

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, 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis, New York on Monday February 28,2021 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
Kelly Decker	Mayor	Present

Also present City Clerk-Treasurer Treasurer Laura Quick, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Treasurer Bobbi Jo Muller, and Corporate 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.

Mayor ([00:40](#)):

It is 6:30 PM. Monday, February 28th, 2022. I'll call the meeting and [Port Share's Common 00:00:45] Council to order. Please rise for the pledge.

Group ([00:49](#)):

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.

Speaker 1 ([01:01](#)):

God Bless America.

Mayor ([01:01](#)):

And we will first do roll call, just state your name that you're present. Mr. Foster.

Regis Foster ([01:11](#)):

Regis Foster. Present.

Mayor ([01:11](#)):

Miss Miller?

Liz Miller ([01:13](#)):

Liz Miller present.

Mayor ([01:14](#)):

Miss Fuller?

Ms. Fuller ([01:16](#)):

Ms. Fuller, present.

Mayor ([01:16](#)):

Miss Mann.

Ms. Mann ([01:16](#)):

Maria Mann. Second ward council. Present.

Mayor ([01:19](#)):

Mr. Siegel?

Stan Siegel ([01:20](#)):

Stan Siegel, counselor at large. Present.

Mayor ([01:22](#)):

Kelly Decker, mayor. Present. Mr. Decker?

Mike Decker ([01:24](#)):

Mike Decker, present.

Mayor ([01:26](#)):

Mr. Livingston?

Dennis Livingston ([01:27](#)):

Dennis Livingston, present.

Mayor ([01:27](#)):

Mr. Simmons?

Tim Simmons ([01:28](#)):

Tim Simmons, present.

Mayor ([01:28](#)):

Miss Newhauser?

Melissa Newhauser ([01:29](#)):

Melissa Newhauser, present.

Mayor ([01:33](#)):

Mr. Frank?

Will Frank ([01:34](#)):

Will Frank, corporation council present.

Mayor ([01:36](#)):

Thank you. The first order business we have is we have a public hearing. This is for proposed local law one of 2022. It's the prohibited smoking. I'll entertain a motion to open the public hearing. So, motion by Mr. Simmons. Do I have a second?

Dennis Livingston ([01:51](#)):

Second.

Mayor ([01:52](#)):

Second by Mr. Livingston. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([01:56](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([01:57](#)):

Opposed? So carried. Mr. Frank, I'll throw it to you.

Mr. Frank ([02:01](#)):

Very well. Yeah. Mr. Simmons, do you want to talk?

Mr. Frank ([02:40](#)):

Okay. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. This is some updates to the city's smoking ordinance. Your basic definitions, including city owned building, city-owned property and also what created for it. To take into consideration the fact that cannabis has been legalized in New York state, the consumption of it, and to add prohibitions against smoking such products in public areas that are controlled by the city.

Will Frank ([03:10](#)):

We also vetted that outdoor smoking is prohibited in certain public places, including city parks, including but not limited to riverside park. As well as hiking and biking trails, the smoking is prohibited in any pavilion playground, the playing field within 200 feet of city owned buildings, and all city owned property, and also indoor smoking is prohibited in city own properties and buildings, the interior of any city parks or interior of any of the buildings on those public places.

Will Frank ([03:51](#)):

And really it's, as I mentioned, it's an update to existing smoking prohibitions or we will suggest, if the law is adopted, is that there's additional signage has been prepared to take consideration some of the updates to the law. That's really the overview.

Mayor ([04:10](#)):

Thank you, sir. Chairman Simmons, do you have anything to add?

Tim Simmons ([04:14](#)):

No, thank you, sir. With regard to... Actually, I do. With regard to the signage, I believe that we've got a contact with the American Lung Association who has made mention that they would be willing to provide signage for us at no cost. But we would-

Mayor ([04:40](#)):

Yes, that would be great. We would want make sure do we have final approval on signage to make sure it complies with any updates to the city code that we may be doing with this local law, if it's adopted.

Tim Simmons ([04:52](#)):

Right.

Mayor ([04:54](#)):

They've already been working with Chief Gordon in the past and I'm sure they'll be agreeable to do that.

Regis Foster ([05:05](#)):

Our current signage says 25 feet. So we have to change that number on the current signage in the parks.

Mayor ([05:13](#)):

Okay. Anybody from the council? Not hearing anyone from the public. Sir, just please state your name and the ward in question.

Jack Austin ([05:24](#)):

Jack Austin. A question. Does the 200 foot perimeter apply, for example to Orange Square Park where 200 feet would be across any of the adjoining streets?

Tim Simmons ([05:37](#)):

That's 250, actually.

Jack Austin ([05:38](#)):

250. And that would, right? Yes. So it would be a fairly good distance around those parks.

Tim Simmons ([05:45](#)):

Significant radius.

Jack Austin ([05:46](#)):

Right. Good. Thank you. Okay.

Mayor ([05:54](#)):

Not seeing any of the other public. Entertain the motion to close the public hearing.

Tim Simmons ([06:00](#)):

So moved.

Mayor ([06:01](#)):

Motion by Mr. Simmons.

Stan Siegel ([06:02](#)):

Seconded.

Mayor ([06:02](#)):

Second by Mr. Siegel. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([06:07](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([06:08](#)):

Opposed? So carried. Thank you. Public comment. We have anybody signed up for public comment?
[crosstalk 00:06:24]

Regis Foster ([06:25](#)):

Maybe next time.

Mayor ([06:28](#)):

Okay. Now I'll entertain a motion to go into executive session. You have before you 105.1H times three, but we're making that times four, as we received a real estate offer within the last hour or so. It'll include 89 Hammond Street, as well as the 220 East Main Street, 1 Grand View Avenue, also contractual with Tyler Tech and request that Ms. Quick, be able to come in and then 105.1H times two is personnel for DPW and the building department.

Regis Foster ([07:02](#)):

And I'm going to, there, I'm going to add one more personnel for police.

Mayor ([07:06](#)):

For police?

Stan Siegel ([07:07](#)):

And another one for DPW.

Mayor ([07:08](#)):

So two for DPW and one for police. What's your pleasure?

Tim Simmons ([07:14](#)):

So moved.

Mayor ([07:14](#)):

Motion by Mr. Simmons. Do I have a second?

Regis Foster ([07:16](#)):

Second.

Mayor ([07:17](#)):

Second by Mr. Foster. Discussion? All in favor.

Group ([07:20](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([07:21](#)):

Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

Mayor ([07:24](#)):

For those of you on Facebook, you will see two of two come up as soon as we're done with executive session. I'll restart it.

Mayor ([08:03](#)):

Okay. It is 7:37. I'll entertain a motion to come back out of executive session.

Tim Simmons ([08:15](#)):

So moved.

Mayor ([08:16](#)):

Motion by Mr. Simmons. Second?

Mike Decker ([08:18](#)):

Second.

Mayor ([08:19](#)):

Second by to Mr. Decker. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([08:22](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([08:23](#)):

Opposed? So carried, I'll entertain a motion to approve the minutes of February 14th, 2022 council meeting with your pleasure.

Dennis Livingston ([08:32](#)):

So moved.

Mayor ([08:34](#)):

Motion by Mr. Livingston. Do I have a second?

Stan Siegel ([08:35](#)):

Second.

Mayor ([08:36](#)):

Second by Mr. Siegel. Discussion? All in favor.

Group ([08:39](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([08:40](#)):

Opposed? So carried. Okay. As an executive session, we have a couple of motions here. One is to reimburse and take off the market under a request of the purchaser to terminate the sale and reimburse of 22 East Main Street, as well as taking it off the market.

Stan Siegel ([09:03](#)):

220.

Mayor ([09:03](#)):

I'm sorry. 220. I'm sorry. 220. Yes. What's your pleasure?

Regis Foster ([09:09](#)):

So moved.

Mayor ([09:10](#)):

Motion by Mr. Foster. Second by Mr. Siegel. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([09:15](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([09:15](#)):

All opposed? So carried.

Regis Foster ([09:19](#)):

And the reason for that is that it's not billable due to a... What do you call that?

Mayor ([09:25](#)):

An easement.

Regis Foster ([09:27](#)):

An easement.

Mayor ([09:28](#)):

An easement that runs through the property.

Regis Foster ([09:30](#)):

Goes through. Yeah.

Mayor ([09:32](#)):

Okay. I'll entertain a motion to sell the property of 89 Hammond Street for \$60,000. What's your pleasure?

Tim Simmons ([09:39](#)):

So moved.

Mayor ([09:41](#)):

You guys couldn't do that fast enough. By Mr. Simmons. Second by Mr. Livingston. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([09:47](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([09:48](#)):

Opposed? So carried. The next request for a motion would be to labor council's consideration of resigned DPW employment and request to follow what labor council advises-

Tim Simmons ([10:12](#)):

With the memorandum.

Mayor ([10:13](#)):

With the memorandum of agreement.

Tim Simmons ([10:16](#)):

So moved.

Mayor ([10:17](#)):

Motion by Mr. Simmons. Second?

Dennis Livingston ([10:19](#)):

Second by Mr. Livingston.

Mayor ([10:20](#)):

Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([10:23](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([10:24](#)):

Opposed? So carried. Tyler technology motion for the council to approve the contract based on final review of our corporation council.

Stan Siegel ([10:42](#)):

So moved.

Mayor ([10:43](#)):

Motion by Mr. Siegel. Second?

Tim Simmons ([10:45](#)):

Second.

Mayor ([10:46](#)):

Second by Mr. Simmons. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([10:49](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([10:50](#)):

Opposed? So carried. We are going to hold two properties from the city tax lien sale. They are 126 Front Street.

Tim Simmons ([11:08](#)):

We write the address down?

Mayor ([11:10](#)):

It's Brooklyn Street.

Liz Miller ([11:14](#)):

The red one.

Speaker 1 ([11:15](#)):

Is it 17?

Ms. Mann ([11:17](#)):

That's go to... We're holding that one?

Mayor ([11:20](#)):

17 Brooklyn.

Ms. Mann ([11:21](#)):

Okay.

Mayor ([11:22](#)):

Both because of litigation purposes.

Ms. Mann ([11:24](#)):

Gotcha.

Mayor ([11:25](#)):

Okay? So they're the only two properties that the counselor considering holding. What's your pleasure?

Regis Foster ([11:31](#)):

So moved.

Mayor ([11:31](#)):

Motion by Mr. Foster. Second?

Stan Siegel ([11:33](#)):

Second.

Mayor ([11:34](#)):

Second by Mr. Siegel. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([11:38](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([11:38](#)):

All opposed? So carried. Next is for an approval of a police officer in the school. This is, we're approving Nick Dillas to begin on March 7th. What's your pleasure?

Regis Foster ([11:58](#)):

So moved.

Mayor ([11:59](#)):

Mr. Foster. Second by Mr. Livingston. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([12:06](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([12:07](#)):

Opposed? So carried. And the last is for a shortening of the time that the candidates for assistant DPW director sit in that seat for review, which was 56 days to be shortened to six weeks. What's your pleasure?

Dennis Livingston ([12:27](#)):

So moved.

Mayor ([12:27](#)):

Mr. Livingston.

Stan Siegel ([12:28](#)):

Seconded.

Mayor ([12:28](#)):

Second by Mr. Siegel. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([12:32](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([12:33](#)):

Opposed? So carried. Have one more here. Oh no, I'll do that again.

Ms. Mann ([12:43](#)):

It was six weeks. I don't understand.

Mayor ([12:44](#)):

What's that?

Liz Miller ([12:45](#)):

I thought it was six weeks.

Mayor ([12:45](#)):

No, it was 56 days.

Stan Siegel ([12:46](#)):

56 days. So it's being shorted to six weeks. So it would mean that the first rotation would end next week.

Dennis Livingston ([12:59](#)):

First one's in the fifth week now. So it would be one more week after this week.

Mayor ([13:05](#)):

Originally it was almost to the end of March, right? Seven times six, this is 42. So I think it was 56. So we're shortened to 42 days. All right. Make sure I got everything here.

Mayor ([13:30](#)):

All right. Regular business, Mr. Foster?

Regis Foster ([13:33](#)):

Police ABA. Thank you mayor. At this time, I'd to make a motion to approve the Port Jervis PBA 5k race. That would be on June 4th, across March for Skyline Drive.

Mayor ([13:47](#)):

Motion by Mr. Foster. Do I have second?

Tim Simmons ([13:49](#)):

Second.

Mayor ([13:49](#)):

Second by Mr. Simmons. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([13:52](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([13:53](#)):

Opposed? So carried.

Tim Simmons ([13:55](#)):

A couple updates. Members of the Port Jervis city police department are spending time with students from ASK and HB schools this week as a guest readers to help celebrate Read Across America about our beloved to author Dr. Seuss. Since it's beginning, the annual reading day has been held on March 2nd, which is Dr. Sue's birthday. Support to Port Jervis services school districts efforts to promote literacy. Officers are now visiting classrooms in grades K through six, talking to students about the importance of reading and especially what Dr. Seuss entailed in his many stories.

