

July 22, 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 July 22nd, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

All members of the Common Council were present except Stanley Siegel, Kristin Trovei and Mayor Kelly Decker. Also present were Corporation Counsel William Bavoso, City Clerk Treasurer Robin Waizenegger and Deputy City Clerk Treasurer Bobbie Jo Muller.

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm by Councilman-at-large David Bavoso.

Pledge of Allegiance-

David Bavoso led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Youth Report- Mallory Conklin gave the youth report as follows:

Good Evening

We are well into summer and there are plenty of opportunities for youth.

The Recreation Dept. has 3 supervised playgrounds at Church St. Park, Farnum Park and Riverside Park from 9:00 am- 3:30 pm with many activities and FREE lunch.

FREE Outdoor Movie Nights @ Riverside Park Presented by: First Assembly of God Church and PJ REC on Wednesday July 31 and Wednesday August 21

Arrive by 7:30 pm. Bring blankets and chairs. Movie starts at sunset. FREE HOT DOGS AND POPCORN!!

PJ REC Summer Olympics are Wednesday August 14, 2019 @ Riverside Park starting at 10:00 am. Enjoy a FULL day of games, contests, food and drink!! FREE of Charge.

The New York Mets vs. The San Diego Padres TRIP this Thursday July 25, 2019. Game starts at 12:10 pm. Charter Bus will leave Port (parking lot next to Rite-Aid) at 9:00 am sharp! Bus will return approximately 6:00 pm. Cost is only \$55.00 per person. LIMITED SEATS are left contact the Rec Office

911 Memorial and Museum trip Join us on Tuesday August 13, 2019 as we travel to NYC to visit and pay respect to all the victims and 1st responders from the events on September 11, 2001. Charter Bus will leave Port (parking lot next to Rite-Aid) at 8:00 am sharp! Bus will return approximately 4:30 pm. Cost varies but includes admission to the museum and transportation. Contact the rec Dept.

LEGO Saturdays at the Port Jervis Free Library are from 11am – 3pm. Come in and enjoy an unstructured free build time.

Have you ever wanted to be a hero or a villain?

Join The Port Jervis Free Library and Haven for Heros, as we hold our first ever, P.J. Fan Fest. Come experience pop culture at it's finest. On SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

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HS Seniors Class of 2020 should be taking senior picture in the coming weeks Call the main office for more info.

Senior and Veterans Report- None

2019 Tax Lien Sale – Mr. Bavoso opened the podium to anyone who has come to speak to the Council regarding any tax lien sale notice they have received.

Mr. Austen Ugweches asked if the re-assessment and reclassification recently done could be applied retroactively to the taxes due from 2018. Mr. Bavoso asked for a written request for the tax relief sought for review with the assessor. The request is with respect to the property at 7 Mountain Avenue. The City Clerk Treasurer asked when he purchased the property. He responded that he purchased it sometime in 2018. She indicated that he should review his closing documents with regards to the 2018 taxes collected and disbursed at his closing and indicated that a re-assessment is an action that has an impact going forward.

Presentation – None

A motion for executive session was made by Regis Foster, seconded by Gina Fitzpatrick for review personnel issues in the Police Department and DPW, contractual matter involving the police Department and any other contractual matters as well as to seek advice of legal counsel.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2 (Siegel, Trovei) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 7:08 pm

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Meeting Reconvened at 7:50 pm

Minutes Approved-Motion by George Belcher seconded by Dominic Santini to approve the minutes of the July 8th, 2019 regular meeting.

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For the Good of the City –

Peter Grech – He questioned the constitutionality of his rights for anonymity at public comment and commented on the termination of a member of the Committee on Open Government as not related to his work on freedom of information items.

Ed DeGroat – He spoke regarding his request of documents through the FOIL process.

Business:

Ms. Randazzo- A motion was made by Lisa Randazzo and seconded by George Belcher to set a public hearing for Local Law #6 regarding sustainable energy loan program for August 12th at 7:01pm.

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The plumbing board and code committees met on July 10th at 5:30 and 6pm respectively.

At the plumbing board meeting 1 application was reviewed and held for further information. The board also discussed reciprocal and on-time licensing.

