

May 28, 2019

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 Tuesday May 28th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

All members of the Common Council were present. Also present were Corporation Counsel William Bavoso, City Clerk Treasurer Robin Waizenegger and Deputy City Clerk Treasurer BobbieJo Muller.

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm by Mayor Kelly Decker.

Pledge of Allegiance-

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

Youth Report- None

Senior and Veterans Report- Mr. Siegel indicated that the new healthcare program by the VA is ready for rollout and will provide more options to Veterans for their care.

Minutes Approved-Motion by George Belcher seconded by David Bavoso to approve the minutes of the May 13th, 2019 regular meeting.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

For the Good of the City –

Barbara Marszalek – spoke about a special event on the same Sunday as the Soap Box Derby for Women Supporting Women, especially those with mental health issues, at Empowering Port Jervis thru a free give-away of donated women’s appropriate for business attire as well as assistance doing resume writing. The event will begin at 10am.

Joanne Bowley – spoke as a land lord, along with her tenant, for 16 Pennsylvania Avenue regarding a repetitive noise and nuisance issues at a neighboring parcel at 135 Hammond. It was noted that numerous calls have been made to the police department. The Mayor indicated that he will address this with the Police Chief. Councilman Foster and the Mayor invited them to come to the Police committee meeting tomorrow night. Ms. Bowley also indicated that there is also an issue with a fence blocking vision access out of her driveway.

Linda Van Horn – noted that she was here as a member of the public and not in her position as a school board member. She questioned the issuance of the capital note. She noted that the capital note is approximately 1% of the total budget and she thinks that the expense should have been added to the budget as opposed to borrowing. The Mayor and City Clerk Treasurer responded regarding the potential tax rate % increase as judged by the council during the budget as not tolerable. She also noted two spots near the Middle school where visibility is hampered due to bushes and a fence that she requested be reviewed.

Business:

Motion for executive session made by Regis Foster, seconded by George Belcher for personnel matters involving personnel, contractual matters and also as a contractual matter to review public parking offer.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 7:18 pm

Meeting Reconvened at 8:07 pm

Ms. Randazzo- She noted that there was no electrical meeting on May 15th. Plumbing did meet on May 15th. The plumbing and electrical will meet on June 5th 5:30 and 5:45 respectively. The code committee will meet at 6pm on the same date. Ms. Randazzo noted that Beth Hoffner from Orange County Dept. of Health was at the Code meeting to review all of the lead

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inspection and other services available through the County. The building official provided his report at the meeting, reviewing tow licensing fees, operating permits and small cell deployments.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- Gave the Recreation update as follows:

1. This Friday- May 31 is the Youth Center's last Teen Night of the school year. Teen Night is for Middle and High School students and is held 6:00 pm-10:00 pm. Teen night will return in September when school starts. Friday hours at the Youth Center beginning June 7 will be 11: 00 am-5:00 pm.
2. Our Summer Recreation program flyers have been printed and are available at the Youth Center. Our summer program will start on Monday July 1, 2019. There are PLENTY of activities and special events for the kids all summer. Flyers will be distributed to both A.S.K. and H.B.E. tomorrow. If you wish to have one emailed please contact the Recreation office at 845-858-4045.
3. West End Beach is scheduled to open on Friday June 14, 2019. This opening is subject to change based on weather and river conditions. Once the beach is open days and hours will be:
Saturday and Sunday- 11 am-6 pm
Monday-Thursday-Friday- 12 pm- 6 pm
CLOSED on Tuesday and Wednesday
Please remember to follow all beach rules when using facility.
4. This past Saturday May 25- the Outdoor Club of Port Jervis held the grand opening for the Pump Track at Riverside Park. The Pump Track is believed to be one of the largest in the eastern United States. A great crowd was on hand and attendance all day long was busy. Thanks to Mike Ward and the entire Outdoor Club for their dedication to the City of Port Jervis. The Pump Track is open daily between 7 am- 9 pm. Please remember all participants MUST wear helmets while using the track.
5. The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center.

A motion was made by Gina Fitzpatrick, seconded by Stanley Siegel as follows:

The Recreation Commission respectfully requests the approval of the following Seasonal employees. All positions are budgeted for 2019. Thank you for your consideration.