Tim Simmons ([14:39](#)):

The opportunity allows officers and students to spend quality outreach time together, discussing important lessons learned from the books and engaging in community policing dialogue with our young residents. The next police committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24th at 6:15, right here in council chambers. And the next ADA meeting will be next Monday, 6:30, following the DPW meeting hear in the council chambers. And that's all have, mayor. Thank you.

Mayor ([15:12](#)):

Thank you, sir. Ms. Miller, finance.

Liz Miller ([15:14](#)):

Thank you, Lisa, Bill. Get ready for my numbers from the general fund \$361,579 and 2 cents. From the water fund, we have \$61,428 and 61 cents, from the sewer fund, \$11,674 and 48 cents from the capital fund, \$25,107 and 61 cents. And from trust and agency, \$41,988 and 11 cents bringing our total to 501,777 and 83 cents. Some larger items to note from the general water and sewer funds. We had our New York state employee health insurance, which was 256,167 and 82 cents from Carlo Inc. we had 19,149 and 41 cents. From Beaumont Tele group for gas and diesel. That was \$20,635 and 29 cents. And for Orange and Rockland \$45,672 and 49 cents. And for the capital fund, some larger items were FinTech Corp, which was for \$14,380 and 61 cents. And for traffic systems, \$10,727 and zero cents. So I would to make a motion to pay the bills.

Mayor ([16:53](#)):

I have a motion to pay the bills by Ms. Miller. Do I have a second?

Ms. Boulder ([16:57](#)):

Second.

Mayor ([16:57](#)):

Second by Ms. Boulder. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([17:01](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([17:02](#)):

Opposed? So carried.

Liz Miller ([17:05](#)):

So we also have a warrant for the collection of the 2022 city tax to Laura Quick, our Clerk Treasurer. You are hereby commanded to collect from several named persons in the tax rule annex year two. The several sums stated in the last column there of opposite their respective names, a total of \$7,138,021 and 39 cents for the 2022 city current and budget with any other unpaid assessments as may be noted in the said city tax role, beginning on March 15th, 2022. 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 May 2nd, 2022 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 on paid May 2nd, 2022, you are required to collect an additional six percent from of such first installment. During the month of June, 2022, you are required to receive and collect from each of the said persons, companies, corporations, and associations, the second one half of such taxes as appear opposite your respective names without penalty or interest added there too. And as such second installment, our second one half remains unpaid after June 30th, 2022. You are required to collect an addition, there to 6% of set 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 there on. You are authorized to receive the second installment of said taxes set forth opposite the names of any person's company corporation or association at the time when the first installment is paid or any time thereafter.

All such taxes remaining unpaid after June 30th, 2022 shall bear, and you are required to collect thereon in addition to the said 6% of interest at a rate of one per centum per month from the first day of July, 2022.

Mayor ([19:23](#)):

Just make that a motion.

Liz Miller ([19:24](#)):

So I'd like to motion the warrant of the collection of the 2022 City Taxes

Mayor ([19:27](#)):

Motion by Ms. Miller. Do I have second?

Regis Foster ([19:29](#)):

Second.

Mayor ([19:29](#)):

Second by Mr. Foster. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([19:33](#)):

Aye!

Group ([19:34](#)):

Oppose? So carried, thank you.

Liz Miller ([19:36](#)):

And I have a resolution of the common council, the city of Port Jervis, for banking and depository for the tourism account. So whereas the city of Port Jervis common council had determined that establishing the tourism bank account with M & T Bank is in the best interest city. It is hereby resolved that the common counsel of the city of Port Jervis directs the city court charter to establish a checking account with M and T Bank and to deposit funds of the tourism board. So I'd to make that motion.

Mayor ([20:02](#)):

We have a motion by Ms. Miller. Let's second.

Ms. Mann ([20:04](#)):

Second.

Mayor ([20:05](#)):

Second by Ms. Mann. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([20:07](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([20:07](#)):

Opposed? So carried.

Liz Miller ([20:08](#)):

The finance committee met on Wednesday, February 16th and our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 16th at 6:00 PM here in the Council Chambers and that is all I have. Thank you.

Mayor ([20:22](#)):

I'm sorry. When was the meeting?

Liz Miller ([20:23](#)):

Wednesday, March 16th.

Mayor ([20:25](#)):

Okay.

Mayor ([20:27](#)):

Ms. Fuller, fire emergency management.

