
November 26, 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 November 26th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

All members of the Common Council were present except Mayor Kelly Decker, Councilwoman Lisa Randazzo and Councilman David Bavoso.

Meeting opened at 7:00pm by Councilman George Belcher as the most senior Councilman.

Pledge of Allegiance-

George Belcher led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Youth Report- No report

Senior Report- Mr. Siegel gave a combined Senior & Veterans report comprised of 5 tips for the holiday season as follows:

- 1.) Exercise care when purchasing gift cards as presents. Examine packaging for possible tampering.
- 2.) Beware fake websites with prices that are too good to be true. Look for https:/ at the beginning of the website name.
- 3.) Beware of telephone solicitations for charities that may be fake. Verify the charity on line before giving.
- 4.) Beware of incoming phone calls from numbers you do not know. Either do not answer or if you do answer do not talk.
- 5.) Get your flu shot

Veteran Report- As noted above.

Public Hearing – Budget 2019

Motion to open public hearing by Kristin Trovei seconded by Dominick Santini.

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

Mrs. Trovei presented that at present the budget stands at an approximate 3% tax rate increase. She outlined that the Council is still considering changes including adding additional expense to the fire dept. OSHA compliance line, a full time fire inspector, additional fees for inspections, a tipping fee change from Orange County, increase of real property revenue and possibly adding human resource services expense.

Mrs. Trovei requested that the hearing be left open until we complete budget workshops until the December 17th Council meeting.

Motion made by Maria Mann seconded by Stanley Siegel to keep the public hearing open.

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

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Stanley Siegel, seconded by Dominick Santini to approve the minutes of the November 13th, 2018 regular meeting.

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

For the Good of the City – No Comments**Business:**

Ms. Randazzo- Mrs. Trovei reported on behalf of Ms. Randazzo that the next Plumbing and Electrical boards will be 5:30 and 5:45 respectively on 12/5 followed by Code committee at 6pm.

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Motion by Kristin Trovei Seconded by George Belcher to set a public hearing for a local law to amend the peddler's permit law for year round availability.

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

City Clerk Waizenegger requested that the copy of said law be provided to her office for publication purposes. Mrs. Trovei indicated that it will be supplied by Mr. Bavoso.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

1. Winter Recreation programs offered this winter include Youth Basketball, Youth Soccer, Youth Volleyball and Adult Basketball. Information for all of these programs can be found on our Facebook Page- Port Jervis Recreation also at the Youth Center. Flyers will be passed out to the elementary schools this week-they will also be available in the City Clerk's office.
2. The Little Chefs cooking program continues this Saturday December 1 at the Youth Center between 10 am-12 pm. This program will run through December 22.
3. The Recreation Department is once again participating in Santa's Toy Box Toy Drive this holiday season. NEW toys will be accepted at the Youth Center up until December 21. All toys will be given to the Elks Club and given to children of the Tri-State area. Please help us help those in need this winter.
4. The sleigh riding hill at West End Beach entrance will be set up this winter once we get substantial and lasting snow fall. Please remember no skis or snowboards.
5. Church Street Park- lower level will be closed for the season also when we get substantial and lasting snowfall.
6. The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday November 28 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center.

Motion by Gina Fitzpatrick seconded by George Belcher for approval of the following volunteers for our winter Recreation programs pending results of background checks. These are volunteer positions. Thank you for your consideration.

Youth Soccer- Kristian Richardson
 Youth Volleyball- Kasey Stankunas
 Adult Basketball- Justin Schofield

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

Mr. Belcher-

A motion was made by George Belcher seconded by Dominic Santini to approve the provisional hiring of a part-time dial-a-bus driver Edward Ross that he be allowed to utilize the City bus for testing purposes and subject to the provision that he must have the appropriate driver license within 90 days to be approved.

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

Garbage and recycling will on normal schedule for the next several weeks. The 2019 garbage schedule will be available on our City website and in the City Clerk's office beginning December 1st. 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. Bagged and loose leaf pickup will be done over the next two weeks.

Overnight parking restrictions to facilitate snow removal commence on December 1st.

The next DPW meeting will take place on Monday December 3rd, 2018 at 6pm here in the Council Chambers.

On 11/14 the Tourism board met and discussed Kriskindlemart preparations and the annual Holiday lighting contest.

Residents can sign up for the contest on the city website or by calling the Mayor's office. Judging will occur on 12/19 in both traditional and festive categories to award prizes.

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Next tourism board is scheduled for 12/19.

Mr. Belcher announced that the Downtown Merchants Association along with the Tourism Board will be doing a holiday event called Grinchmas on Sunday December 9th at 3pm with a rain date of December 16th.

Mr. Santini-

He reported that there was no zoning meeting due to lack of agenda items.

The next zoning meeting is 12/4 at 7pm.

The planning meeting occurred on 11/20 at which they reviewed a submission for the expansion of the parking lot by Heet LLC to expand their parking lot. A public Hearing was set for 12/18/2018.

Mr. Foster-

Motion by Mr. Foster seconded by George Belcher to allow the issuance of a taxi driver license to James Magliore based on the recommendation of the Police Chief.

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

Next police meeting is 12/20 at 6pm.

Next ADA meeting will be on 1/7/2019 at 6:30 pm after DPW.

He expressed thanks to everyone for a successful Kriskindlemart event.

Mrs. Mann-

She reported that the IDA Meeting of 11/19 was cancelled due to lack of agenda items

Next IDA meeting is scheduled for 12/17 at 6pm.

Maria Mann thanked the police, DPW and everyone who participated in Kriskindlemart.

Motion by Mrs. Mann seconded by Stanley Siegel to approve the Grinchmas event application. She indicated that no DPW or Police overtime will be required for the event.

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

Mrs. Trovei-

CDA met on November 19th at 6pm and reviewed the Section 8 program, 2019 CDA Budget and small City Grant programs. The next CDA meeting is 11/28/2018 at 7pm.

Mrs. Trovei reviewed the schedule for Council budget workshops as follows:

Wednesday 11/14 - Finance Meeting/Budget Workshop #1, 6pm

- reviewed Clerk, Assessor, Bldg. & Fire Depts. which were detailed in her public hearing summary.

Thursday 11/15 - Budget Workshop #2, 6:30pm

- Depts. reviewed: Police, DPW, and Recreation

It was noted that the DPW Department head stated a need for additional funds for building repairs will be needed in the future and Police Chief Worden expressed an experience void on the third shift which will require some overtime monies to be spent for additional supervision and/or dispatching assistance.

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Tuesday 11/27 - Budget Workshop #3, 6pm

- Depts. to review: CDA, Civil Service
- review any changes, additions, deletions, further questions
- Executive session with dept. and deputy dept. heads

Thursday 11/29 - Budget Workshop #4, 6pm

- If needed to review additions, changes, further questions

Dates for other workshops, if needed: Tues 12/4 and Thurs 12/6.

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Belcher to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund and Capital Account for a total of \$336,419.50.

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

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mrs. Mann to approve the emergency purchase of a printer/copier for the police department due to mechanical failure.

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

Mr. Siegel-

He expressed his delight at the Kriskindlemart event.

PJ fire Department members are reminded to complete their surveys.

There will be no Fire and Emergency Management meeting in December.

PJ Housing will meet on 11/27 at 7pm at Hillside.

The warming station has opened early due to the cold weather. They are in need of volunteers and meals to serve the participants. The next meeting of the interfaith council will be 12/1 at 6:30 pm at St. Peters Lutheran Church. You may contact Tamara Chant at 570-618-1208 or Mr. Siegel.

He wished everyone a Happy Chanukah.

He also wished Mr. William Bavoso a speedy recovery.

** Mr. Belcher invited Laura Mayer to comment on the Kriskindlemart event.

Laura Meyer thanked all involved and noted highlights of the event.

Mr. Bavoso-

Mrs. Trovei noted that the next meeting for the Comprehensive Plan update is 12/6 at 6pm.

For the Good of the City- No report

Mayor Decker- No report

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Meeting Adjourned –

Motion Dominic Santini seconded by Stanley Siegel to adjourn to the meeting at 7:24pm

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

Robin Waizenegger
Clerk Treasurer