
June 10, 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 Monday June 10th, 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 7:00 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 scammers are very active and warned all seniors against them. He recommended that seniors get assistance through AARP Fraud Watch Network at 877-908-3360.

He advised veterans the Mission act was effective 6/6/2019 which is a law that has expended healthcare options through the VA. Mr. Siegel noted that they have a new booklet and you can learn more at www.missionact.va.gov.

Public Hearing – The Mayor noted that the CDBG Public Hearing is being rescheduled

Presentation – None

A motion for executive session was made by Regis Foster, seconded by George Belcher for review of a public parking offer and any other contractual matter as well as to seek advice of legal counsel.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:03 pm

Meeting Reconvened at 7:30 pm

Minutes Approved-Motion by Regis Foster seconded by Gina Fitzpatrick to approve the minutes of the May 28th, 2019 regular meeting.

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

For the Good of the City –

Karen Conklin – spoke about the availability of the Tri-State Family Christian Center Summer Camp. Two sessions still have openings from 7/10-13 and 7/15-18. It is a Christian sleep-over camp with a lot of great activities. The facility has new management and sessions are available at the cost of \$125.

Ed Degroat – He questioned several areas including the Mayor seeking to change retirement pension laws, potential lobbying to move the railroad tracks or do a walkway, the charges made to Corey Popoulo of \$3200 for the purchase of city land which he claims the City does not own.

A person attempted to speak as Anonymous, then refused to provide his full name and was dismissed from the podium as a matter of procedure.

Business:

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Ms. Randazzo- A motion was made by Lisa Randazzo and seconded by George Belcher to allow the Mayor to execute a letter of agreement with BOCES upon review of corporation counsel for a summer program.

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

A motion was made by Lisa Randazzo and seconded by George Belcher to allow the Mayor to execute a contract with the Town of Deerpark for maintenance of roads and improvements for the property owned by River County LLC between the roads of County Routes 15 & 16.

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

The plumbing board met on June 5th for general business and set to meet again on July 3rd at 6pm at which time they will be reviewing reciprocal licensing and requested that legal counsel attend.

She noted that electrical board met and approved 1 license. She noted that they are waiting for information regarding license reciprocation with other entities in Orange County. The electrical board does not meet in the summer therefore their next meeting will be Wednesday 9/4 at 5:30 pm.

The Code committee had a presentation by Energize NY on the PACE Program which issues energy efficiency loans. They also reviewed a local law for small cell towers, the City Marshall law, towing licenses, building department report and sandwich board sign laws. The next meeting of the Code committee will be 7/3/2019 at 6:30 pm

A motion was made by Lisa Randazzo and seconded by George Belcher to approve the code committee May meeting minutes.

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

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- Gave the Recreation update as follows:

1. West End Beach will open for the season next Monday June 17, 2019. The beach was scheduled to open this Friday June 14 but due to some unforeseen circumstances it will be delayed until Monday. Sorry for the inconvenience. The beach schedule will be as follows:
Monday-Thursday-Friday 12 pm- 6 pm
Saturday and Sunday 11 am-6 pm
THE BEACH IS CLOSED TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
2. Registration for our summer sports camps including football camp, soccer camp and volleyball camp will take place at the Youth Center June 18-19-20 between 6 pm- 8 pm. Football camp will be held at Church Street Park June 24-27, Soccer camp will be held at Chase Field at the High School July 1-5 and Volleyball camp will be held at the High School Gym July 15-18. Children must be registered for these camps prior to them starting.
3. The Youth Center Recreation Room Friday schedule for June 14 and June 21 will be 11 am- 5pm. There is no more Teen Night until September when school resumes. Monday-Thursday hours are still 3 pm- 7 pm.
4. Dinner along the Delaware is fast approaching. This year's event will be held on Wednesday July 3, 2019 between 6 pm- 830 pm at Riverside Park. Fireworks from Pt. Peter at approximately 9:15 pm.
5. PJ Recreation is sponsoring an intramural/ pick up Pickle Ball program at Church Street Park. Games are played Friday evenings at 7 pm and Sunday mornings at 9 am. No experience needed and FREE to play. Contact the Recreation office prior to game times to confirm games are being played.
6. The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 19 at 7 pm at the Youth Center.

A motion was made by Gina Fitzpatrick, seconded by Lisa Randazzo as follows:

The Recreation Commission respectfully requests the approval of the below mentioned individuals as Substitute Lifeguards and substitute beach attendants for the 2019 season. These positions are budgeted. Thank you for your consideration.

1. Liam Tomasi
2. Dylan Guyette

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

Mr. Belcher- A motion was made by George Belcher and seconded by Regis Foster to approve the DPW to install a storm drain line to address a water accumulation problem in West End on Gariss Street at the cost of \$3000.

It was noted that this will come out of the general budget.

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Garbage pickup will be on the regular schedule for the next two weeks. The Safe Sidewalk construction project is in full swing on East Main Street so please use caution when driving. Yard debris pickup will be on Mondays and must be in compostable bags or cans with brush tied in small bundles. 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. The next DPW meeting will be 7/1 at 6pm in the Council room.

Mr. Belcher noted that this Saturday there will be two events. The Sportsman's Expo is at riverside park from 10am-5pm and Art in the Park in Orange Veterans Square Park from 10am-4pm. Both have a rain date of Sunday.

Mr. Belcher also reviewed the events scheduled for the future.

Mr. Santini. He stated that the zoning board met on 6/4 and held a public hearing on 74 Ball Street, for a conversion from a one family to a two family which was denied. The next zoning meeting is scheduled for 7/2 at 7pm.

The Planning Board has an emergency meeting on 6/6 to set a public hearing on 6/18 for 61 Front Street. The next planning board meeting is 6/18 at 7pm.

Mr. Foster- A motion was made by Regis Foster and seconded by Maria Mann to approve the May police committee minutes.

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

Mr. Foster reviewed the details of the minutes. The next police committee meeting will be June 20th at 6pm.

A motion was made by Regis Foster and seconded by Lisa Randazzo to approve the May police report.

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

Mr. Foster reviewed the details of the report.

A motion was made by Regis Foster and seconded by George Belcher to approve the 2019 Project City Cat to provide low/no cost spay and neuter services which will take place 8/3 and 8/4 at Engine 4's firehouse.

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

A motion was made by Regis Foster and seconded by Gina Fitzpatrick to approve the ADA Committee June minutes.

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

Mr. Foster read the minutes. The next ADA meeting will be 10/7 at 6:30pm.

Mrs. Mann- She noted that the Port Jervis IDA has not met and the next meeting is scheduled for 6/17 at 6pm.

She noted that this Saturday will be the NYS Rifle and Pistol Association's Sportsman Expo at Riverside Park from 10am -5pm and encouraged everyone to attend from 10am-5pm during the good weather.

Mrs. Trovei- She reported that the CDA has not met and the next CDA meeting will be 6/26 at 7pm.

She noted that the CFA public hearing had to be postponed.

A motion was made by Kristin Trovei, seconded by Regis Foster to reschedule the public hearing for the CFA application to 6/24/2019 at 7:01 pm.

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

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Mrs. Trovei noted that the finance committee has not met and the next meeting will be June 19th at 6pm.

A motion was made by Kristin Trovei seconded by George Belcher to approve the payment of bills in the total amount of \$965,858.58.

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 is required to obey the laws of the State of New York and

WHEREAS, the requirements for provisions regarding notifications contained in our City handbook for the reporting of sexual harassment have changed per NYS law and we have received updated information and a reporting form from our labor attorney to amend our handbook in accordance with the changes in the law

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis hereby approves the amendment of the Employee handbook effective on this date to incorporate the changes and requires a re-distribution of the amended handbook dated 5/28/2019 to all employees, except police officers who have a separate handbook which has also been updated to comply with the new NYS requirements for sexual harassment reporting.

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

Mrs. Trovei noted that planning for the National Night Out Against Crime Event scheduled for 8/6/2019 at Riverside Park along with the proud to be drug free parade before the event has begun and that any organization wishing to have a booth at the event should contact Kristin Colley at 845-858-4065 or KColley@portjervispolice.com.

Mr. Siegel – Mr. Siegel noted that the Fire and Emergency Committee's next meeting is 6/17 at 7pm.

