

## Council Meeting May 24, 2021

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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 6:30 pm.

Attendance –

All members of the Common Council were present except Chandler Campbell and Dominick Santini. Also, present are Corporation Counsel William Frank, City Clerk Treasurer Bobbie Jo Muller and Account Clerk Suzanne McBride.

Kelly Decker: It is 6:30 pm. Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021. I call the meeting of the Port Jervis Common Council to order. Please rise for the pledge.

Audience: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands one nation, under God, indivisible with Liberty and justice for all.

Timothy Simmons: God bless America.

Kelly Decker: Thank you. We have eight items for executive session. What's your pleasure?

Regis Foster: So, moved.

Kelly Decker: Motion by Regis Foster.

Timothy Simmons: Second.

Kelly Decker: Second by Mr. Simmons, discussion all in favor?

Audience: Aye.

Kelly Decker: Opposed? So, carried.

Will Frank: Executive session is... To be specific-

Kelly Decker: Yeah.

Will Frank: For the purpose of discussing a specific employee's hiring and firing history to confer with counsel and other matters that are not subject to public disclosure.

Kelly Decker: Thank you. So, I have to ask you to step out for probably... I'm hoping not more than a half an hour.

Meeting adjourned to Executive session at 6:31 pm.

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Meeting reconvened at 7:20 pm.

Kelly Decker: We did already open it and we started with a pledge. The first thing I'm going to do is ask for a motion to come out of executive session.

Lisa Randazzo: So, moved.

Timothy Simmons: Second

Kelly Decker: Motion by Lisa Randazzo, second by Mr. Simmons, discussion, all in favor?

Audience: Aye.

Kelly Decker: Opposed? So, carried. We are going to do a roll call now for our recording. So, Mayor Kelly Decker present, Lisa Randazzo?

Lisa Randazzo: Lisa Randazzo Councilwoman-At-Large present.

Kelly Decker: Mr. Foster?

Regis Foster: Regis Foster 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Councilman present.

Kelly Decker: Ms. Mann?

Maria Mann: Maria Mann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Council present.

Kelly Decker: Ms. Trovei?

Kristin Trovei: Kristin Trovei 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Council present.

Kelly Decker: Mr. Oney?

Gerald Oney, Jr.: Gerald Oney 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilman present.

Kelly Decker: Mr. Simmons?

Timothy Simmons: Tim Simmons, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Council present.

Kelly Decker: Mr. Siegel?

Stanley Siegel: Stan Siegel 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman present.

Kelly Decker: And Mr. Frank.

William Frank: William Frank, Corporation Counsel present.

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Kelly Decker: Thank you. Okay the first thing we have is public comment. We have with us today is, coming close to retirement, Sergeant Michael Worden would like to say a few words to the Council.

Sergeant Michael Worden: Thank you, Mayor. Mayor Decker members of the Common Council, as you know, I will be retiring effective June 5<sup>th</sup> so my last day of employment as a police officer will be June 4<sup>th</sup> it's a bittersweet ending. And I just wanted to come before the Council, not just to thank this Council, but the many Councils that have sat here over the last almost 22 years of my career. Many mayors have come and gone. I worked with Kelly, I worked with Kelly's son but well, I will add who was old enough to sit on Santa Claus's lap when I started. But it's been a great career and I really am fortunate for the opportunity to have served in a great city and a great police department. I've been a patrolman, a detective, which was probably the best job in the world, but also now the last six years as a Sergeant working with a lot of the young officers. And I just want to let you know that as an employee of the city, I am appreciative of the support that the Council has given us over the years and appreciative for all the opportunities it has given me in life and to serve the citizens. And I just wanted to give you a personal thanks for that opportunity. So, I thank all of you. I thank the predecessors who sat in Kelly's seat whether it was my dad, your father, Gary Lopriorie, Russ Potter and whoever's going to sit there in the future and also the many members of the Council who have come and gone, many who aren't with us anymore, like Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Bell, Mr. Ritchie, just some great people who over the years have been just wonderful supporters, not just to me in the police department, but of the city of Port Jervis. It's a great city. I hope everybody really keeps that love in their heart for this community, because it really is a unique, wonderful place. So, I just want to thank you. Thanks.

Timothy Simmons: Thank you.

Stanley Siegel: Congratulations.

Kelly Decker: Mr. DeGroat?

Ed DeGroat: Just a quick question if I can, Mr. Franks?

William Frank: It's Frank, without the "S".

Ed DeGroat: I'm sorry? Frank yes.

William Frank: Yes sir.

Ed DeGroat: A couple of months ago, I asked you about the laws on excavator and you said you would get back to me and have someone contact me and then the next meeting, after that, the young lady was here, Stephanie and she said that she would notify you, then let you know.

William Frank: This is public comment, but I'll respond. My understanding is that Mr. Farr spoke to you about this and the issue that you've been talking about was resolved. Is that not correct?

Ed DeGroat: No. That's not correct.

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William Frank: Okay.

Ed DeGroat: I asked-

William Frank: I don't know-

Ed DeGroat: I asked for the law on storing excavators. Mr. Farr said it was, you had a contract, the contract didn't end, and it must've been a two-year contract because the excavator was set there for two years and would sit there either on one piece of property or the other at all times for two years, it's gone now I believe I can't see it.

William Frank: Yeah. But my understanding is that situation was resolved, but I'll speak to you. Are you staying for the whole meeting?

Ed DeGroat: Sure.

William Frank: Let's talk after the meeting.

Ed DeGroat: Okay. Thank you.

William Frank: Thank you.

Kelly Decker: Thank you, sir. There's no other public comments, so we'll move to the approval of the minutes. There are three listed here. We only have a May 5<sup>th</sup> minutes, you received them, just before the Council meeting, we can either wait until the next meeting or what's your pleasure?

Regis Foster: So, Moved.

Kelly Decker: I have a motion by Mr. Foster.

Lisa Randazzo: Second.

Kelly Decker: Second by Mr. Randazzo. Discussion all in favor.

Audience: Aye.

Kelly Decker: Opposed? So ,carried. Thank you. We have two items coming out of executive session for a potential approval or decline. The first is to continue Mr. Farr's contract, until December 31<sup>st</sup> subject to revisions. What's your pleasure?

Regis Foster: So, moved.

Lisa Randazzo: Second.

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Kelly Decker: I have a motion by Mr. Foster.

Kelly Decker: Thank you, Mr. Foster. Second by Ms. Randazzo. Discussion all in favor?

Audience: Aye.

Kelly Decker: Opposed? So carried and Mr. Frank would let me make this motion over 30 East Main Street.

William Frank: Yeah. For the time I'd like to make a motion to instruct the corporation counsel not to proceed with the appeal with respect to the 30 East Main Street litigation for which notice of appeal was filed.

Timothy Simmons: So, moved.

Stanley Siegel: Second.

Kelly Decker: Motion by Mr. Simmons. Second by Mr. Siegel. Discussion all in favor?

Audience: Aye.

Kelly Decker: Opposed? So, carried. Thank you. Regular business, Mr. Foster, Police/ADA

Regis Foster: Thank you Mayor. At this time, you've all received the committee minutes from the police, from our last meeting I'd like to make a motion to approve those minutes.

Kelly Decker: I have a motion by Mr. Foster. Do I have a second?

Maria Mann: Second.

Kelly Decker: Second by Ms. Mann. Discussion, all in favor?

Audience: Aye.

Kelly Decker: Opposed? So, carried.

Regis Foster: Some of the items that we talked about at our last meeting was, community outreach events that the department participated in, Salvation Army, Youth Hockey Night, PJ Pride, Touch A Truck, Pop-Up Food Pantry that was on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 4th Ward walk, partnership with newly formed group or clergy and community members called the Port Jervis Partners. Port Jervis Partners are planning a revival community event at Camelot located at 65 Ball Street.

Regis Foster: Department is working with PJ Pride to support their goals of providing substance prevention, mental services, health services and improve police and community relations. To the final

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events jump out parties, senior outreach, community night out, tobacco marijuana use campaign empowering against tobacco.

Regis Foster: There have been trainings, department hosted law enforcement officer's assistance program to provide 4 eight hour training sessions, addressing officer's wellness and the creation of multi-agency employee assistant program. Talked about some updates, community advisory board research. The Chief provided members of the committee with research materials pertaining to the Albany Community Police Advisory Committee and the City of Middletown Police Commission for review.

Regis Foster: Talked about; department applied for a safe neighborhoods grant in May of 2020, to obtain grant resources to create and foster safe neighborhoods in the City of Port Jervis through sustained efforts to reduce violent crime, illicit narcotic sales and street level disorder through increased coordination, cooperation and partnerships with local state and federal law enforcement agencies working in partnership with our community engaged in a unified approach.

Regis Foster: We talked about grants, we talked about retirements, Sergeant Kevin Reilly will be retiring on May 29<sup>th</sup>, Sergeant Michael Worden, who just heard June 5<sup>th</sup>, Robert Krentz will be retiring on June 27<sup>th</sup> and Sergeant Jeremy Eagan will be retiring on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Regis Foster: We talked about hiring committee, how what that's going to be looking like working with the new reform. And we went into executive session, talked about some personnel business and that's pretty much it. And then we also had a nice tour of the newly refinished police office downstairs.

Regis Foster: They're now moved into the front part of city hall, it looks very nice, did a nice job, it's going to continue to do the back now, working on the back of the department, so it's looking very good. And that's about it. So, our next meeting for the police committee will be on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm right here in the Council Chambers.

Lisa Randazzo: Sneezed

Audience: God bless you.

Lisa Randazzo: Thank you.

Regis Foster: At this time, I'd like to make a motion, sadly to tell that officer Robert Krentz will be retiring effective on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Robert has faithfully served our community as a police officer since 1988, with courage, honor, and integrity. Robert had additionally served as a firearms and tactical training instructor since the 90's and has provided officers with vital training to ensure the safety of the officers and the public.

Regis Foster: Robert has requested to be reinstated as a part-time school police officer to serve and protect our young residents in the Port Jervis City School District. We are going to be waiting to find his request for that, but at this time I'd like to make a motion for his retirement effective June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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Kelly Decker: So, motion by Mr. Foster, second?

Stanley Siegel: Second.

Kelly Decker: Second by Mr. Siegel, discussion all in favor?

Audience: Aye.

Kelly Decker: Opposed? So, carried.

Regis Foster: At this time, I'd like to make a motion for Sergeant Kevin Reilly to be reinstated to dispatch clerk part time and top dispatch step due to his prior supervisor experience and the appointment will be effective May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Kelly Decker: I have a motion by Mr. Foster to allow Sergeant Kevin Reilly to become a dispatcher clerk after his retirement.

Gerald Oney, Jr.: Second.

Kelly Decker: Second by Mr. Oney, discussion all in favor?

Audience: Aye.

Kelly Decker: Opposed? So, carried.

Regis Foster: And at this time, I'd like to make a motion to hire David J. Smith for a part-time position of dispatch clerk at the base salary step. Mr. Smith is currently a police dispatcher for the Vernon Police Department, and we'll be filling shift vacancies that are occurring on weekends and weekday afternoons. And his appointment will be effective May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Kelly Decker: I have a motion by Mr. Foster to hire David Smith at the base clerk, dispatch salary beginning, May 25<sup>th</sup>. What's your pleasure?

Stanley Siegel: Second.

Kelly Decker: Second by Mr. Siegel. Discussion, all in favor?

Audience: Aye.

Kelly Decker: Opposed? So, carried.

Regis Foster: And I'd also like to make a motion to allow police department the ability to provide for limited street closures and neighborhoods to facilitate outreach with partners, agencies and community police initiatives.

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Kelly Decker: Are you making that a motion?

Regis Foster: Yeah.

Kelly Decker: He already has that.

Stanley Siegel: I thought he already has that.

Kelly Decker: He has that authority.

Regis Foster: He has that authority?

Kelly Decker: Yeah.

Regis Foster: I'll tell him then.

Kristin Trovei: I'll second then.

Kelly Decker: Yeah, motion to make him happy. All right. This was a motion by Mr. Foster, second by Ms. Trovei to allow the police chief the ability to close streets for limited-

Regis Foster: I just want to make sure he had that sir.

Gerald Oney, Jr.: He and the DPW director, right?

Kelly Decker: Yeah.

Regis Foster: That's what I thought.

Kelly Decker: He and the director do. All in favor?

Audience: Aye.

Kelly Decker: Opposed? So, carried.

Regis Foster: He'll feel better now.

Kelly Decker: Yes, he will.

Regis Foster: Also, today starting is going to be "Click It or Ticket" campaign. So, this year is National Click It or Ticket Seat Belt campaign which will take place starting today through June 6<sup>th</sup> for Port Jervis City Police Department, will be teaming up with members of the Orange County Sheriff's Department



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and law enforcement nationwide for border-to-border kickoff event and they were right by the Matamoros Bridge today. I saw them.

Regis Foster: The United States Department Transportation and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is asking all states to participate in "B to B" it's border to border one day for our national seatbelt awareness event starting today, which is coordinated by participating state highway safety officers and their respective law enforcement liaison. The "B to B" initiative aims to increase law enforcement participation by coordinating highway visibility seat belt enforcement for drivers at state border checkpoints.

Regis Foster: And went into some statistics here, wearing your seatbelt that saves lives and so forth, so make sure you buckle up from now until... Well, you should do it all the time-

Kelly Decker: Right.

Audience: Laughter

Regis Foster: June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Kelly Decker: Does your car do that automatically?

Regis Foster: No, unfortunately.

Kelly Decker: That would be the future.

Stanley Siegel: It drives itself.

Regis Foster: And that's all I have there.

Kelly Decker: Thank you sir.

Regis Foster: Also, ADA will be meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30. That will be our next meeting.

Kelly Decker: Thank you. As you can see, Mr. Santini is not here, for code, he had no report, the next code meeting will be Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> here in the Council room at 6:00 pm. Next, we will move to Ms. Campbell, she was going to try to make it, she got hold, held up at work. However, her reports are one, a recreation commission respectfully request the approval of the following seasonal staff, all positions have been budgeted.

Kelly Decker: Laborer Trey Wilkerson to start June 21<sup>st</sup>, recreational leader Olivia Stanzl to start June 28<sup>th</sup>, recreation specialists at the youth center Cassandra Weatherly to start June 7<sup>th</sup>. What's your pleasure?

Lisa Randazzo: So, moved.

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Kelly Decker: I have a motion by Ms. Randazzo.

Gerald Oney, Jr.: Second.

Kelly Decker: Second by Mr. Oney. Discussion, all in favor?

Audience: Aye.

Kelly Decker: Opposed? So, carried. Recreation update as of today, PJ Rec is still in need of lifeguards for West End Beach this summer. If you know of anybody that has a life guarding certification and are looking for a place to lifeguard, we're desperately looking for lifeguards for the beach, otherwise we will have to close the beach down if we do not get the lifeguards. So please, if you know anybody out there, please have them get in touch with our recreation director at 858-4045.

Kelly Decker: PJ Rec is willing to help interested persons get their lifeguard certifications. We can get all the information on lifeguard courses. Please contact the Rec office again at 858-4045 or email us at [recreationdirector@portjervisny.gov](mailto:recreationdirector@portjervisny.gov). The youth center will be closed this Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> in honor of The Memorial Day weekend. The summer Rec program will start on Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be three locations this summer for kids to attend and participate. That'd be Church Street playground, Riverside Park, and the youth center. All three locations will be open and supervised Monday through Friday 9:00 to 3:00.

Kelly Decker: All three locations will be serving free lunch at 12:00 pm. Children must register before participating in the summer rec program. Registration forms can be picked up at the youth center or emailed to you. For more information contact the Rec center at 858-4045.

Kelly Decker: The recreation commission is looking for interested people to join them in forming a committee on a new recreation senior evacuation center. The preliminary design and location have already been drawn up and discussed. The commission wants to form a committee to reach out to the community, to get their feedback on this design and location and to help, if possible, research any possible grant money. If interested, contact the recreation office for more details.

Kelly Decker: The commission would like to have an introductory meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the youth center directly after the commission's monthly meeting. The next recreation commission is scheduled for Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm at the youth center.

Kelly Decker: Ms. Mann, tourism and IDA.

Maria Mann: Thank you, Mayor. Tourism last met on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The board reviewed the citywide yard sale and how to approve signups for the event. Discussion recording has a brief dedication of the soldier's monument in Orange Square, once repaired with the possibility of having reenactors, such as Barbara Mercenary, Civil War, World War I and World War II, also to include the underground railroad.

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Maria Mann: The board is preparing for the Fall Foliage Festival, which will be held on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. The committee will also discuss new event ideas such as possibly having a fishing derby. There was further discussion regarding the Italian festival, such as vendors, decorations and time. Tourism chair Laura Meyer would submit the event application. Now you all received the minutes for the may tourism meeting, I'd like to make a motion to approve them.

Kelly Decker: I have a motion by Ms. Mann, do we have a second?

Regis Foster: Second.

Kelly Decker: Second by Mr. Foster. Discussion, all in favor?

Audience: Aye.

Kelly Decker: Opposed? So, carried. Thank you.

Maria Mann: Thank you. The next tourism meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm here in the Council Chambers.

Maria Mann: The IDA has not met since their last meeting due to a lack of agenda items; they are not scheduled to meet in June and that's all. Thank you-

Kelly Decker: Thank you very much. Mr. Oney DPW.

Gerald Oney, Jr.: Thank you, Mayor. Garbage and recycling will be on normal schedule this week. Next week, Memorial Day week, the week of the 31<sup>st</sup>, garbage, it'll be one day later in all the wards. Paper and cardboard on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> for the First Ward. Leaf and brush pit are open on Saturdays from 7:15 to 11:30. Yard debris pickup will continue citywide, reminder to use biodegradable or compostable bags.

Gerald Oney, Jr.: Now the reminder that Orange County DPW is holding a hazardous waste collection at the Port Jervis High School parking lot on June 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 to 3:00. The next meeting of the DPW will be Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm here in the Council Chambers. And that's all I have, Mayor.

Kelly Decker: Thank you sir. Ms. Trovei finances & CDA.

Kristin Trovei: Thank you. The CDA will meet remotely this Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Finance committee met last week. Some items that were discussed, the finance committee accepted the insurance proposal and we opted to add in additional cyber threat coverage. We paid back the revenue anticipation note.

Kristin Trovei: We discussed the bridge project overages and the request that we have been putting out there to all of our state and federal representatives to get additional funding. However, it seems that little to no additional funding will be received for the bridge project.

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Kristin Trovei: We discussed the serial bond, which we'll need to start finalizing in June with completion needing to be done by August at the absolutely latest, there are several million dollars' worth of requests, including the bridge project to be decided upon.

Kristin Trovei: We also discussed requests for funding for several projects that were sent to Senator Gillibrand's office, and we are hoping to hear back hopefully by the end of next month to see if anything was awarded to us.

Kristin Trovei: The next finance meeting will be held Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers. We have bills to pay from the general fund \$276,744.23. From the water fund, \$38,337.47. From the sewer fund, \$9,937.01. From the capital fund \$113,066.42. From trust and agency \$3,383.32 for a total of \$441,468.45.

Kristin Trovei: Some of the larger items from the general, water and/or sewer funds NY State Employees Health Insurance, \$226,015.42, Bonadio and Company for the finance audit, \$22,000.00, Partners in Safety for fire department physicals \$10,700.00, Global Montello Group that's gas and diesel, \$14,131.03. From the capital fund Beam Mack Sales and Service for the garbage truck, \$107,313.04 and Lowes for the police department renovations \$3,941.86. I'd like to make a motion to pay the bills.

Kelly Decker: A motion by Ms. Trovei, do I have a second?

Lisa Randazzo: Second.

Kelly Decker: Second by Mr. Randazzo. This is to pay the monthly bills. All in favor?

Audience: Aye.

Kelly Decker: Opposed? So, carried.

Kristin Trovei: Thank you. I had sent an email out to everyone earlier today regarding the gate by the transfer station. I think everyone had a chance to review it and I did discuss it with some people before the meeting started. So, at this point, I'd like to make a motion to approve up to \$1,200 from contingency fund for a new transfer station gate to be installed by the DPW when time allows. The gate will be similar to that within the watershed trails.

Stanley Siegel: Second.

Kelly Decker: So, I have a motion by Ms. Trovei and a second by Mr. Siegel. Discussion.

Stanley Siegel: Long overdue.

Kelly Decker: All in favor?

Audience: Aye.

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Kelly Decker: Opposed? So, carried.

Kristin Trovei: And also, I'd like to announce that there would be a 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward neighborhood watch meeting on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. It will be held at Neversink Engine #1, which is 27 Orange Street, so all the residents of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, and even if you're not in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward and you'd like to come stop by and bring your ideas, thoughts, concerns, please stop by, that's at 6:30 pm on June 1<sup>st</sup>. And that's all. Thank you.

Kelly Decker: Thank you, Mr. Simmons planning and zoning.

Timothy Simmons: Thank you, Mayor. Zoning did not meet this month due to lack of business. They are scheduled to meet, Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm in person here in the Council Chambers. Planning also did not meet due to lack of business, their next meeting will be Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm here in the Council Chambers. That's all I have for zoning and planning. We had a neighborhood watch walk on... Was it Saturday or Sunday?

Kelly Decker: Saturday.

Timothy Simmons: Saturday and had a pretty good turnout, walked through the 4th Ward and were able to take note of some issues that people would like to see addressed. Also, they'll be having another neighborhood watch meeting, a regular meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Engine 4 Firehouse. And finally, I'd like to wish my wife a very happy 29th birthday and that's because I'm only 30 but happy birthday. Thank you, Mayor.

Kelly Decker: She's watching? Is she watching?

Timothy Simmons: I hope so.

Stanley Siegel: [crosstalk 00:27:43].

Kelly Decker: A good question, my wife she would have no idea what we've been talking about. All right, thank you, sir. Mr. Siegel, fire emergency management and housing.

Stanley Siegel: Thank you, Mayor. The last meeting of the fire and emergency management committee was Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm right here in the Council room. Reminder that all firefighters still need to complete their physicals to maintain your interior or chauffeur status and it must be done by June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Stanley Siegel: The June Board of Officers meeting will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Engine 4 Fire Station with officer appreciation night at 7:00 pm and the Council is invited to that as well. Housing authority last meeting was on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, the next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Hillside Terrace.

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Stanley Siegel: I have a public hearing announcement that I would like to read once again. The Port Jervis Housing Authority will hold a public hearing regarding the 2021 annual plan as required by HUD under section 511 of Quality Housing and Work Responsibility act of 1998.

Stanley Siegel: It is available for review at the housing authority's office, any person interested in viewing the plan can do so by calling the housing authority office at 856-8621 and arrange an on-site appointment. In addition, a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 11:00 am at Hillside Terrace community room at 39 Pennsylvania Avenue in Port Jervis, New York.

Stanley Siegel: Veterans walk in clinics are available still on Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 2:30 pm at Castle Point or at Montrose, or you can call our clinic at 856-5396 to schedule an appointment locally.

Stanley Siegel: Reminder that the Memorial Day parade is canceled. However, there will be a ceremony on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am at Veterans Park. I talked about house numbers several... Excuse me for several meetings and it seems to be that there's more compliance since we've been talking about it. So, each home should have 4-inch letters and a contrasting background then for those people that have put on numbers recently, I commend you for doing that. It's a big help to EMS, to the fire department, to the post office, to the police and all of those looking for your address. And that's all I have. Thank you.

Kelly Decker: Thank you, sir. Ms. Randazzo?

Lisa Randazzo: I just wanted to take a moment to wish Sergeant Kevin Reilly and Sergeant Michael Worden well in their retirement, as well as, Robert Krentz and also congratulate because at the end of our last meeting, Bobbie Jo on her appointment to the City Clerk Treasurer's position, so congratulations, Bobbie Jo. Welcome. Thank you.

Bobbie Jo Muller: Thank you.

Kelly Decker: Public comment? Nobody? Thank you. I have a few items, I only added two more onto my list. First, we had, we had approved a \$700, excuse me, for the mulch for the promenade, the bill actually came to \$1160, so there's a \$460 difference. What's your pleasure?

Regis Foster: So, moved.

Kelly Decker: Motion by Mr. Foster.

Maria Mann: Second.

Kelly Decker: Second by Ms. Mann. Discussion, all in favor?

Audience: Aye.

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Kelly Decker: Opposed? So carried. Thank you. Went through all the departments, the 2021 application on the Italian Festival/Bella Italiano Notte. Am I saying it right? Notte

Timothy Simmons: Notte.

Kelly Decker: Is that right?

Timothy Simmons: Notte.

Kelly Decker: ... Orange Square Park. This will be on August 14<sup>th</sup>, and it will be between 4:00 pm and 9:00 pm. What's your pleasure?

Regis Foster: So, moved.

Stanley Siegel: Second.

Kelly Decker: Motion by Mr. Foster second by Mr. Siegel. Discussion, all in favor?

Audience: Aye.

Kelly Decker: Opposed? So, carried. I am making a reappointment of a long-time member of the housing authority. I spoke with Mr. Dave Eberhard about two weeks ago and he is willing to take another five-year term, so I am reappointing him to his position to expire on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Some great news, as you know, we have, CDBG is one of our focus grants that we go to as well as the CFA and the Sam grant and last week we were sent an award for CDB, wastewater. This is our second rehab one, the first one, we got \$750,000 and that's what we bought a lot of the equipment stuff with. And we were just awarded another million dollars.

Kristin Trovei: Nice.

Stanley Siegel: Nice job.

Kelly Decker: Every bit counts as we add up and finish our work on the sewer system. The announcement, regarding The City and masks. So, we are going to follow CDC in New York State protocols regarding masks, which means that, one, you do not need to wear mask any longer in City Hall if you choose not to.

Kelly Decker: People can choose to wear the masks if they feel uncomfortable. Not wearing the mask or being around people not wearing the mask they can choose to wear. We are still going to be providing in places the hand sanitizer in City Hall. No one in City Hall will ask you whether you've been vaccinated, but the CDC and New York State protocols are for those who are vaccinated that would not be wearing masks. Again, you will not be asked by anyone, it is against HIPAA violations for anybody to ask you about any type of inoculations that you've received or vaccinations that you received. So, it is on the honor system.

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William Frank: However, Mr. Mayor.

Kelly Decker: Yes.

William Frank: That applies from city personnel to the public. City government is permitted to ask its own employees.

Kelly Decker: To wear them?

William Frank: No-

Stanley Siegel: If they-

Kelly Decker: Oh, to be vaccinated. Yes. Thank you. So, if anybody in the public feels uncomfortable with coming into City Hall, they may wear their masks if they so desire. Number six, I need to set a public hearing whereas the City of Port Jervis is interested in applying to New York State Homes and Community Renewal Housing Trust Fund Corporation Office of Community Renewal for one or more community development block grants like we just got for the sewer system.

Kelly Decker: Activities including, but not limited to local waterfront revitalization, there have been changes to some of them, public infrastructure, public facilities and or community planning. And whereas grant applications are due no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> and whereas citizen participation through a public hearing set by a resolution is required to solicit thoughts and suggestions from the public. Therefore, the Port Jervis Common Council will be setting a public hearing on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. So that's not the next Council meeting is... Is that right?

Regis Foster: Yeah.

Stanley Siegel: Yeah, second-

Kelly Decker: Second Council meeting, right?

Gerald Oney, Jr.: Yes.

Kelly Decker: At 6:30 pm or soon thereafter as possible. What is your pleasure?

Lisa Randazzo: So, moved.

Kristin Trovei: Second.

Kelly Decker: I have a motion by Ms. Randazzo. Second by Ms. Trovei, discussion, all on favor?

Audience: Aye.



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Kelly Decker: Opposed? So, carried. So, if you have any ideas on any of these four items, local waterfront revitalization, public infrastructure, public infrastructure would mean your well let's go back. Local waterfront revitalization would be like Riverside Park, West End Beach.

Kelly Decker: Public infrastructure would be your sewer, your water and your storm drain, public facilities or community planning would be, possibly something like DPW, facility, community recreation facility. There's no specifics out yet, as soon as we get the specifics, we'll try to get that information out to you. But if you're from the public, you would like to give any input on some ideas, that public hearing is now set on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 6:30 pm.

William Frank: Mr. Mayor?

Kelly Decker: Yes, sir.

William Frank: People could also submit suggestions in writing before the public hearing.

Kelly Decker: Correct. You may submit, suggestions in writing, you could send them to, the Port Jervis Mayor's office at [mayor@portjervisny.gov](mailto:mayor@portjervisny.gov). Can I entertain-

Lisa Randazzo: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Kelly Decker: Did you pass it?

Lisa Randazzo: Yep.

Kelly Decker: Okay. Thank you. All right, Memorial Day, I know Mr. Siegel mentioned it. I'll just reiterate it. There is no parade and it was not canceled by The City. It was the decision of the VFW post 161 and the Naval Ship that they chose not to have the parade this year, but they are performing the ceremonies as normally performed at Orange Square Veterans Park at 11:00 am this coming Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Kelly Decker: The last thing that I wanted to, this was actually just came out today because we weren't a 100% it was going to happen, but the Port Jervis Elks Brox hiker biker campground will be opening this weekend in time for Memorial Day. There will be a caretaker who is volunteering his time onsite. There are 38 sites, 12 are platform sites. One is a handicapped site, one is an RV site and the remainder are ground tent camping with potentially they're working on building lean-tos.

Kelly Decker: There are four porta johns that are available and cleaned weekly, the area will be lighted. There's 250-gallon tank of potable treated water filled every day, there is also 38, excuse me, 3,850 gallon totes containing non-potable water such as for fire suppression. You can go to Facebook right now is live, it is the Port Jervis Elks Brox B-R-O-X campground.

Kelly Decker: You can go on Facebook, and they have a link there that'll take you to the website that has just been completed today that you can... Everything will be booked. It's \$20, a site per night. I think when you book on the website, it comes out to \$22, because they charged, the company charges the

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fee, and you can book your site ahead of time and I think that's about it. It's going to be an easy link and I'll put it up on my, mayor's Facebook page as well as the website as soon as I can.

Lisa Randazzo: Mayor.

Kelly Decker: Yes.

Lisa Randazzo: Maria has something.

Kelly Decker: Yes, ma'am.

Maria Mann: Grievance schedule

Kelly Decker: Oh, thank you. The last day for filing grievances for assessment is May 25th, which is-

Stanley Siegel: Tomorrow.

Kelly Decker: Tomorrow. So, if you're going to file a grievance, file it real soon. If I have no other business, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Timothy Simmons: So, moved.

Kristin Trovei: Second.

Kelly Decker: Motion by Mr. Simmons, second by Ms. Trovei. Discussion, all in favor?

Audience: Aye.

Kelly Decker: Opposed? So, carried. Thank you. Have a great night everybody.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, in-person in Council Chambers City Hall 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis, New York.



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