The Code committee met on 7/10 and began with a presentation by Beth Heffner from the Orange County Department of Health who provided information on their Child Lead Poisoning Program, lead inspections within the City and the HEPA vacuum loan program.

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The committee also discussed energize NY program, city marshal fees, small cell tower laws, the city dog yard, city notary fees and the building officials report.

The next Code Committee meeting will be August 7th at 6pm.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick- Gave the Recreation update as follows:

1. Our Summer Recreation program started its 4th week today and will continue through Friday August 16. The Youth Center and playgrounds are open and supervised weekdays between 9:00 am- 3:30 pm. Fridays we close at 3:00 pm. Plenty of activities and special events for the kids all summer long.
2. West End Beach is open Monday-Thursday-Friday between 12 pm- 6 pm and is open weekends between 11 am- 6 pm. Please remember to follow all beach rules and listen to the instruction of the certified lifeguards. There is a weekend parking fee of \$5 per car for all non-City of Port Jervis residents.
3. Upcoming Calendar of Events
 This Thursday 1:30 pm "Jump Out" basketball party at Church St. Park at 1:30 pm
 This Thursday at 7:00 pm Ryan Wilson in concert at Riverside Park- FREE of Charge
 This Friday 1:30 pm "Beach Party" at West End Beach
 Monday July 29 at 7:00 pm Farnum Park Concert- Broome St. Band- Free of Charge
 Tuesday July 30 at 7:00 pm Rich Wilson in concert at Riverside Park- FREE of Charge
 Wednesday July 31 at 7:30 pm FREE Outdoor Movie at Riverside Park- Movie is Incredibles 2
 Field Trip to the 911 Memorial and Museum in Manhattan on Tuesday August 13. Tickets are still available.
 Transportation on a Charter Bus.
4. For more information please contact the Recreation office at 858-4045 or email us at pjrec@frontiernet.net
5. The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 20 at 6:00 pm at the Youth Center

A motion was made by Gina Fitzpatrick, seconded by George Belcher as follows:

The Recreation Commission respectfully requests the approval for the 3 on 3 basketball tournament at Church St. Park on August 24th. It was noted that certificates of insurance have already been obtained.

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Mr. Belcher-

A motion was made by George Belcher and seconded by Regis Foster as follows:

I would like to make a motion to allow the Mayor or Councilman at large to sign the contract agreement with Health Advancement Collaborative of Central New York for funds granted in the amount of \$12,998.00 to the City of Port Jervis for bike repair stations along with way finding signage for the Hiking and Biking Trails in the Watershed.

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Garbage pickup will be on the regular schedule for the next two weeks. 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 bridge construction project is continuing with night work for the next 3 weeks with lane closures during this work. Yard debris pickup will be on Mondays and must be in compostable bags or cans with brush tied in small bundles. He noted that from August 2nd through August 6th there will be no thru traffic on Route 6 and East Main Street. Detour signs will be posted. All business will remain open and accessible.

The next DPW meeting will be 8/5/2019 at 6pm in the Council room.

The tourism board met and discussed the Fall Foliage Festival, car show, cancelled carnival, fall yard sale, Xmas parade, monsters on the mountain Halloween event and Kriskindlemart.

Mr. Belcher also noted that early voting will be conducted from 10/26 thru 11/3 for Port Jervis residents at the Farnum house on Ulster Place. You may contact George for more information at 856-1036 or georgeb@citlink.net.

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He also noted that there is some hope that Empowering Port Jervis will continue as a local service entity and that several parties are assisting in this effort.

Mr. Belcher stressed the importance of the 2020 Census as it drives the allocation of a lot of revenue. He noted that every household will receive an invitation and should respond.

Mr. Santini. He stated that the zoning board and planning boards did not meet.

The next zoning board meeting will be 8/6 at 7pm and the next planning board meeting is 8/20 at 7pm.

Mr. Foster- A motion was made by Regis Foster and seconded by Maria Mann to accept the June Monthly Police Report.

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Mr. Foster reviewed highlights of the report.

A motion was made by Regis Foster and seconded by George Belcher to approve an addendum to the school police contract to add summer school coverage at the request of the school district. Mr. Bavoso indicated that the rates will remain the same and that this is just an extension of the current contract

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The next police committee meeting will be 7/29 at approximately 6:05pm after the special council meeting at 6pm.