Ms. Fuller ([20:31](#)):

Fire emergency management met on Tuesday, February 22nd. We approved our minutes from January 25th meeting. I would to make a motion to accept those minutes and have them posted to the city's website.

Mayor ([20:42](#)):

Motion by Ms. Fuller second by Mr. Simmons. This is for the January 25th fire emergency management meeting. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([20:51](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([20:51](#)):

Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

Ms. Fuller ([20:55](#)):

It is with the deepest regret that I announced the passing of past Chief Mike Cicalese. Mike is the father of past Chief Dominic Cicalese. He was a 37 year member of the department as an Orange County fire investigator. Mike made a great impression on the people everywhere he went and will be greatly missed. My condolences go out to his family on their loss. January call review. There were 39 calls in the month of January with a total of three working structure fires, all happening in the fourth ward. Several pieces of apparatus were out of service. Engine two was out for three days. Engine five was out for nine days and truck seven was out for 27 days.

Ms. Fuller ([21:37](#)):

All are currently back in service. We have a few events coming up over the next few weeks, Neversink engine Company number one has their spaghetti and meatball takeout scheduled for Saturday, March 5th, from four to six 30. It's bring your own container and they are offering free local delivery. Mahagama Hook and Ladder is hosting a roast beef takeout on Saturday, March 12th from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. And engine two is currently hosting their spring fever cash raffle, which is currently underway through May. You can see any engine two member for tickets and drawings are being held on the last Sunday of every month. The next fire and emergency management meeting is Monday, March 21st at 6:30 PM here in council chambers. And that's all I have, Mayor.

Mayor ([22:25](#)):

Thank you.

Mayor ([22:27](#)):

I may ask you to move that about 15 minutes ahead, because I'm going to set that special meeting for 6:30.

Ms. Fuller ([22:33](#)):

Oh, okay.

Mayor ([22:35](#)):

But it shouldn't be that long, maybe five or 10 minutes at the most.

Ms. Fuller ([22:38](#)):

Okay. Thank you.

Mayor ([22:40](#)):

Ms. Mann tourism IDA.

Ms. Mann ([22:42](#)):

Thank you, mayor. Tourism hasn't met since their last meeting. The fourth annual St. Patrick's Day parade will be held this on March 6th. Line up will be start at 2:30 on Canal Street with step off at three. To sign up for further information, please contact tourism chair Laura Meyer by email at floralaurapj@yahoo.com. The next tourism meeting will be held on Monday, March 9th, 7:00 PM here in the council chambers. The IDA did not meet last month due to a scheduling conflict. The next IDA meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 30th, at 6:00 PM here in the council chambers. And that's all. Thank you, mayor.

Mayor ([23:26](#)):

Thank you. Shouldn't that be March 7th? Sunday, March 7th? Not the 9th. No, March 9th is Wednesday.

Mike Decker ([23:32](#)):

It's the second Wednesday. March 9th. Always the second Wednesday.

Mayor ([23:37](#)):

Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you said Monday. [crosstalk 00:23:43].

Mike Decker ([23:43](#)):

Yes.

Mayor ([23:44](#)):

Mr. Decker, planning and zoning.

Mike Decker ([23:46](#)):

Thank you, mayor. Zoning has not met yet due to a lack of agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for April 5th, at 7:00 PM here in the council chambers. Planning board did meet. There was a pre-submission for a lot line change, which was approved. The next planning board meeting will be April 19th at 7:00 PM here in the council chambers. Thank you, mayor.

Mayor ([24:11](#)):

Thank you, sir. Mr. Livingston, DPW CBA.

Dennis Livingston ([24:15](#)):

Thank you, mayor. DPW met on February 7th. You'll repeat the minutes. And I'd like a motion to approve those minutes.

Mayor ([24:25](#)):

A motion by Mr. Livingston. Second?

Mike Decker ([24:28](#)):

Second.

Mayor ([24:28](#)):

Second by Mr. Decker. This is to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([24:36](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([24:37](#)):

Opposed? So carried.

Dennis Livingston ([24:39](#)):

We also have a special meeting of the DPW on February 23rd. You all received those minutes and I'd like a motion to approve those also.

Mayor ([24:48](#)):

Motion by Mr. Livingston. Second?

Mike Decker ([24:50](#)):

Second.

Mayor ([24:51](#)):

Second by Mr. Decker. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([24:54](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([24:54](#)):

Opposed. So carried.