Senior Recreation Leaders- to start July 1

Nick Chuckran **
Mike Cordisco **

Recreation Leaders- to start July 1

Austin Wilson **
Amanda Sexton **
Michael Conklin **
Arabia Shearn **
Lauryn Rodriguez
Amaya Townsend

Life Guards- to start June 14

Ian Guyette **
Gweneth Loughman **
Logan Hammock **

Recreation Specialist at the Youth Center- to start June 24

A) Cassandra Weatherly

And an amendment for a change of hire date for Michael Piscitelli to May 16th instead of the previously approved June 4th.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Belcher-

Garbage pickup will be one day late during this week due to Memorial Day. No paper pickup will be done on 5/31 as it is the 5th Friday in the month. Yard debris pickup will be on Mondays. Bulk waste is available from 7:15 to 11:30 on Saturdays with a dump pass. The brush pile and compost pile is also available on Saturday mornings.

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The next DPW Committee will be June 3rd at 6pm in the Council Room.

A motion was made by George Belcher and seconded by David Bavoso as follows:

Authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first instance of the State-aid Program eligible costs, of a capital project, and appropriating funds therefore.

WHEREAS, a Project for the Front Street sidewalks in the City of Port Jervis, PIN 8762.40 (the Project") is eligible for funding under a New York State Program administered by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT); and

WHEREAS, a sum not to exceed \$150,000 in Program Funding is available to progress the project.

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the State share of the costs of the preliminary engineering, right-of-way incidentals, right-of-way acquisition, and construction phases

NOW, THEREFORE, the Port Jervis City Council, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Port Jervis City Council hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Port Jervis City Council hereby authorizes the City of Port Jervis to pay in the first instance 100% of the cost of preliminary engineering, right-of-way incidentals, right-of-way acquisition, and construction work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$150,000 is hereby appropriated from the CAPITAL FUND and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase(s) of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full state share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Port Jervis City Council shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the City Clerk-Treasurer thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the City Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Port Jervis be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for State Aid on behalf of the City of Port Jervis with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the Municipality's/Sponsor's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a Certified Copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New York by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project between the City of Port Jervis and the State of New York; and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Belcher indicated that the Tourism board has not met but has submitted applications for the Fall City Wide Yard Sale on 10/5, the Monster on the Mountain event on October 11, 12 and 13 and for the Blarney Blast event and parade for St. Patrick's Day 2020. Next Tourism meeting will be 6/12 at 7pm.

Mr. Santini. He stated that the planning board met on May 21st and held a public hearing on 61 Front Street, which was passed with conditions. They also reviewed two pre-submissions for 116-122 Franklin Street on an existing garage and 80 Kingston Street for a lot line change. Both were set for a public hearing at the next planning meeting on June 18th. The next zoning meeting is scheduled for June 4th at 7pm.

Mr. Foster- The next meeting of the Police Committee will be tomorrow at 7pm. The next ADA Meeting will be June 3rd at 6:30pm.

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Mrs. Mann- She noted that the Port Jervis IDA has been selected for an audit, which is occurring with IDA's statewide.

The next IDA meeting is scheduled for 6/17 at 6pm.

Mrs. Trovei- She reported that the CDA met on May 22nd and reviewed grants, financial statements, Section 8 housing, DRI, CFA, Trenchless Sewer grant. Orange County land trust and the AHC Demo Grant. The CDA is also seeking a part-time clerk. The next CDA meeting will be 6/26 at 7pm.

A motion was made by Kristin Trovei, seconded by David Bavoso to approve the application for the DRI Grant.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

A motion was made by Kristin Trovei and seconded by Lisa Randazzo to set a Public Hearing for the CDBG CFA program on June 10th at 7:01pm.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mrs. Trovei reviewed the minutes of the May 15th finance committee minutes. The next meeting will be June 19th at 6pm.

A motion was made by Kristin Trovei and seconded by Stanley Siegel to approve the minutes of the 5/15/19 finance committee meeting.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion was made by Kristin Trovei seconded by Lisa Randazzo as below:

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis Common Council has reviewed the Towing fees allowable per City Code per the request of a license holder and as they have not been changed since 2007

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis hereby elects to raise the fees as follows:

For all passenger cars, regardless of weight, and other vehicles one to 1 3/4 tons and lighter, not to exceed \$75, excluding incidental work such as winching and dolly towing, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., **Will change to \$125** and not to exceed \$125 between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. **Will change to \$185**

Effective 6/1/2019

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

A motion was made by Kristin Trovei seconded by George Belcher to approve the payment of bills in the total amount of \$2,915,155.17.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion was made by Kristin Trovei seconded by George Belcher as below:

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis Common Council has contracted with the Dormitory Authority of New York State for reimbursement of expenses associated with the replacements of Sidewalks in the downtown area of Front and Jersey Avenues and

WHEREAS, it recognizes that the grant funds may not be sufficient to cover 100% of the project costs and that as there are matching funds required,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis hereby allocates revenues generated through its general fund and/or capital fund for the costs in excess of available grant reimbursements.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion was made by Kristin Trovei seconded by Lisa Randazzo to approve a retroactive Medicare reimbursement for a retired police employee in the amount of \$1,742.00.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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Motion was made by Kristin Trovei seconded by Stanley Siegel to approve a \$5,000 monthly fee for the services of James Farr with respect to the administration of the Building and Code Enforcement Officer in lieu of having a Building Official.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

She noted that the City Clerk's office has resumed their 8am-5pm office hours.

