

Special Meeting - City of Port Jervis Common Council :

A Special 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 June 6, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance-

Regis Foster	1st Ward	Present
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, City Engineer Jim Farr, Building Official Dave Rivera, Corporation Counsel Will Frank.

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.

Executive Session- 6:31 pm

A motion was made by T. Simmons seconded by M. Decker to enter into executive session based on Public Officers Law

Article 7 105.1f - Personnel -Discussing specific individuals and their potential employment with the City of Port Jervis

The Council will also seek advice from legal counsel on issues regarding any other attorney client privileged matters as necessary.

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

6:50 pm A motion was made by M. Fuller to return from executive session second by M. Decker

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

62-Sussex Street Dangerous and Hazardous building discussion-

Chapter 234 City Code entitled Dangerous buildings

- Building Official Dave Rivera and City Engineer Jim Farr performed a joint inspection of 62 Sussex Street which had a fire a few years ago and has been vacant since. An unfit building posting was done a few days after the fire. The owner of the building was notified by certified mail.
- Will Frank, ESQ - Is it correct Mr. Farr that a letter was sent to the property owner on October 4, 2021 by certified mail? Mr. Farr - Correct. And that letter was in conformance with section 234-3 E1 of the City code, correct? Mr. Farr - Correct. And you received the certified card back by mail? Mr. Farr - Correct.
- Mr. Farr read his Dangerous building report to the council date June 6, 2022

- Will Frank, ESQ – Mr. Rivera, do you agree with the finding in Mr. Farr’s correspondence and attachments? Mr. Rivera – Correct
- Gentlemen is it your opinion that the building is damaged beyond 50% and should be demolished according to the City Code? Mr. Rivera and Mr. Farr agreed.

Motion to accept 62 Sussex Street Dangerous Building Report by City Engineer Jim Farr and confirmed by Building Official D. Rivera authorizing Corporate Council to create a Resolution to proceed with preparation of a notice to be served on the current property owner. Moved by S. Siegel Second by T. Simmons
 AYE: 9 ASENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

64-Sussex Street Possible Dangerous and Hazardous building discussion-

Chapter 234 City Code entitled Dangerous buildings.

City Engineer J. Farr – This is a City owned building and the structure needs some work and could potentially be salvaged. Will Frank, ESQ inquired if the building is less than 50% structurally unsound? Mr. Rivera stated that the cost for demolition/rehab and building new are going to be around the same cost. It is his option to have a new energy efficient building built would be the better option. The council decided to table this discussion.

7:13 pm Motion to enter executive session including the DPW Director, Building Official, and City Engineer with regards to 19-21 East View place. Motion by D. Livingston Second by M. Decker
 AYE: 9 ASENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

7:36 pm Motion to return from executive session Motion by T. Simmons Second by M. Decker
 AYE: 9 ASENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

A motion to approve a temporary license agreement for ingress and egress construction use between the City and the Port Jervis City School District with respect to property located at 108 East Main Street SBL 9-3-47 subject to the following:

1. Receipt and approval of a letter of intent between the City and the School District in respect to swapping certain parcels of property which will be defined in the letter of intent which will be approved by the City Council
2. Subject to the final version of the temporary revocable license agreement being in acceptable form and content to Corporation Counsel.

Motion by S. Siegel Second by T. Simmons
 AYE: 9 ASENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

7:38 pm - Motion to enter into executive session for interviews to including DPW director, Mike Sobolewski, Wayne Addy, and Mark Muller for potential hire as Assistant DPW Director.

Motion by T. Simmons Second by D. Livingston
 AYE: 9 ASENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

9:06 pm - Motion to return from executive session.
 Motion by T. Simmons Second by M. Decker
 AYE: 9 ASENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mayor Decker: The Common Council is prepared to temporarily appoint which will last until the permanent appointment of the DPW Director with a revert clause Wayne Addy as Assistant DPW Director.
Motion by R. Foster Second by M. Decker to appoint Wayne Addy:

R. Foster - Yes

L. Miller - Yes

M. Fuller - No

M. Mann - No

S. Siegel - No

M. Decker - Yes

D. Livingston - Yes

T. Simmons - No

M. Newhauser - Yes

Appointment is effective immediately.

Motion to adjourn at 9:09 pm. Motion S. Siegel Second T. Simmons
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Respectfully,

Laura Quick

City Clerk Treasurer