Dennis Livingston ([24:57](#)):

And the update for the DPW, garbage and recycling will be on normal schedule for this week of the 28th and March 7th. Paper pickup will be on its normal schedule. First and second board page paper pickup will be done on the regular scheduled days. The 2022 garbage schedule is available on a city website at www.portjervisny.gov.

Mayor ([25:32](#)):

Dot gov.

Dennis Livingston ([25:32](#)):

Yeah. Portjervis.ny.gov or by emailing the DPW office at DPWclerk@portjervis.ny.gov. Leaf pile and brush pips will be closed until spring. 14th Franklin Street clean out will be completed by March 4th. Sewer maintenance is ongoing daily. The next DPW meeting will be held on Monday, March 7th, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the council chambers. I'd also to thank DPW for the nice job they did clearing streets and the public sidewalks in this last storm. CDA met on February 24th. The next meeting will be March 24th, 2000, Thursday. It's not on a Wednesday this month, also. March 24th, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the rec center on Plex Street. And that's all I have, Mayor. Thank you.

Mayor ([26:28](#)):

Thank you, sir. Mr. Simmons, could we?

Tim Simmons ([26:31](#)):

Thank you, major. I would like to make a motion to approve local law number one of 2022, which is the prohibitive smoking law. Also would to add that this was previously listed as a type two action under the secret. So I would make that a motion that we approve local law number one of 2022.

Mayor ([26:58](#)):

Thank you, sir. Motion by Mr. Simmons. Second by Mr. Livingston. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([27:04](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([27:04](#)):

Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

Tim Simmons ([27:06](#)):

Also, I'd to make a motion to approve the social media policy that is now in place for the city of Port Jervis officials and the employees.

Mayor ([27:20](#)):

Motion by Mr. Simmons. Second by Ms. Mann. If approved, can we make sure that all the employees get a copy of this? It's supposed to be attached to the employee handbook.

Ms. Mann ([27:35](#)):

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mayor ([27:35](#)):

Thank you. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([27:39](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([27:40](#)):

Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

Tim Simmons ([27:43](#)):

The next code meeting will be a change. It'll be actually Tuesday, March 8th, at 6:30 PM here, in the council chambers. And then the following month, it will go back to the first Wednesday of the month. I'd also like to, I already offered my condolences to Mike Cicalese's family, but I just wanted to mention that Mike was a great guy, did a lot for a lot of people. He maybe will be missed. And on that same note, 16 years ago, past Chief John Ozzie Devor passed away. And I just want to mention that we still miss to this day and he'll always be remembered. So other than that, thank you, mayor.

Mayor ([28:39](#)):

Thank you, sir. Miss Newhauser, recreation.

Melissa Newhauser ([28:44](#)):

Recreation did not meet for the month of February. There's plenty of upcoming events. The spring cleanup is scheduled for April 9th, 2022. Volunteers are needed to help us clean up the parks after winter and get them ready for the spring and summer. We will be meeting at veteran's park at 10:00 AM and clean up will run until 12 noon. The Easter candy dash for children's ages nine and under will be held on Saturday, April 16th at 11:00 AM at Church Street Park. Children get the opportunity to dash for candy and treats. This is a free event. The 28th Delaware river 5k run and walk will be held on Sunday May 1st. Race will start at 8:45 AM for walkers and 9:00 AM for runners. Online registration is now open. You can register at delawareriver5krun.com. Race day registration will also be available this year

on May 1st. This is a great family event, so don't miss out. Two great field trips are coming up this summer.

Melissa Newhauser ([29:42](#)):

The first is Friday, July 8th, 2022. Baseball hall of fame and spending the day in Cooperstown, New York. The bus will leave port at 7:00 AM and will return approximately at 7:00 PM. That costs only \$65. That includes the bus and the admission ticket, then on Friday, August, 2022, the New York Mets baseball game at City Field in Queens, Mets versus the Brave, 7:10 PM start time. Seats, section 140 rows one, two, and three. The bus will leave Port around 3:45 PM and returns approximately at midnight.

Melissa Newhauser ([30:17](#)):

Those tickets are \$95. Also includes the bus admission tickets. Port Jervis recreation is taking reservations for both trips, no money down currently. Reserve your seats today. You can call 845-858-4045 or you could email recreationdirector@portjervis.ny.gov. The youth center is open Monday through Friday from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. All participants must register with the youth center staff before participating. Face masks are optional and at the discretion of parents and the next recreation commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16th, at 7:00 PM at the youth center. That's all I have. Thank you.

Speaker 1 ([30:58](#)):

Thank you, Ms. Newhauser. Mr. Siegel.

Stan Siegel ([31:01](#)):

Housing and a bunch of other stuff. Oh, where to start. Housing authority last met on February 22nd. The next meeting's scheduled for March 22nd at 7:00 PM. Excuse me. Hillside Terrace. For veterans, the Rum Shock project, for those that are aware of it. The update is that they're closing on a property to end of March. And hopefully in the springtime they'll start doing what they're going to do for disabled veterans.

Stan Siegel ([31:30](#)):

I'd like to let everyone know that Access 23 is moving from our station on Franklin street. The station's program will not be on air this week, starting probably tomorrow until Spectrum moves and re-installs our transmitting equipment, excuse me, once again. We apologize for any inconvenience during our move, but we will be back with better programming as we transition to a new location under the guidance and help and help from some previous members of the station that see the need to continue broadcasting local information and programming.

Stan Siegel ([32:11](#)):

We plan to broadcast both over cable and over the web and hopefully get our youth involved in the station. There'll be more to come. So as they say in the business, "Stay tuned!" I'd like to have the finance committee take a look at the spinner tech contract. And I'd like to discuss the possibility of looking into another company or an individual to take over IT functions. So if we could put that on the schedule for the next finance meeting, I'd appreciate it.

Stan Siegel ([32:52](#)):

Several friends of ours have passed away over the past two weeks and I express our sincerest condolences and sympathies to their families. And as Tim said, Mike Cicalese, who, a dear friend of mine, a great chief. I'm going to miss his laughter and his hugs. He was a people's chief, but he'll be sadly missed for all his contributions to our city and our friendship. I have some things here.

Stan Siegel ([33:33](#)):

I have resolution of the common council city for Port Jervis to purchase storage units. Whereas the city of Port Jervis common council has determined that there is a need for storage containers for certain departments. And whereas the city of Port Jervis have received clothes from Trovei and Sons and Berm recycling for storage containers. It's here by resolved at the common council of city of Port Jervis, directs the mayor and clerk treasurer to purchase from Trovei and Sons two multi door, 40 foot storage containers, one for recreation storage, and one for police storage, not to exceed \$14,900 each. I make a motion that we approve that.

Mayor ([34:18](#)):

Motion by Mr. Siegel. Do I have a second?

Liz Miller ([34:21](#)):

I'll second.

Mayor ([34:22](#)):

Second by Ms. Miller. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([34:27](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([34:27](#)):

Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

Stan Siegel ([34:31](#)):

Thank you. I also like to make a motion of the approved security measures, including window bars, alarm systems, cameras at the caretaker house for records by a location up to \$5,000. I make that a motion.

Mayor ([34:48](#)):

Motion by Mr. Siegel. Second?

Tim Simmons ([34:50](#)):

Second.

Mayor ([34:50](#)):

Second by Mr. Simmons's. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([34:53](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([35:00](#)):

Opposed? So carried.

Stan Siegel ([35:01](#)):

We an application for a public assembly permit for... What's the date here?

Mayor ([35:12](#)):

May 29th.

Stan Siegel ([35:13](#)):

May 29th for a car show at Riverside park on May 29th. I make that a motion.

Mayor ([35:20](#)):

Motion by Mr. Siegel? Do I have a second?

Dennis Livingston ([35:23](#)):

Second.

Mayor ([35:23](#)):

Second by Mr. Livingston. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([35:26](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([35:27](#)):

Opposed. So carried.

Stan Siegel ([35:30](#)):

I also make a motion to approve the application for vets for vets car show on July 23rd at Riverside Park.

Mayor ([35:39](#)):

Motion by Mr. Siegel. Do I have a second?

Mike Decker ([35:41](#)):

Second.

Mayor ([35:42](#)):

Second by Mr. Decker. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([35:45](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([35:46](#)):

Opposed? So carried.

Stan Siegel ([35:49](#)):

And I have a resolution city of Port Jervis to relocate Access 23 head end equipment. Whereas the city of Port Jervis common council has determined that the relocation of Access 23 head end from its current location is in the best centers of the city. And whereas the common council has located space in the council chambers that is adequate to relocate Access 23 head end equipment. It's hereby resolve at the common council of the city of Port Jervis directs a city clerk treasurer to have the Access 23 head end equipment moved from 16 Franklin Street to the city council chambers at 20 Hammond Street.

Stan Siegel ([36:34](#)):

I make that a motion.

Mayor ([36:35](#)):

Motion by Mr. Siegel. Do I have a second?

Tim Simmons ([36:36](#)):

Second.

Mayor ([36:37](#)):

Second by Mr. Simmons. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([36:41](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([36:42](#)):

Opposed? Okay. Thank you.

Stan Siegel ([36:45](#)):

And with that, I'd to remind those people that may have personal equipment still at the studio on Franklin Street that tomorrow is the day that you need to get it out of there before they start moving the excess to wherever it's going to go. So please, if, I don't believe there's anybody left, but if you have any equipment there, please try to remove it by tomorrow. And I'd just to extend our best wishes for peaceful end to conflict in the Ukraine. They are brave courageous people fighting quite an enemy and doing pretty well. Disappoint, but our best wishes go out to an end to this craziness and that's so I have. Thank you.

Mayor ([37:41](#)):

Thank you. Public comment. There's no public here, so there's no public comment. Thank you. I actually have two things. One is I will be setting a public hearing for the zoning of annexation parcels for Monday, March 21st, 2022 at 6:30 PM. This will be to institute two local laws. One is the new tri-state

commerce district for the property that has just come into the city of Port Jervis owned by Equity Homes. And the other will be two city properties, as well as the properties that were annexed by Dicks Concrete for light industry that already falls under our zoning.

Mayor (38:34):

Motion to schedule public hearing.

Stan Siegel (38:36):

So motioned.

Mayor (38:36):

Mr. Siegel. Second by Mr. Simmons. Discussion? All in favor?

Group (38:42):

Aye.

Mayor (38:42):

Opposed? So carried. And the other item that I have is to-

Will Frank (38:49):

Sorry, you also that [inaudible 00:38:54] hearing also is a special meeting in case the council has any other business.

Mayor (38:59):

So I will also be making that a special meeting of the common council in case there is any other business that we have to attend to. That being said, we have two parcels of city property that were in the town of Deer Park that are coming in into the city of Port Jervis, and we need to have them surveyed. So I will entertain a motion to have those two city parcels surveyed.

Tim Simmons (39:24):

So moved.

Mayor (39:25):

Second by Mr. Simmons. Second by Mr. Livingston. Discussion?

Dennis Livingston (39:29):

Survey in place?

Mayor (39:31):

It'd be cutting it close. Yes. Discussion? All in favor?

Tim Simmons (39:36):

Aye.

Mayor ([39:36](#)):

Opposed? So carried, thank you.

Mayor ([39:41](#)):

If there's no other business, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Stan Siegel ([39:45](#)):

So moved.

Mayor ([39:47](#)):

I have a motion by Mr. Siegel. Do I have a second?

Dennis Livingston ([39:49](#)):

Second.

Mayor ([39:50](#)):

Second by Mr. Livingston. And I must say that our executive sessions take longer. All in favor?

Group ([39:58](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([39:58](#)):

Opposed? So carried. Thank you. See you all back here on March 14th.

Motion to un-adjourn the meeting...Motion by Mr. Livingston Second? Mr. Decker. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([40:27](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([40:27](#)):

Opposed? So carried.

Will Frank ([40:29](#)):

So just within the motion scheduling the public hearing for the two local laws. So please make a motion to declare the common counsel, the lead agency for seeker purposes, as they are both type one actions.

Mayor ([40:46](#)):

I have a motion for that?

Tim Simmons ([40:51](#)):

So moved.

Mayor ([40:51](#)):

Motion on Mr. Simmons. Second?

Dennis Livingston ([40:51](#)):

Second.

Mayor ([40:59](#)):

Second by Mr. Livingston. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([41:02](#)):

Aye.

Tim Simmons ([41:02](#)):

Opposed? So carried.

Will Frank ([41:05](#)):

I have a further motion to observe under [crosstalk 00:41:11].

Mayor ([41:11](#)):

Motion by Mr. Simmons? Second by Mr. Decker? Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([41:24](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([41:25](#)):

Opposed. So carried, thank you. Now a motion to adjourn.

Dennis Livingston ([41:29](#)):

So moved.

Mayor ([41:29](#)):

A motion by Mr. Livingston. Second?

Mike Decker ([41:31](#)):

Second.

Mayor ([41:31](#)):

Second by Mr. Decker. Discussion? All in favor?

Group ([41:35](#)):

Aye.

Mayor ([41:35](#)):

Opposed. So carried, thank you.

Mayor ([42:01](#)):

Night everybody.

Respectfully,
Laura Quick

City Clerk-Treasurer Treasurer