

Council Meeting May 10, 2021

Mayor Decker:

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, May 10th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance-

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

Attendance-

All members of the Common Council were present except Kristin Trovei, she arrived later. Also present were Corporation Counsel William Frank and Stephanie Tunic and Deputy City Clerk Treasurer Bobbie Jo Muller and Account Clerk Dorothy Braid.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Kelly Decker.

A motion was made to adjourn to Executive Session by Regis Foster and seconded by Timothy Simmons for the purpose of:

- 105.1f – Building Department Personnel
- 105.1h – Property request – 126 West Main Street
- 105.1h – Property offer – 32 Church Street

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Trovei) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Meeting adjourned to Executive session at 6:32 pm

Meeting Reconvened at 6:52 pm

Motion to come out of Executive session was made by Timothy Simmons and seconded by Dominick Santini.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Trovei) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

For the Good of the City (Public Comment) – None

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2021, meeting was made by Regis Foster and seconded by Dominick Santini.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 (Trovei) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 (Campbell) Carried

Not voting on any Executive session business.

Regis Foster: This is National Police Week, May 9th through May 15th. It is a week of recognition in honor of service and sacrifice of our brothers and sisters in law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty

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while protecting our communities and safeguarding democracy. He asked that everyone lower their flag to half-staff on Peace Officer Memorial Day Saturday May 15th to show your support of law enforcement and to honor the brave officers that have paid the ultimate price while protecting and serving our communities. The next police committee meeting will be on May 20th at 6:00 pm here in the Council chambers.

Regis Foster: We had an ADA Meeting on May 3rd. Jack Farr reported that there is nothing new going on in the City for ADA compliance work. There was one complaint for a sidewalk in poor condition on Ball Street by the crosswalk by Little Lambs. Next ADA meeting will be on August 2nd at 6:30 pm in the Council chambers. A motion was made by Regis Foster seconded by Lisa Randazzo to approve the ADA minutes.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Trovei) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Dominick Santini: Code met on May 5th, and we talked about creating a civilian review board for the police reform. He reported that the building dept. is up \$250,000 over last year. The next code meeting will be June 2nd at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

Chandler Campbell: The Youth Center Recreation Room is now open 5 days a week! We are open Monday-Friday 3 pm- 6pm. A reminder that all participants MUST be registered with the Youth Center before participating and participants must wear face masks while at the Youth Center. The Summer 2021 Recreation Program is being put together. This summer we will have two playgrounds opened (Church St. and Riverside) plus the Youth Center. This 6-week program will be held Monday-Friday and start July 6 and end August 13. Hours will be 9 am- 3 pm. This is a FREE program for kids ages 7 and up. Kids must be registered before participating. More information will come out in the next few weeks.

West End Beach is scheduled to open Saturday June 25 and close Sunday August 15. Beach hours will be Sat and Sun 11 am- 6 pm, Monday-Thursday-Friday 12 pm- 6 pm. The beach will be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The Rec. Dept. is still looking for seasonal help, especially Lifeguards! Please contact the Rec. Office if interested. We need lifeguards in order to open the beach! The Rec. Office number is 845-858-4045 or email us at recreationdirector@portiervisny.gov.

Thank you to all the participants and volunteers that helped make the 27th Delaware River 5K Run a success on May 2. Even with COVID restrictions placed on us we had a capacity limit of 200 runners/walkers! Thank you too all.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 20, 2021, at 6:30 pm.

The Recreation Commission respectfully requests the approval of the below mentioned seasonal staff. All positions are budgeted for 2021. Thank you.

Laborers

Michael James- to start May 12th

Mike Piscitelli- to start May 17th

Anthony Gurliacci- to start May 17th

Recreation Leaders (all to start June 28th)

Harry Tomasi

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Amaya Townsend
Riley Sauschuck
Bryn Hendershot

Senior Recreation Leaders (to start June 28th)

Mike Cordisco
Austin Wilson

Lifeguards- (to start June 21st)

Liam Tomasi
Dylan Guyette- sub lifeguard
Ian Guyette- sub lifeguard

Recreational Specialist (Beach Attendant)- to start June 21st

Matt Conklin
Riley Sauschuck

Motion by Chandler Campbell and seconded by Timothy Simmons to approve hiring of seasonal help for recreation:

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Trovei) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Maria Mann: Tourism has not met since the last meeting; the next meeting will be May 12th at 7:00 pm in the Council chambers.

The IDA has not met, the new board members must attend and submit to the Clerk's office their proof of training. Existing board members are able to take the refresher course as well. The IDA will not be meeting this month due to a lack of agenda items.