The next ADA meeting will be 10/7 at 6:30pm.

He thanked everyone that participated in the annual fire inspection parade.

Mrs. Mann- She noted that the Port Jervis IDA meeting on 7/15 due to lack of agenda items. The next IDA Meeting is scheduled for 8/19 at 6pm.

Mrs. Trovei - Absent

Mr. Siegel – Absent

Mr. Bavoso- Mr. Bavoso indicated that he will be doing items normally done by Mrs. Trovei and the Mayor in their absence.

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

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis Common Council is submitting an application to NYS Homes and Community Renewal (NYS HCR) for funding assistance under the Consolidated Funding Application, 2019 Community Development Block Grant program for Community Planning; and

WHEREAS, public hearings have been held and citizens' comments received and considered; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis will apply awarded Community Planning funding of up to the maximum grant award of \$50,000 to the development of an Asset Management Plan, which will ultimately provide the City with an asset management program that will track City assets such as sanitary and storm water lines, water meters, heads and mains, streetlights, trees, communication infrastructure and city owned properties; and

WHEREAS, the project requires a minimum 5% match, and as the project is estimated to cost some \$70,000, a \$20,000 cash match will be provided by the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis hereby approves:

The Mayor, as Chief Executive Officer, is hereby authorized and directed as follows:

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- a. to file an application as directed by the NYS HCR in accordance with federal regulations, policy guidelines and citizen participation requirements;
- b. to serve as the authorized representative of the City of Port Jervis in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as required;
- c. The New York State Office of Community Renewal is hereby assured of full compliance by the City of Port Jervis with Certifications attached hereto and made a part thereof:

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WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis Common Council is submitting an application to the NYS Homes and Community Renewal (NYS HCR) for funding assistance under the Consolidated Funding Application, 2019 Community Development Block Grant program for Public Facilities; and

WHEREAS, public hearings have been held and citizens' comments received and considered; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis will apply awarded Public Facilities funding of up to \$300,000 to the Pike St. Sidewalk Project, which will replace sidewalks on either side of Pike St. beginning at the intersection of East/West Main St. running westward to approximately 138 Pike St. Though there is no required match, the City of Port Jervis will provide in-kind streetlight replacements up to \$15,000.

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A motion was made by David Bavoso and seconded by Maria Mann as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis Common Council has been apprised of a need to provide better location identification for the Police Department, especially during nighttime or times of low visibility and

WHEREAS, the City and its Police Department have reviewed several options

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis with the recommendation from the Finance Committee hereby authorizes the purchase and installation of a lighted sign on the City Hall Property indicating it as the location of the Police Department at the estimated cost of \$1000 to come from the contingency funds available for 2019.

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A motion was made by David Bavoso and seconded by Lisa Randazzo to pay the bills as presented totaling \$725,861.06.

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Mr. Bavoso requested a motion to approve an event for the Port Jervis Library on 9/28/2019 as per their event application. A motion was made to approve the library event by George Belcher and seconded by Dominick Santini.

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Mr. Bavoso reminded everyone of the Special Council Meeting scheduled for Monday 7/29 at 6pm for the purpose of awarding the urban forestry grant work.

Mr. Bavoso also reminded everyone that the comprehensive plan is in draft form and now the public hearing process will commence. The public hearings are scheduled for 7/25 at 7:05 pm and 8/12 at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Bavoso reviewed a notice for a low cost spay and neuter clinic for cats being conducted on August 3rd and 4th along with the information necessary to pre-register.

For the Good of the City –

Mr. Ed DeGroat questioned if anyone from the Council spoke to anyone from NYS regarding de-commissioning Front Street. There was no response from council members. He also questioned if the old building inspector, David Rivera, was still being paid. Legal counsel indicated that he is still being paid. Mr. DeGroat also stated that the \$10,000 bill for water and sewer for 29-31 Front was not paid.

Mayor Kelly Decker – Absent

Meeting Adjourned – Motion was made by Dominic Santini, seconded by George Belcher to adjourn.

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Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7 pm Monday August 12, 2019.

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer