer Kara Smith-Angeloni on 9/26 beginning at 11am at City Hall.

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Motion by Regis Foster seconded by Maria Mann to enter into executive session for the purpose of potential personnel hiring to review the recommendations received from Police Chief Worden.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Santini) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm to executive session.

Meeting reconvened from executive session at 7:52 pm.

Motion by Mr. Foster seconded by Ms. Mann to hire four candidates as police officers.

Candidates Thomas Osowick and Joseph Dicarlo will be hired at the recruit rate of pay and will be required to complete 26 weeks of police basic training and twelve weeks of new officer field training.

Candidates Christopher Mehedin and Savannah Dooley will be hired at the 1A MPTC certified rate and will be required to complete the basic field training program for certified police officers ranging from 4-8 weeks depending upon experience.

All officers are approved for hire effective 10/8/2018 or as soon thereafter as practical.

In discussion it was noted by the Mayor that these are replacement for the recent 4 retirements.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1(Santini) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Bavoso) CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Foster seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the selling back of accrued time from Chief William Worden and Lt. John Fitzpatrick.

It was noted by the City Clerk Treasurer that this is not sufficient enough information to process a payment.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1(Santini) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Fitzpatrick) CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Foster seconded by Mr. Siegel to reinstate Kara Angeloni to the position of Dispatcher Clerk at the top salary step of 17.05 per hour (starting salary is 16.05 per hour for new hires typically without experience) due to her extensive experience as a police officer and police sergeant. Hire date effective October 2, 2018.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Santini) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Foster seconded by Mr. Belcher to approve the Police Committee Minutes from the 9/20 meeting.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Santini) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Foster reviewed the minutes for the Council.

The next Police committee meeting will be on 10/18 at 6pm.

Mr. Foster expressed condolences on the passing of Retired Sargent Walter Curtis.

ADA will meet next on 10/1 at 6:30 after the DPW meeting.

He thanked all those who worked on the Fall Foliage event to make it such a success.

**Mr. Bavoso-**

Mr. Bavoso noted that he abstained on the police officer hiring vote due to fact that one of the officers is coming from employment with a municipality that he represents legally.

The next Comprehensive Plan meeting is scheduled for 10/25.

He noted the success of the Fall Foliage event, but was disappointed that he did not get to judge the pie contest.

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**There was no comment from the public.**

**Mayor Decker-**

The Mayor announced that Kolmar is conducting open interview tomorrow at the Hampton Inn in Matamoras.

He expressed his thanks to all involved in the Fall Foliage event. He expressed his welcome to the new 4 police officers. Mayor Decker spoke of his sorrow at the passing of Walter Curtis both a police officer and family friend. Also congratulation to Sargent Smith-Angeloni on her retirement.

Mayor Decker indicated that there will be a ground breaking ceremony for the bridge project at noon on 10/9 and the project will go into full swing on 10/25. He stated that notifications are being made to emergency responders and community providers such as schools.

**Meeting Adjourned –**

Motion by Mr. Bavoso seconded by Mr. Foster to adjourn to the meeting at 8:04 pm

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

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Robin Waizenegger  
Clerk Treasurer