A motion was made by Stanley Siegel and seconded by George Belcher as follows:
For your consideration and action by the Common Council, Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 requests the following be approved for Active membership:

Dustin R. Sebring

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

A motion was made by Stanley Siegel and seconded by George Belcher as follows:
For your consideration and action by the Common Council, Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 requests the following member be removed from the rolls for the reason stated:

Kevin J. McKeon - transfer to the honorary rolls of the Company

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

A motion was made by Stanley Siegel and seconded by Gina Fitzpatrick as follows:
For your consideration and action by the Common Council, Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 requests the following member be removed from the rolls for the reason stated:

Harry T. Galanakis, Jr. - deleted due to not fulfilling duties, Article VII Section A of the By-Laws

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

A motion was made by Stanley Siegel and seconded by David Bavoso as follows:
For your consideration and action by the Common Council, Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 requests the following member be removed from the rolls for the reason stated:

Jennifer Sierra - resigned in good standings

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A motion was made by Stanley Siegel and seconded by David Bavoso as follows:
For your consideration and action by the Common Council, Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 requests the following member be removed from the rolls for the reason stated:

Christopher Sierra - resigned in good standings

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A motion was made by Stanley Siegel and seconded by George Belcher as follows:
For your consideration and action by the Common Council, Howard Wheat Engine Company No. 4 requests the following be approved:

Sausage & Pepper Take Out hosted by their Auxiliary on 09/14/2019

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

Mr. Siegel noted that the Fire Department's Annual Inspection Parade will be on 7/13 with lineup at 1pm and step off at 2pm. The parade will be preceded by the following events:

7/11 at 6pm Visit to the gravesites of past fire chiefs to place memorial wreaths.

7/12 at 6pm a prayer service at the Fire Department Memorial Site followed by a tour of each fire station.

Mr. Siegel stated that he is withdrawing his suggestion that the resolution relating to rules for public comment at Council meetings requires revisions. He noted that after several attempts at reviewing revisions and the opinions of his fellow council members he has decided to withdraw making any revisions.

He however reviewed his objections to the resolution and noted that he voted no originally based upon his beliefs in the first amendment rights of free speech noting a quotation from President Wilson, "A leader's ear must ring with the voices of the people". He thanked everyone who has contacted him with their opinions.

Mr. Bavoso-

The next comprehensive plan meeting will be 6/12 at 6pm at the rec center at which time he expects to have a final draft. Two additional public hearings will be conducted.

For the Good of the City –

Mr. Ed Degroat – he questioned why the committee meetings can't be broadcast live on Facebook as a suggestion. He question if the Outdoor Club has its own insurance policy. The Mayor indicated that they do. He questioned how many people have been injured on the trails and pump track. It was noted by the Mayor, that information is not available.

Mr. Pat Murray – Gave a speech as a statement to the Council reviewing his views of appropriate and inappropriate actions by government and its departments.

Mr. Peter Grech – He made statements regarding his opinions regarding the oppression of the rights of free speech.

Mayor Kelly Decker –

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the Farmer's Market Event Application.

A motion was made by Regis Foster and seconded by George Belcher to approve the Farmer's Market Event Application.

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

The Mayor requested a motion to approve a private Public Assembly Application.

A motion was made by George Belcher and seconded by Regis Foster to approve the Event Application for a street closing on 7/3 of Sullivan Avenue for a fireworks watching event hosted by the Curerris. It was noted that they have insurance. The council discussed and made it a requirement that they notify all residents impacted by the street closing via certified mail.

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

He announced the Annual Sportsman's Expo will occur at Riverside Park on Saturday June 15th and the Art in the Park event will occur at Veteran's Park at Orange Square, will also be on Saturday June 15th.

Mayor Decker expressed his delight at the Soap Box Derby Event held on Sunday June 9th noting that a good time was had by all who participated and also by the spectators in the lovely weather. He congratulated the winners of the Soap Box Derby as follows:

Stock - Nick Bisland
Super Stock – Autumn Bennett
Masters - Clayton Fogler
Super Kids – Erin Brown

These 4 winners will represent Port Jervis in the national races in Akron Ohio.

The Mayor announced that Dinner on the Delaware will be happening on July 3rd and tickets will be available by this Friday at the recreation dept. and the City Clerk's office. Cost is \$20 per person.

Mayor Decker gave a big thanks to Orange County for allowing us to use the County's stage for the Soap Box Derby Event.

The Mayor noted that the bike pump track at Riverside Park is getting a lot of use. He gave thanks to the Outdoor Club with whom the City contracts with for the maintenance of the trails and the track as well as other events. He also thanked them for the donation of the pump track which cost about \$100,000 and is being donated to the City.

A member of the public asked about an item that referred to the Mayor personally and the Mayor indicated that this is not the format for personal business.

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion was made by David Bavoso, seconded by Maria Mann to adjourn.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7 pm Monday June 24th, 2019.

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer