

Regular Meeting - City of Port Jervis Common Council :

A regular meeting of the City of Port Jervis Common Council was held in the Council Chambers at 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis, New York on Monday May 08, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance-

Regis Foster	1st Ward	Absent
Elizabeth Miller	1st Ward	Present
Maria Mann	2nd Ward	Present
Misty Fuller	2nd Ward	Present
Denis Livingston	3rd Ward	Present
Michael Decker	3rd Ward	Present
Timothy Simmons	4th Ward	Present
Melissa Newhauser	4th Ward	Present
Stanley Siegel	Councilman-At-Large	Present
Mayor Decker	Mayor	Present

Also present :

City Clerk-Treasurer Laura Quick and Corporation Counsel William Frank, Esq.

The meeting opened at 6:30 pm by Mayor Decker.

Pledge of Allegiance-

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

Mayor Appointment - Melissa Newhauser was appointed Chair of the Police Committee

Presentation - Dr. John Bell and Mr. John Timm presented the Port Jervis Central School District Budget to the Council

Public Hearing-

- 6:59 pm - Proposed Local Law 2 of 2023- Waterfront Mixed Use District. Motion to open by T. Simmons second M. Decker all in favor. Single family homes will be permitted within both the mountain conservation district as well as the waterfront district. No public discussion.
7:03 pm – Motion by D. Livingston to keep the hearing open second by T. Simmons – all in favor.
- 7:03 pm - Proposed Local Law 3 of 2023-Modify Charter Article 2 for Personnel Reporting - Motion to open by T. Simmons seconded by M. Decker – all in favor. No public discussion. Motion to close the hearing by S. Siegel second by T. Simmons – all in favor.
- 7:05 pm - Proposed Local Law 4 of 2023 – Amend 535 Bottle & Can Redemption/ Motor Vehicle Sales - Motion to open by D. Livingston second by S. Siegel – all in favor. Discussion: Business owners still need approval from the Planning Board.
7:12pm – Motion to close the public hearing by D. Livingston second by S. Siegel - all in favor.
- 7:12 pm – Proposed Law 5 of 2023 – Amend 535-4 Per Grooming – Motion to open by E. Miller second by D. Livingston – all in favor. T. Simmons – This is a good move on our part that dooming businesses can open. No Public Comment.
7:14 pm – Motion to close the public hearing by T. Simmons second by D. Livingston – all in favor.

- 7:14pm – Proposed Local law 6 of 2023 – Modify Article 4 of Charter - Motion to open by E. Miller second by S. Siegel- all in favor. Public Comment – Joan McBride – Is it just the Council members that are on the audit claim committee? It seems like you are putting everything in one basket.
- 7:20pm – Motion to close the public hearing by D. Livingston second by E. Miller – all in favor.

Public Comment-

- Angelo Quinones – Third ward – Proposed a fitness park for the residents to use. He was directed to the next Recreation Committee meeting.
- Mary Lou Hack – Discussed the illegal immigrants in Orange County. The mayor discussed how the City is being vigilant.
- Valerie Maginsky- Discussed the Comprehensive plan from 2019 and how it relates to Zoning/DRI.
- Ed Jones – Discussed an issue with Fort Knox, W. Frank, ESQ asked Mr. Jones to meet with him after the meeting.
- Joan McBride – Appealed the FOIL denial . W. Frank will respond in writing accordingly.

Executive Session- 7:48 pm

A motion was made by T. Simmons second by M. Mann to enter executive session based on Public Officers Law Article 7

- 105.1f – Personnel (x3)
- 105.1-h Acquisitions (x7)

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

8:28 pm A motion was made by T. Simmons to return from executive session second by M. Decker

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

Approval of Minutes-

- Motion to approve April 10, 2023 minutes D. Livingston second E. Miller.
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to approve April 20, 2023 minutes D. Livingston second M. Newhauser.
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Executive Session Material-

- Motion to request a bid to demo 62-64 Sussex with asbestos removal by T. Simmons second by S. Siegel.
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to for a three-month extension of the Fire Inspector stipend for employee # 211 by D. Livingston second by S. Siegel.
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Regular Business-

Mayor Decker – ADA -The next ADA committee meeting September 5, 2023 5:30 pm Council Chambers

E. Miller - Finance

- Motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant. Second by D. Livingston
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The next Finance meeting may be moved due to a possible scheduling conflict.

Mayor Decker- Motion by T. Simmons to hold a special Council meeting on May 17, 2023 at 6:00 pm second by E. Miller
 AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

M. Fuller - FEM-

- Motion to remove Gerald A. Harden III from active membership second by T. Simmons
 AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to deny the request to attend Harrisburg Fire Show second S. Siegel
 AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

M. Mann - Tourism-

Thank you, Mayor

5/08/2023

Tourism has not met since their last meeting. The board would like to thank all who participated in the citywide yard sale this past weekend. Some of the upcoming events are Fabulous 50's which will be held on Sunday June 4th from 12pm to 6pm at Riverside Park. There will be a classic car show, vendors also returning with live entertainment are the Cameos and Ryan Wilson. The Italian festival Bella Notte Italiana will be held on Saturday August 12th at Orange Square Park from 3pm to 9pm. There will be delicious foods, and wonderful vendors. With an opening performance by Vanessa Racci who will perform Italian American classics. Sal the Voice Valentinetti will be returning with a four-piece orchestrated band. Applications to participate as a vendor are available on the city's website as well as the city clerk's office. These events are at no cost to the public, lawn chairs are welcomed.

The next tourism meeting will be held on Wednesday May 10th at 7pm here in the council chambers. Members of the public are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Anyone with any further inquiries may email tourism chair Laura Meyer at tourism@portjervisny.gov

- Motion to approve the Fabolous 50's June 4, 2023 event application second D. Livingston
 AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to approve the Bella Notte August 12, 2023 event application second E. Miller
 AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

M. Mann - IDA-

IDA has not met since their last meeting. Their next meeting will be held on Monday May 24th at 6:00pm here in the council chambers.

M. Decker -Planning -

The Planning Board met on April 18, 2023 - Pre-Submission review continued for Treetop Companies Warehouse Facility, 123 Ryan St & 59 Route 209; SBLs: 24-1-2.1, 24-1-3.1, 24-1-9, 24-1-12, 24-1-8, 24-1-7; Site development Plan for the new construction of a SF warehouse facility. Zone: R2 Continue the next big project is the Dicks concrete project. Traffic will only be for emergency egress on Ryan Street.

The next meeting is May 16, 2023 at 7pm

M. Decker -Zoning -

The Zoning Board met on May 2, 2023 - Pre-Submission for Warner Tschopp/137&139 Jersey Ave., SBL: 19-2-21 & 19-2-1; requesting an Area Variance for Conditional Use for Self-storage Trailer Park with a Public Parking Lot.

The next meeting is June 6, 2023 at 7pm

D. Livingston - DPW-

- Motion to approve April 3, 2023 minutes second M. Newhauser
 AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to approve Resolution 2023-0508-042 Solid Waste Disposal Passes second E. Miller
 AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

- Motion to approve a Salt Barn Study by MHE engineering in the amount of \$8,000 second E. Miller
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Garbage and recycling on the week of May 8th will be on its normal schedule. The week of May 15th garbage and recycling will be on its normal schedule. The week of May 8th and the week of May 15th paper pickup will be on its normal scheduled day.
- The 2023 Garbage schedule is available on the city website at www.portjervisny.gov or by emailing the DPW office at dpwclerk@portjervisny.gov.
- Compost pile will be open every Saturday from 7:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (tree limbs cannot be over 3 inches in diameter)
- Bag Leaves and brush will be picked up every Monday until finished.
- City wide blacktop repair is in progress.
- Pike St. sidewalk installation is ongoing.

D. Livingston - CDA

T. Simmons - Code-

- Motion Local Law 2 of 2023 second M. Mann
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion approve Local Law 3 of 2023 second D. Livingston.
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to set May 22, 2023 at 6:31pm public hearing for Local Law 7 2023 second D. Livingston.
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The next Code meeting will be June 7, 2023 at 6:30pm

