

November 8, 2018

Special Meeting-

The special meeting of the City of Port Jervis Common Council was held in the Council Chambers, 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis, New York on Thursday November 8th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

All members of the Common Council were present except Lisa Randazzo and David Bavoso

Meeting opened at 6:00pm by Mayor Decker.

Pledge of Allegiance-

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

Mayor Decker informed everyone that the only issue before them at this meeting was to review the list of potential tax lien properties for the purpose of determining if the City wishes to exercise its rights to reserve any liens for the City of Port Jervis.

He stated that he personally went to each property and conducted research to evaluate each potential lien and forwarded a list to the Council. He also indicated that the City becomes the lienholder of default if no person bids on them at the sale.

He noted that of the 4 four properties reserved in the 2016 sale all have been redeemed and the City gained \$1,717.65 and of the four reserved in the 2017 sale two have been redeemed with interest earned of \$3,551.72. The Mayor noted that the City prioritizes properties based on the assumption that they will redeem in short order, are vacant property, could serve a municipal purpose moving forward, are prime re-sale candidates or are problem properties that the City desires to eliminate.

Mayor Decker then reviewed for the Council the properties that he marked on the tax lien list as potential properties for reservation and his reasoning which had been previously sent to the Council.

Mayor Decker opened the meeting up for public comment.

Joan Mc Bride who lives on Myrtle Avenue asked if the vacant house near her was to be reserved. The Mayor indicated that it is up for tax lien sale but he did not select it to be reserved by the City.

Anne Horsham asked if 11 Fowler was on the list. The Mayor noted that he thinks that address may part of the buildings known as 86 and 88-90 Front which is selected to be reserved.

Jacob Morgan questioned what Ball Street address is being reserved. The Mayor indicated it is 181 Ball Street.

Mrs. Trovei indicated that she is ok with all of his choices.

Mr. Siegel asked if the City becomes a landlord during the lien period. It was clarified that the City does not become a landlord it only holds a financial lien until the end of the two year lien period when it would take title and immediately evict all of the occupants.

Mr. Santini verified all of the vacant properties.

Motion by Stanley Siegel seconded by Regis Foster to accept all the Mayor's recommendations for City reservation at the 2018 tax lien sale of the properties noted with an asterisk and a dash.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2 (Randazzo, Bavoso) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Regis Foster seconded by Kristin Trovei to adjourn to the meeting at 6:16 pm

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Robin Waizenegger
Clerk Treasurer