Gerald Oney: Garbage and recycling will be on its normal schedule for the next two weeks. The leaf pile and brush pit are open on Saturdays from 7:15 am to 11:30 am. The yard debris pick up will continue, please use biodegradable or compostable bags. Orange County DPW will be holding a hazardous waste collection event at the Port Jervis High School parking lot on June 5th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The next DPW meeting will be June 7th at 6:00 pm in the Council chambers.

Gerald Oney made a motion seconded by Lisa Randazzo to approve the May DPW minutes.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Trovei) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Gerald Oney made a motion seconded by Stanley Siegel to approve the CSEA Side Letter of Agreement for uniforms, Article 10 Section 5 that would allow the DPW water department to wear shorts in the warmer weather.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Trovei) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Gerald Oney made a motion seconded by Stanley Siegel to approve the resignation of Part-time bus driver Dana Cohen.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Trovei) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

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Gerald Oney made a motion seconded by Timothy Simmons to hire 2 seasonal employees for the purpose of maintenance work for the DPW. These positions are limited to less than 1,040 hours per year.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Trovei) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Lisa Randazzo for Kristin Trovei(Absent)

**RESOLUTION OF COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS TO SIGN AN
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE AND THE CITY OF PORT
JERVIS TO ACCEPT BENEFITS OF THE NEW YORK STATEWIDE MASS
TRANSPORTATION OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis Common Council is duly authorized to enter into contracts and agreements which benefit the citizens of the City of Port Jervis, and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis Common Council believes that entering into an agreement with the County of Orange entitled “THIRD PARTY LEASE AND SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR CAPITAL EQUIPMENT” will benefit the citizens of the City of Port Jervis by helping to provide affordable transportation to its residents, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: That the City of Port Jervis Common Council does hereby authorize the Mayor of the City of Port Jervis to sign such an agreement with the County of Orange.

Motion made by Lisa Randazzo seconded by Gerald Oney.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Trovei) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

RESOLUTION OF COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS

RE: Surplus Vehicles 2021

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

Bus: 2002 Ford Bus Vin# 1FDXE45F02HB22653

And WHEREAS, the City recognizes the need to dispose of this vehicle 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.

Motion made by Lisa Randazzo seconded by Timothy Simmons.

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AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Trovei) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

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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:

1999 Buick Century 4dr VIN 2G4WS52M6X1536060

2012 DODGE CHARGER (V-6) VIN- 2C3CDXAG1CHI59779 ENDING MILEAGE 76440

2009 DODGE CHARGER (V-6) VIN- 2B3KA43V79H513633 ENDING MILEAGE 86894

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.

Motion made by Lisa Randazzo seconded by Timothy Simmons.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Trovei) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Lisa Randazzo made a motion seconded by Gerald Oney to pay bills for a total of \$1,535,437.48.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Trovei) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

The next Finance committee meeting will be May 19th at 6:00 pm in the Council chambers.

Timothy Simmons made a motion seconded by Gerald Oney to accept the auction total for the 4 surplus vehicles of \$7,125.00.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Trovei) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Timothy Simmons: The Zoning Board meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be June 1st at 7:00 pm in the Council chambers. The next Planning Board meeting will be May 18th at 7:00 pm in the Council chambers.

Timothy Simmons congratulated Detective/Sergeant Michael Myers on his retirement from the PJ Police Dept. Congratulations to Camrin Northrop at Shaw Air Force base in S. Carolina is being recognized by NASCAR as a next store hero for his service and work in his community. Congratulations to Amir Sadaghiani recognized as a 2021 top 100 NY Criminal Defense Trial Lawyers by the National Trial Lawyers Association and also to Kathy Sadaghiani nominated by the Port Jervis School District Board of

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Education for the Everett R. Dyer Award for distinguished school board service for her dedicated service of 35 years.

Stanley Siegel: The last Fire Emergency meeting was held on April 19th. The next meeting will be May 17th at 6:30 in the Council chambers.

Motion by Stanley Siegel seconded by Timothy Simmons To approve Andrei T. Bell as a probationary driver for Hose Company #6.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Trovei) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Kristin Trovei arrived a 7:13 pm

Stanley Siegel reminded that all firefighters must complete their physicals by July 5th end of business to maintain their interior or chauffeur status.

Stanley Siegel: The June Board Officers meeting will be June 7th at 6:30 pm at Engine #4 firehouse at with Officer Appreciate Night beginning at 7:00 pm .

Stanley Siegel: The PJ Housing Authority last met on April 27th the next meeting will be May 25th at 7:00 pm at Hillside Terrace. The Port Jervis Housing Authority(PJHA) will hold a public hearing regarding the 2021 Annual Plan as required by HUD under Sec. 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It is available for review at the housing authority office. The plan can be reviewed by anyone by appointment by calling 845-856-8621. The Public Hearing will be held on June 8th, 2021, at 11:00 am at Hillside Terrace, at 39 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Stanley Siegel: Veterans can still get vaccinations at the walk-in clinics M-F, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at Castle Point or at Montrose or you can call our clinic at 845-856-5396 and schedule an appointment locally.

Stanley Siegel: Reminder that house numbers need to be 4" high on a contrasting background. He has noticed that some houses have updated their numbers.

Stanley Siegel: Saturday May 15th is Armed Forces Day. This day is to recognize the people that are currently serving to keep our Country free and safe.

Stanley Siegel: Would also like to congratulate Mike Myers and Camrin Northrup.

Timothy Simmons: Wanted to remind everyone that this Saturday is the 4th Ward neighborhood watch walk. We will meet at 4:30 at the Engine #4 Firehouse.

Lisa Randazzo: Nothing at this time.

For the Good of the City (2nd Public Comment) – None

Mayor Kelly Decker: I have several items that need approvals.

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Motion by Timothy Simmons seconded by Regis Foster to approve the Mayor to sign the EIC Pace agreement.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Motion by Lisa Randazzo seconded by Stanley Siegel to approve the Corpus Christi procession.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Motion by Regis Foster seconded by Gerald Oney to approve the acceptance of DASNY Project #15642 for paving of Skyline Drive.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Motion by Gerald Oney seconded by Lisa Randazzo to approve the acceptance of DASNY Project #11681 for replacement of sidewalks Jersey Avenue and Front Streets.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Motion by Stanley Siegel seconded by Gerald Oney to accept the NYS Unified Court Contract for 2021-2022 for maintenance.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Motion by Gerald Oney seconded by Timothy Simmons to repair the turntable motors not to exceed \$2,000 to be paid from the contingency fund.

Discussion by Stanley Siegel to not allow Mr. Wilson to take the remaining engine unless he reimburses us for the motor repair. Kelly said we would get Mr. Frank involved before we would let him have the engine.

Maria Mann asked if there would be warranties on the motors. Kelly said they probably would have 30-day warranties. Kelly said we would remove the motors when they are not in use, so they do not get wet from storms.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Mayor Kelly Decker wants to welcome Plant Health EX-IM Global Partners and their CEO Michael O’Gorman. They are the new owners of the Keltec location (Originally the Cronar Building) in West End. They plan on hiring 75 employees and plan to expand to bring in another 50 to 70 jobs. Mr. O’Gorman also plans on buying a house in Port Jervis.

Mayor Kelly Decker: This resolution is for 4 projects all listed as 4 separate Schedule A’s.

RESOLUTION OF COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS

WHEREAS, U.S. Senator Gillibrand is accepting applications for Community Funding Projects from qualified municipalities such as the City of Port Jervis; and

WHEREAS, the City desires additional funding to meet public needs and provide public benefits;

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and

WHEREAS, if awarded and it is feasible to accept a particular grant, the City will contribute any required local share of costs and/or matching funds necessary to implement the grant project; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Common Council that submitting applications for future available grants is in the best interest of the residents of the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis hereby approves the online submission of the potential project, a description of which is annexed hereto as Schedule “A”, to the office of Senator Gillibrand for consideration of federal funding and that such submission be completed no later than May 17, 2021 by 12:00 p.m. EST., and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all applications and documentation required by Senator Gillibrand or her staff to effectuate the intent of this resolution, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Common Council fully supports this initiative and directs Mayor Kelly B. Decker, or his designee, to provide an appropriate letter of support for this submission.

Schedule A

Federal Agency:
Transportation, Housing and Urban Development
Department of Transportation
Local Transportation Priorities

Project: Engineering Design of McArthur Circle Traffic Pattern Improvement and Underpass Rehabilitation

Project Cost/Request: **\$100,000**

Description: Servicing NYS routes 6 and 209, the McArthur Circle Underpass was dedicated in 1907. In 2018, the structure which on separate sections maintains on one side vehicles and pedestrians and on the other the Northfolk Southern owned railroad tracks. In 2018, the Underpass received a yellow flag designation from NYS inspectors. With no major improvements since 2018, the city is expecting an updated report from a late 2020/early 2021 re-inspection.

From either side, the McArthur Circle traffic pattern services eight different streets. In that this pattern was overengineered and makes ingress and egress very difficult for vehicles and pedestrians, this traffic pattern is to be studied and engineering report supplied to remedy deficiencies conducive with the rehabilitation of the underpass.

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Schedule A

Federal Agency:
Department of Agriculture
Community Facilities Grants

Project: Purchase of Two Fire Engines and One Light Rescue Vehicle

Project Cost/Request: \$2 million

Description: As a 100% rural community of 8,558 residents with a 22.9% poverty rate and a low-to-moderate income rate of 61%+, due to reaching their 20-year lifespan and with the original manufacturing company defunct and parts now salvaged instead of being newly manufactured, the city needs to decommission two fire engines and one heavy rescue vehicle. To save money and extend operational capacity, the city seeks to replace these vehicles with two fire engines and one light rescue vehicle. Specialized equipment and storage will be included.

Schedule A

Federal Agency:
Environmental Protection Agency
State and Tribal Assistant grants (STAG)
Clean Water/Wastewater

Project: Hudson Street - Storm Water Management - Engineering

Project Cost/Request: **\$75,000**
Cost Match up to 20%: **\$15,000**

Description: To perform engineering design on a flood control project covering 4000 feet of disintegrating sidewalls which collects runoff from mountain sides, streets, and reservoir. The objective is to manage, reduce and recapture stormwater runoff.

This project was due to be addressed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and was about to commence in 2001 when 9-11 occurred. The project has not continued since that time and the sidewalls have disintegrated further in the meantime.

Schedule A

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Project: City-wide Wastewater Rehabilitation

Project Cost/Request: **\$902,000**
Cost Match up to 20%: **\$180,400**

Description: One-year of materials to continue the phased rehabilitation of 31-miles of wastewater lines and affiliated manholes. This phased project is the result of a NYS DEC Order on Consent to minimize inflow and infiltration. The required match is with City of Port Jervis funding and additionally includes labor and machinery.

Will Frank added that this is just the authorization to provide the letter of support.

Motion by Timothy Simmons seconded by Lisa Randazzo.

Discussion: Timothy Simmons stated that any money that we could get would be a home run, especially the 2 fire engines and the light rescue vehicle, the fire department is in dire need of these items. The underpass and other projects would be of tremendous value to the citizens and taxpayers of Port Jervis. Maria Mann asked about other items such as bridge to Riverside and Kelly said the other items are still on the list.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Mayor Kelly Decker reiterated the definition of National Police Week given earlier by Regis Foster adding that Port Jervis Patrolman John L. MacKechnie was killed in the line in of duty in the City of Port Jervis on March 18, 1949. He also asked that flags be lower to half-staff on May 15th to show your support of law enforcement and active-duty personnel.

There is no Memorial Day Parade, but there will a service in Orange Square Park at 11:00 am.

Motion by Lisa Randazzo and seconded by Regis Foster to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the hiring a City Clerk Treasurer with a possible vote on the City Clerk Treasurer or other positions and the employment status of a particular individual.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Meeting adjourned to Executive session at 7:38 pm.
Meeting reconvened at 8:16 pm.

Motion to come out of Executive session by Lisa Randazzo seconded by Timothy Simmons.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Motion made by Gerald Oney seconded by Dominick Santini to authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute vendor contracts for each of the successful DPW material bidders subject to review and approval by Corporation Counsel as Follows:

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Tilcon New York, Inc., Slack Chemical Co., Inc., Chemung Supply Corp., Stavola Beaver Run Quarry LLC, Expanded Supply Products, Inc., Ray S. Pantel, Inc., Ward Pavements, Inc., Shannon Chemical Corp., Seal Coat USA, Inc., Schmidt's Wholesale, Inc., Core and Main LP, Callanan Industries, Inc.

Discussion: Stanley Siegel asked if they were all the low bidders and was advised yes by Corporation Counsel.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Motion made by Lisa Randazzo seconded by Timothy Simmons to pay the Deputy City Clerk Treasurer \$1,000 per week in addition to the regular salary starting May 1st to continue as acting City Clerk Treasurer until the issue with the City Clerk Treasurer position has been resolved.

AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Carried

Motion to adjourn. Motion by Stanley Siegel and seconded by Dominick Santini.

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

Thank you. Have a great night.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on May 24th, 2021, in-person in Council Chambers City Hall 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis, New York.



Bobbie Jo Muller
Deputy City Clerk Treasurer