M. Newhauser - Recreation-

- Motion to hire Laborers- John Zapata II and Geffen Cauthen- to start no earlier than May 15. Recreation Specialists (Beach Attendants)- Harry Tomasi, Bryn Hendershot (both returning employees), Connor Brace, Aiden McBride- to start June 26, 2023. Lifeguards- Braeden Ross, Ryan Ross, Emma Malley, Josh Maillet (all returning employees), Briana Juncaj, Michael Amato- to start June 26, 2023. Sr. Recreation Leader (Sr. Playground Supervisor)- Mike Cordisco (returning employee)- to start July 3, 2023. Recreation Leaders (Playground Supervisors)- Amaya Townsend, Harry Tomasi, Nicholas Rodriguez, Riley Sauschuck (all returning employees), Erin Batzel, Stephanie DeJesus- to start June 26, 2023. Recreation Specialist at the Youth Center- Kelly Grusz- to start May 22, 2023. Second E. Miller

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- There are seats still available for the Recreation Department's Tri-State Pizza Tour field trip on Saturday May 20. The cost is \$45 per person. The field trip will include 8 different pizza places in the Tri-State area. The day will start at 11 am at the Youth Center- we will then board the bus and travel to Montague NJ, Milford PA, Westfall PA, Matamoras PA and finally back in Port Jervis NY. We will sample pizza (each person will get 1 slice of pizza at each pizza place- you don't have to eat the entire slice, just sample it and bring the remaining home to enjoy) from each pizza place and judge each pizza place when done. The pizza place with the highest score will be our Tri-Sate Best Pizza winner! Join us for a fun afternoon eating great pizza and supporting local businesses!
- Please remember that dogs are NOT permitted in City parks or playgrounds. Dogs are allowed in the Watershed Trails, D & H Trail, Mike McCarthy Walkway and the Dog Yard. Owners/dog walkers MUST clean up after their dogs!
- Please also remember that smoking is NOT permitted in City parks and playgrounds as well.

- The Youth Center is open Monday-Friday between 3 pm- 6 pm. Our last Teen Night of the school year will be held on Friday May 19 between 6 pm- 9pm. Teen Night will start up again in September.
- The Rec. Dept. Summer Program is being worked on and flyers will be available by May 22, 2023. Summer Program flyers will also be passed out in the elementary schools in late May. The Summer Program will include West End Beach schedule, FREE Outdoor concerts schedule, FREE Outdoor movie schedule, Youth Center and Playground schedule and activities and special events.
- The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday May 10 at 6:15 pm at the Youth Center.
- The 29th Delaware River Run was held yesterday May 7 at Riverside Park and throughout the city. 270 adults and children completed the 5K run and walk under beautiful weather. Thank you to all the adult and student volunteers that assisted us yesterday morning. Thank you to the PJ Vol. Amb. Corp, Rec. Dept. maintenance crew, PJP, Recreation Commission and The Bell family as well. Next year is the 30th Anniversary of Delaware River Run and we are planning a big celebration! Mark your calendars for May 5, 2024.

M. Newhauser - Police-

- Motion to approve a formal offer of conditional appointment to the rank of probationary full time police officer to candidate Amanda Hulse effective May 22,2023. Subject to receipt, review, and acceptance of a satisfactory background check. Second D. Livingston
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Announcement : The annual Police Officer Memorial Day observance ceremony is scheduled form May 15, 2023 2:30pm at St. Mary's Cemetery to pay homage to Officer John Mackechnie and the over 22,500 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

S. Siegel - Housing/Veterans

- Housing will meet on May 22, 2023 at Hillside Terrace.
- Veterans' facilities now have relaxed the masking requirements.
- A centralized firehouse will have a cost savings benefit-please vote for the exchange of land.
- More vaccines are now free with Medicare Part D
- Honor flights are on April 14 and April 20. For information visit www.hvhonorflight.com
- Memorial Day Parade is May 29, 2023 at 10:30 am, Veterans Day Parade, November 11, 2023, and December 3, 2023 1: pm West End Beach. Line up is at 9:30am

Public Comment -

- None

Mayor Decker -

- Motion to approve event Hebrew Academy Riverside Park 6/1/2023 3:30 - 6:30pm Motion T. Simmons second S. Siegel
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to approve event Father's Day Car Show & BBQ at the Turntable on June 17, 2023 Motion by D. Livingston second M. Newhauser
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to approve event Salvation Army Community Worship on 6/24/2023 from 10-6 Motion by E. Miller second T. Simmons
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to approve Resolution 2023-0508-039 Motion by D. Livingston second S. Siegel
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Tri-States Pools celebrating 50 years of service in Port Jervis

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Motion: E. Miller Second S. Siegel
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Foster) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Respectfully,
Laura Quick
City Clerk Treasurer