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Executive Session –

The Mayor opened the meeting at 6:58 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Attendance-

All members of the Common Council were present except Chandler Campbell. Also present was City Clerk Treasurer Robin Waizenegger.

A motion was made by Regis Foster and seconded by Timothy Simmons to enter an executive session for the purposes of discussion on :

- Hiring of recreation personnel with an invitation to John Faggione
- Appointment of Corporation Counsel
- Litigation regarding the Turntable property

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

Meeting Adjourned to Executive session at 7pm

Meeting Reconvened at 7:40 pm

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 February 24th, 2020 at 7:40 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance-

The Mayor continued the meeting by repeating the pledge of allegiance.

Attendance- All members of the Common Council were present. Also present were City Clerk Treasurer Robin Waizenegger and Deputy City Clerk Treasurer Bobbie Jo Muller.

Youth Report- None:

Veterans & Seniors – Councilman Siegel continued his scam reporting with a focus on telemarketing scams aimed at Seniors. He warned that scams are escalating and warned seniors to never give any funds or information to unknown callers on the phone no matter who they say they are. He advised seniors to just hang up or when you answer do not speak.

He reminded veterans to join their local American Legion. All veterans who served on active duty since 1941 and were honorably discharged are eligible to join. He also reminded everyone that if you see a veteran in need please have them contact the VET Crisis line at 1-800-273-8255 to get help.

He also noted that the new VA Clinic at 100 Pike Plaza will be having an open house tomorrow at 10:30.

Minutes Approved - A motion was made by Lisa Randazzo and seconded by Maria Mann to approve the minutes of the February 10th, 2020 regular meeting.

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

A motion was made by Maria Mann and seconded by Stanley Siegel to approve the minutes of the February 21st, 2020 emergency meeting.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 3 (Santini, Oney, Campbell) CARRIED

For the Good of the City (Public Comment) –

Mr. Barry Benson - He warned citizens about text frauds in from the Hudson Valley Credit Card Fraud Department. Mr. Benson and Mr. Siegel both recommended that if you receive a text about your credit card to call your credit card company directly do not respond to information on a text.

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Mr. Benson then stated that his purpose tonight is to propose a Tri-athlon event that would be a collaborative event between Port Jervis and Narrowsburg. He reported on the possible benefits from an event of this type from tourism and a possible trail run.

The Mayor referred him to the Recreation Director, Mr. John Faggione, to put together a full proposal and City event application.

Barbara Marselak – She read a statement on behalf of Linda Van Horn. The statement read reflected that opinion of Linda Van Horn that the Mayor is a bully and is disrespectful of the Council members. She also questioned what happened to the HR position without the approval of the Civil Service commission.

Carol Zaleck – She stated that it is nice to see additional people in the audience. Ms. Zaleck thanked Mayor Decker for his efforts to bring about improvements with the activity and access to the Orange County Sanitation facilities. The improvements are greatly appreciated.

Mr. Ed DeGroat – He spoke making allegations regarding the city giving away property. He also spoke about the Mayor being a bully and that the Council needs legal representation. He accused the Mayor and former attorneys of lying to the public and the Council. He continued make accusations with respect to City transactions and manipulations of the Council.

Mr. Peter Grech – He again presented a claim that he was grabbed at the last meeting by the arm by a member of the audience which he asserts was an assault. He thanked the Mayor for being more precise on the Agenda regarding executive session items and suggested they seek legal advice. However, he claims the description of personnel matter is insufficient. He also advised the Council members that they could vote no on going into executive session.

Business:

Mr. Foster – A motion was made by Regis Foster and seconded by Lisa Randazzo to approve the minutes of the Police Committee minutes from the February meeting.

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

Mr. Foster then reviewed the highlights of the minutes.
The next Police committee meeting will be 3/19/2020 at 6pm.

A motion was made by Regis Foster and seconded by Lisa Randazzo as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis Common Council is desirous of participating in an annual STOP DWI enforcement wave and **WHEREAS**, the County of Orange makes available funding for same **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis hereby authorizes and delegates the authority to Chief of Police William J. Worden to sign and execute contracts with the County of Orange to accept grant funding and participate in STOP DWI Enforcement deployments through the STOP DWI Program and Expanded Waves administered in 2020

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

A motion was made by Regis Foster and seconded by Maria Mann to authorize the hiring of Jeffrey Legato effective 3/1/2020 as a part-time school police officer.

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

Mr. Foster noted that the next ADA meeting will be on Monday 3/2/2020 at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Santini – A motion was made by Dominick Santini and seconded by Stanley Siegel to approve the Code Minutes from the February 5th meeting.

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

Next code meeting is 3/4/2020 at 6pm and the plumbing and electrical meetings will be on the same date at 5:30 and 5:45 respectively.

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A motion was made by Dominick Santini and seconded by Lisa Randazzo to authorize the execution of an inter-municipal agreement between the City and the County of Orange for GIS Mapping services.

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

A motion was made by Dominick Santini and seconded by Gerald Oney as follows:

WHEREAS, Section 464-2 of the City Code of the City of Port Jervis states no person shall construct, improve, lay or replace any sidewalk or curb unless the width and grade of such sidewalk and the thickness of such curb and grade are first fixed by the Director of the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Building Official of the City of Port Jervis, James Farr, has submitted to the Common Council a detailed set of specifications for curbs, sidewalks and driveways to be fixed within the City of Port Jervis; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis has reviewed those specifications and deems them appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis and the Director of the Department of Public Works hereby fix the attached specifications as the appropriate standards for curbs and sidewalks within the City of Port Jervis.

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

Ms. Campbell – A motion was made by Chandler Campbell and seconded by Dominick Santini to hire Greg Conklin as a full-time laborer in the recreation department with a start date to be determined by the recreation director based on notifications necessary.

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

Ms. Campbell gave the Recreation Update as follows:

1. The Youth Center will close at 6:00 pm this Wednesday February 26 and Friday February 28. There is NO TEEN NIGHT this Friday February 28. TEEN NIGHT will resume next Friday March 6. Regular hours for our Rec Room are as follows:
Monday-Thursday 3 pm- 7pm
Friday 3 pm- 6 pm
TEEN NIGHT Fridays 6 pm- 10 pm
2. Our Annual Cops vs. Kids basketball game is scheduled to be held on Saturday March 7, 2020 at 10:00 am in the A.S.K. gym. This annual competition, between our 5th and 6th graders and Port Jervis, Deerpark and Pike County Police, is in memory of Tom Chuckran and is also a Humane Society awareness game. We are asking all players and spectators to bring pet food, pet toys, old blankets or sheets, cleaning products or monetary donations for the Humane Society. Please come out and support the cops and kids and help our Humane Society!
3. The Casino trip on Saturday March 14 to Mohegan Sun in Wilkes-Barre PA is SOLD OUT. Bus will leave Port Jervis at 11:30 am and return approximately 7:30 pm.
4. Due to the unusually warm weather this winter we have opened up Elks-Brox Park to vehicles. Vehicles may now enter the park and drive up to Point Peter. If we do experience bad weather, we will close the gate. We have also opened to vehicles the parking lot at West End Beach.
5. Maintenance update:
 - Repairing the roof at the West End bath house
 - Repairing equipment trailers
 - Removed stone wall at West End Memorial Park-
 - Daily Park checks performed
6. The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 18 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center.

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Mr. Simmons inquired if the wall at West End Park is being replaced. The Mayor noted that the wall is not going to be replaced.

Ms. Mann- She noted that the IDA has not met, and their next meeting is scheduled for 3/16/2020 at 6pm.

A motion was made by Maria Mann and seconded by Gerald Oney to approve the minutes of the Tourism Board January 8th, 2020 meeting.

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

A motion was made by Maria Mann and seconded by Lisa Randazzo to approve the minutes of the Tourism Board February 12th, 2020 meeting.

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

Maria Mann then reviewed the highlights of the minutes.

The next Tourism Meeting is 3/11/2020 at 7pm.

Mr. Oney – A motion was made by Gerald Oney and seconded by Kristin Trovei as follows:

Authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the federal-aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-aid eligible costs, of a transportation federal-aid project, and appropriating funds therefore.

WHEREAS, a Project for the Replacement East Main Street Bridge over Neversink River (BIN 2003050) in the City of Port Jervis, identified as PIN 8756.64 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, previous Resolutions adopted by the Port Jervis Common Council on June 25, 2018 and November 13, 2018 approved and agreed to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of construction and construction inspection work.

WHEREAS, it was subsequently found necessary to undertake additional construction and construction inspection work not contemplated in the original agreement authorized by the previous Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it has been found necessary to increase the federal and non-federal share of costs for the additional construction and construction inspection work for the project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of construction and construction inspection work for the Project or portions thereof.

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Port Jervis Common Council hereby authorizes the City of Port Jervis to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of the additional construction and construction inspection work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of **\$1,125,000** (\$10,183,000 minus previous \$9,058,000) is hereby appropriated from the Capital Fund and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project; and it is further

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Port Jervis be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or applicable Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the City of Port Jervis with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or

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approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality'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 in addition to the Mayor, the following municipal titles: Director of Public Works, City Engineer and City Clerk Treasurer are also hereby authorized to execute any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of the Municipality/Sponsor, with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the project identified in the State/Local Agreement;

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

A motion was made by Gerald Oney and seconded by Kristin Trovei as follows:

Authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the federal-aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-aid eligible costs, of a transportation federal-aid project, and appropriating funds therefore.

WHEREAS, a Project for the East Main Street (NYS Route 6): County Route 15 to Maples Avenue in the City of Port Jervis, identified as PIN 8757.08 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, previous Resolutions adopted by the Port Jervis Common Council on January 8, 2018 and June 25, 2018 approved and agreed to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of construction and construction inspection work.

WHEREAS, it was subsequently found necessary to undertake additional construction work not contemplated in the original agreement authorized by the previous Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it has been found necessary to increase the federal and non-federal share of costs for the construction work for the project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of construction work for the Project or portions thereof.

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Port Jervis Common Council hereby authorizes the City of Port Jervis to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of the additional construction work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of **\$825,000** (\$11,327,000 minus previous \$10,502,000) is hereby appropriated from the Capital Fund and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project; and it is further

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Port Jervis be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or applicable Marchiselli 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 first instance funding

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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 in addition to the Mayor, the following municipal titles: Director of Public Works, City Engineer and City Clerk Treasurer are also hereby authorized to execute any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of the Municipality/Sponsor, with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the project identified in the State/Local Agreement;

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Mr. Oney then gave the DPW update as follows:

1. Garbage and Recycling will be on its normal schedule for the next two weeks.
2. Please be advised that the O&R substation project has started on West Main St. and motorists will see increased activity in the area around West Main and Clark St. During this project there will be lane closures along with full road closures. Please be cautious when traveling through the construction area.
3. The City's bulk waste truck is available on Saturday mornings from 7:15am until 11:30 am. Dump passes must be purchased at the City Clerk's office located at 20 Hammond St. in Port Jervis from 8am to 5pm M-F.
4. The DPW is currently patching potholes. If you need to report a pothole, please call 845-858-4001.
5. **Tri State's Project Update:**
 - Traffic control device work continues
 - Continued work at the Clove Brook end of the project
 - Clean up of storage sites continues
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6. The next DPW meeting will take place on Monday March 2nd @ 6pm in the Council Chambers.

Mrs. Trovei – She noted that the CDA has not met and will meet next on 2/26/2020 at 7pm at the Youth Center.

She reviewed the topic discussed at the Finance meeting on 2/19/2020 of Cash Flow, Capital Note, Serial Bond, Sale of 29 Front Street, Surplus Vehicles, City Website, 32 Church Street, Tourism, auditing bills, CSEA Vision and Dental Coverage, Tax Cap waiver and the RFP for an HR Consulting firm.

The next Finance meeting will be 3/18/2020 at 6pm.

A motion was made by Kristin Trovei and seconded by Lisa Randazzo to pay the bills totaling \$345,574.16

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

A motion was made by Kristin Trovei and seconded by Gerald Oney to approve the capital note as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis Common Council has reviewed the Proposals of the Department Heads for items requested for purchase and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis Common Council is accepting the recommendation of the Finance Committee for inclusion in a Capital Note amount of \$113,500 to finance the acquisition of items per the attached listing with the recognition that the use of unexpended funds may only be used for the purpose of similar Capital project expenditures and/or for the reduction of Capital debt and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis Common Council also recognizes that one-half of the prior year's capital note, \$60,000 will be refinanced through this capital note as a combined issue as is usual and customary practice.

It is hereby resolved that the City of Port Jervis elects to issue a Capital Note in the total amount of \$173,500 and authorizes the City Clerk Treasurer to solicit bids, complete issuance of same and facilitate the purchase of all items noted in combination with the financing of any prior year Capital Note Debt repayments as necessary.

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2020 Capital Note Requests		2020 Committee Recommendation
Dept	Item Description	
Water	Security Camera Filtration Plant	10,000
	PH Process analyzer/feed pump	6,000
Sewer	Used Light Tower for night work	2,000
	Lateral Sewer line inspection camera	8,500
DPW	Replace copier/fax/scanner	5,300
	Pavement saw w/cart and water tank	3,100
	Misc. Tools	5,000
	Portable Hydraulic Hose repair	6,000
Police	Body Armour	4,885
	Night Vision Equipment	0
	Interview recording equipment	7,500
	UTV Upgrades	0
	Lexipol Program	19,415
	True Narc Test Kit	0
Rec	Commercial grade mowers (2)	8,800
Mayor	No request	0
Assessor	Computer Equipment	2,000
Clerk	Replace Konica Bizhub	7,000
	Computers & Broadcast Equipment	3,000
Bldg.	No request	0
Fire	Fire Equipment	15,000
	Total	113,500

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

A motion was made by Kristin Trovei and seconded by Dominick Santini for the sale of surplus vehicles as follows:

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WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis Common Council recognizes that there exists the following surplus equipment and vehicle which are no longer necessary for municipal purposes have no appreciable value and/or are in need of significant repair as follows:

Attached schedule "2020 Surplus Vehicle/Equipment List"

And WHEREAS, the City recognizes the need to dispose of these vehicles and equipment effectively

Now, therefore, be it resolved that permission is given to dispose said equipment/vehicles in the most cost-effective way possible through auction services, scrap sale or other means.

2020 Surplus Vehicle/Equipment List

Police Dept:

1. 2002 BMW X5 SUV color gold VIN # 5UXFA53532LP44560

Currently City Owned Asset Forfeiture Vehicle.

The BMW is an asset forfeiture vehicle. I believe the motion must include that the proceeds for the sale will be deposited in the City's Asset Forfeiture Account.

2. 2007 CHEVY IMPALA (color gray) VIN# 2G1WB58KX79373403

City Owned unmarked Detective Vehicle out of service.

DPW:

Type	Make	Model	Vin	Year
1. VEHICLE	CHEVROLET	DUMP	1GBP7HNIWJ102656	6/30/98
2. VEHICLE	DODGE	DAKOTA	1B7GG26X4YS735882	6/30/00
3. VEHICLE	DODGE	PICKUP	3B7KF26Z81M563580	6/30/01
4. VEHICLE	CHEVROLET	PICKUP	1GBHK240123E238353	6/30/03
5. STUMP CUTTER		RAYCO	RG 1620 JR	

Fire Dept:

1. 1972 17ft Boston Whaler-Not in use. The FD no longer operationally deploys this boat.
2. 2004 Dodge quad cab-poor, beyond repair. This vehicle, still in operation, transports manpower to tech rescue calls as well as pulls the boats and trailers. This vehicle was included in the 2020 vehicle replacement plan.
3. 2000 Ford Super Duty Bus Vin# 1FDXE45F3YHA80469
It has been OOS for the past 4 years and I believe a few years back marked for surplus. Its parked next to engine 4s firehouse on Owen St.

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

A motion was made by Kristin Trovei and seconded by Lisa Randazzo to allow the City Clerk Treasurer to execute the renewal contract with the CSEA Benefit Fund for Dental and Vision Benefits through 2022.

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

A motion was made by Kristin Trovei and seconded by Gerald Oney to set a Public Hearing for proposed Local law #2 for March 9th, 2020 at 7:15 pm.

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

Ms. Trovei noted that the annual audit field work is beginning and will completed at the end of April.

Ms. Trovei reminded everyone about renewing their dog licenses and applying for a permit to use the dog park at the City Clerk's office.

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She thanked the First responders for their prompt response to the fire at 1 Ridge Avenue.

Mr. Simmons – Mr. Simmons indicated that the Planning Board met on 2/18 with a public hearing conducted regarding 116-122 Franklin Street for a conditional use permit for a hair salon that was approved. A public hearing for MP Jervis 291 East Main St for construction of a new Dunkin Donuts across from the existing one and the hearing was held open due to a 30-day comment period being required. In other business the board granted a 6-month extension for the project located at 60 Front Street.

The next meeting of the Planning Board will be 3/17/2020 at 7pm

He informed the council that the Zoning Board meeting will be 3/3/2020 at 7pm.

He also informed the public that all of the updates for the Zoning are not yet completed on-line so if you are doing a project please check in with the code enforcement office or city clerk’s office.

Mrs. Trovei – Kristin Trovei requested to add a piece of business missed in her presentation.

A motion was made by Kristin Trovei and Seconded by Stanley Siegel to approve the 2020 City Tax Warrant as follows:

*Warrant for the Collection of 2020 City Tax
For the City of Port Jervis*

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ORANGE)
CITY OF PORT JERVIS)

TO: ROBIN WAIZENEGGER, CITY CLERK-TREASURER

You are hereby commanded to collect from the several named persons, in the tax roll annexed hereto, the several sums stated in the last column thereof opposite their respective names, a total of \$6,908,634.30 for the 2020 City current budget, with any other unpaid assessments as may be noted in the said City Tax Roll beginning on March 16th, 2020.

You are hereby required to receive and collect from each of the said persons, companies, corporations, and associations, one half of the total taxes as listed opposite their respective names without penalties or interest to April 30, 2020, as required, pursuant to Section C6-17 of the City Charter, as amended, and if any such first installment or first one-half payment of such total tax remains unpaid May 1, 2020, you are required to collect an additional six [6] per centum of such first installment.

During the month of June 2020, you are required to receive and collect from each of said persons, companies, corporations and associations, the second one-half of such taxes as appear opposite their respective names without penalty or interest added thereto, and of such second installment or second one-half remains unpaid after June 30, 2020 you are required to collect in addition thereto six [6] per centum of said installment. Payment of such second half or second installment shall not be made by any person, company, corporation or association until the first installment of said taxes has been paid, together with any penalty or interest due thereon.

You are authorized to receive the second installment of said taxes set forth opposite the names of any persons, company, corporation or association at the time when the first installment is paid or any time thereafter. All such taxes remaining unpaid after June 30, 2020, shall bear, and you are required to collect thereon, in addition to the said six [6] per centum, interest at a rate of one [1] per centum per month from the 1st day of July 2020.

Tax Warrant Calculation 2020

Total	Homestead	Non-Homestead
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Assessed Value Budgeted	172,335,984.00	117,981,614.00	54,354,370.00
Change per County	280,346.00	260,346.00	20,000.00
Net Assessed Value	172,616,330.00	118,241,960.00	54,374,370.00
Rate per thousand		31.07078	49.54236
City Tax Base	<u>6,367,704.54</u>	3,673,869.93	2,693,834.61

Budget 2020	6,358,625.00	
Diff Changed Assessment	9,080.00	
Diff to Budget >>	(0.46)	<i>Rounding</i>

Rounding Difference bill Issuance			
Rollbacks 2018-19	7,238.51		
Delinquent Water & Sewer	359,626.07		
Delinquent Vacant Building fees	49,835.12	}	
Delinquent Maintenance Invoices	19,710.77	}	Municipal Invoices
Delinquent Engineering Fees	200.00	}	174,064.98
Delinquent Animal Removal	350.00	}	
Delinquent Demo Fee	101,180.00	}	
Delinquent Water Install	1,661.36	}	
Delinquent Sewer Install	1,127.73	}	
<i>Sub-total Non Tax Items</i>	<u>540,929.56</u>		

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

Mr. Siegel – A motion was made by Stanley Siegel and seconded by Timothy Simmons as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis’ Fire Department’s personal protection equipment and cascade filling system is reaching its end-of-useful life; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of this equipment is expected to cost an estimated \$535,000; and

WHEREAS, per the February 3, 2020 notification from NYS U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer’s office, the FY2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program application period is now open; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis is an eligible applicant with the understanding that a 5% cash match totaling an estimated \$26,750 is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis hereby approves the submission of said grant no later than March 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. ET.

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

A motion was made by Stanley Siegel and seconded by Timothy Simmons as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis’ Fire Department’s personal protection equipment and cascade filling system is reaching its end-of-useful life; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of this equipment is expected to cost an estimated \$350,000; and

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WHEREAS, per the February 3, 2020 notification from NYS U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer's office, the FY2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program application period is now open; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis is an eligible applicant with the understanding that a 5% cash match totaling an estimated \$17,500 is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis hereby approves the submission of said grant no later than March 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. ET.

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

Mr. Siegel thanked first responders for their quick response to the fire at 1 Ridge Avenue and cautioned that homes of this age required owners to be good caretakers of their property to avoid having events like this.

The Fire and Emergency Committee met on 2/19 and their next meeting is 3/16 at 6:30 pm

He noted that PJ Housing's next meeting will be 2/25 at Hillside Terrace at 7pm.

He noted that the next meeting of the landlord Association will be 3/12 at the Goodwill Church.

Mr. Siegel noted the effective date of the Plastic Bag Ban with specific comments to the use of bags for dog waste. He also thinks that a step further is needed in the restriction of Styrofoam containers.

He deferred to Mr. Simmons who read items from the Fire department annual report. He reminded the public that the fire department is all volunteer. Mr. Simmons also noted that the fire department would like to consider a centralized firehouse and emergency center in the future. He also mentioned a grant of \$50,000 that has been awarded to replace the Rescue Boat.

Mr. Siegel noted that all smoke detectors and CO2 detectors must have a contained 10-year battery. The detectors sold in Pennsylvania or New Jersey may not be compliant in New York.

Mr. Siegel also stated that the City is looking for younger volunteers as the average age of the current volunteer pool is too high.

Ms. Randazzo – She read a letter from constituent and former Mayor Potter recommending the firm of Bavoso and Plotsky as City Counsel.

For the Good of the City (Public Comment) –

Mr. Ed DeGroat expressed his doubts regarding the sale of 29 Front Street, showed a picture of the Mayor's Jeep turning around on his street and expressed that he believes the new recreation department hire is a cost of operating the trails which was supposed to cost the City no monies per the Mayor.

Peter Grech expressed his opinions on the search for a City attorney. He warned against the exercise of absolute power in a democracy with checks and balances, cronyism and corruption.

Mayor Kelly Decker – The Mayor noted that there have been no comments received as a result of the public scoping session on the annexation. As a result, Barton and LoGiudice has requested that the public hearing be kept open until the next Council meeting to receive any possible comments.

Mayor Decker reminded everyone that that the St. Patrick's Day Parade will happen on Saturday March 8th, 2020. He noted that there is still room for more participants, and you can contact Laura Myers or the Mayor's office.

Mayor Decker requested a resolution to approve a 1-year agreement with EIB to erect panels on the roof of 100 Pike Plaza to assist in fulfilling the City's power needs through solar power. Said motion was made by Stanley Siegel and seconded by Lisa Randazzo.

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

The Mayor read to the Council a plan to sell 29 Front Street as follows:

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Sale of 29 Front Street

- 10-day response from Realtor's (Orange-West, Hawks Nest and ERA Meloi) for offer of posting multiple listing direct for a minimum of 10 days for \$140,000.00. Then open to the city accepting bids (multiple listing will stay until building is sold). How much will they charge us commission of sale and will they charge us a commission if we sell the building on bid.
- Once we have their offer, we will accept the offer most beneficial to the city.
- We will list 29 Front Street on multiple listing at \$140,000.00 for 10 days. It will remain on multiple listing until the building is sold.
- After 10 days on multiple listing the city will put out information on the city's website and Facebook page that for the next 30 days, they will be accepting bids for the property at 29-31 Front Street.
 - o Bids must include:
 - o A purchase price offer to the city (cash, mortgage, loan)
 - o The bidder intent for the building, as well as a plan of action and estimated rehabilitation costs
 - o The bidder must provide documentation that funds are available for the rehabilitation of the building or they are able to acquire funds with a financial institution guarantee.
 - o Bidder must provide a timeline of rehabilitation
 - o Bidder must provide a synopsis of how this will benefit the city, its residents and neighboring businesses.
 - o Bidder must provide a list of other properties they own in the city.
 - o Bidder must provide current projects they have underway
 - o Bidder cannot have any open violations in the city, nor can they have had court appearances on property repairs in the city.
 - o Bidder must provide 3 reputable references regarding their ability to take on a project of this magnitude.
- After the 30 days, any offers will be reviewed by the Finance Committee with input from our City Clerk and Building Official.
- The council could be asked to vote on an offer, recommended by the finance committee, after the April finance meeting, unless of course a realtor comes up first.

Maria Mann questioned if this was to be reviewed by our attorney as well. The mayor responded that all contractual items are reviewed by our attorney.

Mr. Siegel noted that a motion should be made before discussion.

A motion was made by Kristin Trovei and seconded by Dominick Santini to approve the sale plan as presented by the Mayor.

Mayor Decker indicated that this came from a process used by the City of Schenectady New York and he thanked Mrs. Mann for her research in developing this.

He then invited further discussion. Ms. Mann wanted to make sure her previous comment would be on record.

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

The Mayor then appointed a Census committee as follows:

Joan Barbarino
Valerie Maginsky

Linda Drew
Stanley Siegel

Teresa Spradling
Richard Roberts

Maryann Schultes
Mary Decker

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Ashley Johnson

Beverly Arlequeeuw

Joe Marcus

Karen Conklin

The Mayor thanked the firemen for their quick response to the house fire on Ridge Avenue and for making sure no one was in the house and that no injuries occurred. He stated that it is unfortunate that the house burned so quickly and was a total loss due to the type and age of construction.

The Mayor stated that in his search for a corporation counsel he sent out 7 invitations to firms to interview. Three firms declined and 4 firms were interviewed by the committee. There was a standard list of 31 questions plus any additional as determined by the committee members.

As a result of the interviews the Mayor nominated Glen Plotsky of Bavoso and Plotsky.

A motion was made by Lisa Randazzo and seconded by Kristin Trovei to confirm the appointment.
A role call vote was taken

Siegel – No
Simmons – No
Trovei – Yes
Oney – Yes
Randazzo – Yes
Mann – No
Campbell – No
Santini – Yes
Foster – No

AYE: 4 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 4 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Failed

The Mayor requested a motion for executive session.

A motion was made by Kristin Trovei and seconded by Dominick Santini to enter executive session for the purpose of consultation with the City's labor attorney on personnel issues.

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

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:30pm
Meeting reconvened at 10:07 pm

Meeting Adjourned – A motion was made by Lisa Randazzo and seconded by Regis Foster to adjourn.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 10:08 pm.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm executive session and 7:15 pm general business session on Monday March 9th, 2020.

Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk Treasurer