She noted that there is a solicitation being made to homeowners by American Water to sell insurance and that this company has no relationship to the City.

Mrs. Trovei noted the next event by PJ Pride is called Be A Community Hero and will be at Stop, Hop and Roll on 6/8 from 4pm to 6:30pm and will give you the opportunity to meet all kinds of heroes. You are also encouraged to dress as your favorite super hero or community hero.

Mr. Siegel—Motion was made by Staley Siegel and seconded by George Belcher as follows:

For your consideration and action by the Common Council, Delaware Engine Company No. 2 requests the following driver be approved for their Company:

Jessica J. Furman

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Siegel stated that the next Fire Department Board of Officers meeting will be 6/3 at 6:30 pm followed by officer appreciation night at 7pm at Engine 4's firehouse.

The next meeting of the Fire and Emergency Management Committee will be 6/17 at 7pm.

Mr. Siegel noted that there was no PJ Housing meeting in May and their next meeting will be 6/27 at Hillside.

Mr. Siegel noted that the amendments to the resolution on public comment rules for the Council meetings have been forwarded for attorney review before they are considered again. He commented that he feels it is important to protect the 1st amendment right of free speech. He then read a short commentary on the subject.

He noted that Zac Pierce has been awarded by the NYS Council of Churches an award of excellence for masters in theology candidates through the Princeton Theology Seminary for his work in community revitalization. He will receive the award on May 29th in Albany New York.

Mr. Bavoso—

A motion was made by David Bavoso and seconded by Stanley Siegel to allow the DPW to provide a water hookup @ 5 Hudson Street.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Belcher) CARRIED

The next comprehensive plan meeting will be 5/21 at 6pm at the rec center at which time he expects to have a final draft. 2 additional public hearings will be conducted during June and July.

For the Good of the City –

Mrs. Linda Vanhorn qualified that the total of the Capital note is less than 1 % of the total budget. However a one percent increase can result in a tax increase of a different amount. She however believes that the City should have bit the bullet and added it to the budget in 2019 so that no interest would have to be paid.

The Mayor indicated that the Capital note process has been continuous for over 20 years and that to cease will result in a higher tax increase.

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Mayor Kelly Decker – The Mayor announced that Orange County is conducting a Hazardous Waste collection on 6/7 and 6/8 and the full information is out on the Orange County Website.

He noted a mailer done by Orange County noting tourism attractions where exploring the trails in Port Jervis is #1. He thanked Mike Ward and the Outdoor Club for their work and creating this great public attraction.

The Mayor requested resolutions for the submitted event applications.

A motion was made by Regis Foster and seconded by George Belcher to approve the Fall City Wide Yard Sale on October 5th.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

A motion was made by George Belcher and seconded by Gina Fitzpatrick to approve the Monsters on the Mountain Event October 11th-13th 6pm-10pm.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

A motion was made by Regis Foster and seconded by George Belcher to approve the Blarney Blast and St. Patrick's Day parade on March 8th 2020.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The Mayor announced a Summer Hygiene Drive by PJ Pride @ the Catholic Charities office for donations of soap, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, body wash and other personal hygiene items which will be distributed to local children and residents in need.

The Mayor requested a motion to participate in the partnership for Air Quality Monitoring on city property by providing them a location to put a monitor in the City where there is Wi-Fi access, which would be downtown in the promenade.

A motion was made by Lisa Randazzo and seconded by Regis Foster to allow participation in the partnership for Air Quality Monitoring.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The Mayor noted for citizens that Orange & Rockland are installing smart meters in our area. All installers have ID badges

He announced the Annual Sportsman's Expo which will occur on Saturday June 15th giving credit to Maria Mann as the organizer.

The Mayor announced that Flag Day ceremonies will be held at 6:30 pm on June 14th in the front of City Hall.

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion was made by David Bavoso, seconded by Dominick Santini to adjourn.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7 pm Monday June 10th, 2019.

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer