

Council Meeting July 26, 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 July 26th, 2021, at 6:30 pm

All members of the Common Council were present except Lisa Randazzo. Chandler Campbell arrived during executive session. Also, present were Corporation Counsel William Frank, Deputy Counsel Stephanie Tunic, Deputy City Clerk Treasurer Bobbie Jo Muller, Account Clerk Suzanne McBride and observing, newly appointed City Clerk Treasurer Laura Quick.

Mayor Decker: It is Monday, July 26th, 2021. It is 6:30pm. I'll call the meeting of the Port Jervis City Council to order. Please rise for the pledge.

All: 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.

Mayor Decker: Thank you. First, we'll start with our roll call for transcription. Mayor Kelly Decker, present. Mr. Foster?

Regis Foster: Regis Foster, 1st Ward Councilman, present.

Mayor Decker: Mr. Santini?

Dominick Santini: Dominick Santini, 1st Ward Councilman, present.

Mayor Decker: Ms. Mann?

Maria Mann: Maria Mann, 2nd Ward Councilwoman, present.

Mayor Decker: Ms. Trovei?

Kristin Trovei: Kristin Trovei, 3rd Ward Council, present.

Mayor Decker: Mr. Oney?

Gerald Oney, Jr.: Gerald Oney, 3rd Ward Councilman, present.

Mayor Decker: Mr. Simmons?

Timothy Simmons: Timothy Simmons, 4th Ward Council, present.

Mayor Decker: Mr. Siegel?

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Stanley Siegel: Stan Siegel, 4th Ward Councilman, present.

Mayor Decker: Mr. Frank?

William Frank: William Frank, Corporation Counsel, present.

Mayor Decker: And Miss Tunic?

Stephanie Tunic: Stephanie Tunic, Deputy Corporation Counsel, present.

Mayor Decker: Thank you. I would like to first introduce the public to our new City Clerk Treasurer, Laura Quick is here. She's on the side, standby, watching how things are progressing. But today is her first day and welcome to the City of Port Jervis.

Laura Quick: Thank you.

Mayor Decker: We look forward to many years of working with you.

Laura Quick: So do I.

Mayor Decker: That being said, I'll entertain a motion to move into executive session. Council, as well as posted, should have all received the revised agenda. It does have the same amount of items on it. 1 Barclay Street, 126 West Main, Hamilton Street, 126 Front Street, 193 West Main. But I moved item number 4, that was under my name, to executive session per my discussion with Mr. Frank. I will entertain a motion to go into executive session.

Timothy Simmons: So, moved.

Mayor Decker: Motion by Mr. Simmons. Do I have a second?

Maria Mann: Second.

Mayor Decker: Second by Ms. Mann. Discussion? All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So, carried. I will not commit to any time. I'm hoping it's quick, but we'll see.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:32pm.

Meeting reconvened at 7:07pm.

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Mayor Decker: The reason for executive session was for both real estate and for discussion of contractual purposes. I will entertain a motion to return from executive session. Do I have a motion?

Timothy Simmons: So, moved.

Mayor Decker: Motion by Mr. Simmons. Do I have a second?

Gerald Oney, Jr.: Second.

Mayor Decker: Second by Mr. Oney. Discussion? All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So, carried. Thank you. We come to our first public comment period.

Mayor Decker: Thank you. The first person to speak is Ms. Barbara Marszalek regarding events.

Barbara Marszalek: Good evening, Mayor and Council. So, we had a couple of really great events. I'm sure there are tons of events going on in Port Jervis and surrounding areas. Two in particular I wanted to give kudos to, and that was to the Elks for the Vettes for Vets. I heard a lot of good things about that, and there was quite a bit of cars at the car show and a lot of information, and many ended up going. We're really appreciative of that at Riverside Park. The next event that I wanted to talk about was the BBQ cookout that we had at Church Street Park.

And that was from one of our community members, Lourriston Potter. That was a great success. I was able to be a part of that as well as many community members and the police department, the children and the teens and the families that came out that day, we must've had, in and out, probably about 300 people that pass through that park on every tier. The three tiers were being used and it was really nice to see the Council members that came out, the families that came out. It was something to see. That park should look like that on a regular basis.

Everybody was having a great time and giving props to the community member who decided to do that barbecue cookout. I also wanted to put out there that this Thursday at 7:00pm at Kamelot, Jeremy Shannon that did a discussion here at the Council, before the Council and the Mayor, is coming to Kamelot to do some further discussion about the food co-op and increasing efficiency and heating and cooling in homes, things like planting trees and really trying to tie in incentives and initiatives for shopping local.

So, it's a really good opportunity for the community to ask questions, have some questions answered. So that's going to be this Thursday at 7:00pm, at Kamelot on 67 Ball Street.

Barbara Marszalek: Oh, yes. And then to take a look at ... Well, that's for you to do that when you get up there because I only have five minutes. Wanted to also say that this week, from today till Thursday, at Stop Hop & Roll, Tri-State Family Christian Center, they are having an event today till Thursday from 6:30

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to 8:00pm for children from kindergarten to fifth grade, activities, games. There's going to be music, snacks. So, if anybody's able to make it, you do have to register, and we'll give you that. I do have one flyer left, through 12throck.org. That's really nice for the younger kids.

Possibly after I speak to the Mayor and the Council, I would like to also do an in-service. I was able to go across a couple of states to get something that has come out just recently as a preventive nasal spray for not only the cold and the flu, but also for COVID. So, there is now a nasal spray that is being utilized as a preventative backed by the FDA, a 99.9% effective rate. I was able to bring it. I have it at Kamelot to offer to the community this Thursday. If anybody comes to speak to Jeremy and to discuss certain things, are more than welcome to ask me about it.

I would be more than welcome to do an in-service here at the Council for the community to be aware of ... Probably we'll do a FaceTime video as well. I am for education and prevention. If there's something else that can be utilized, it would be good for the community to know. Thank you.

Mayor Decker: Thank you. Ms. Annie Horsham.

Annie Horsham: Hi, everybody. I came out to give kudos to Lourriston, the person who organized the barbecue this weekend. He's a man on fire, positive passion in motion. He had a vision, and he did it. I was with him when we were in a circle with a lady that had come. I heard her tell him, "I didn't know about it. I'm so glad I came. I didn't know about it." So, he said, "Well, how did you find out about it?" She said, "I live right over there." So, he laughed. He says, "You heard the music, right?" And she said, "Yeah." He laughed, and he explained. I know it was a little bit of a surprise to have it in Church Street Park, but he wanted it right smack in the community. And he knew you hear the music, you smell the barbecue, people around are going to come. So, it was a wonderful event. I just wanted to comment to say that it was great. Thank you.

Mayor Decker: Thank you. Jessica Cohen.

Jessica Cohen: So, I just wanted people to know that since The Gazette is pretty much no longer covering Port Jervis and the area, I'm working with some other people, we've started the Tri-State Lookout. The first issue came out last week. For the time being, it's just online. And I've sent it to a lot of people whose emails I have. If you want it, you can email me right now. What I'm doing right now is that it's free. Hopefully people contribute so it can stay free. I'd like to have it free so that everybody can access to the news.

And I'd like for people to let me know about events that need to be announced, because right now there's no central place, really. It seems like people are complaining to me there's no central place where events are announced. And also, if you have issues that you think should be covered, also please let me know that then. And we are also organizing events related to the stories in The Lookout. And the first one is the one with Jeremy Shannon that we're doing in collaboration with Barbara and Kamelot so that's on Thursday at 7:00. And the focus of that is organizing the food co-op that he's already launched, or he's launched the organizing of it. And he'll also talk about some of his sustainability ventures that he's hoping to make accessible to residents around Port Jervis. Please, if you have any suggestions about

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events that need to be announced or issues, please email tristatelookout, all one word, @gmail.com. Okay, thank you.

Mayor Decker: That's tristatelookout?

Jessica Cohen: Lookout.

Mayor Decker: @gmail.com?

Jessica Cohen: @gmail.

Mayor Decker: Thank you. Okay, having no other public signed up to speak, I'll entertain the approval of the June 28th, 2021, meeting minutes, at your pleasure.

Timothy Simmons: So, moved.

Mayor Decker: Motion by Mr. Simmons. Second?

Regis Foster: Second.

Mayor Decker: Second by Mr. Foster. Discussion? All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed?

Kristin Trovei: I'll abstain.

Mayor Decker: We have one abstention, Ms. Trovei. Approval of the minutes of the July 7th Special Common Council meeting. This is regarding personnel.

Regis Foster: So, moved.

Mayor Decker: Motion by Mr. Foster. Do I have a second?

Timothy Simmons: Second.

Mayor Decker: Second by Mr. Simmons. Discussion? All in favor?

All: Aye.

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Mayor Decker: Opposed? Any abstentions? We had too many meetings, right? That's what it is. Mr. Santini and Miss Campbell are ... Okay, so carried. Okay, under addressing executive session material, we're going to address one thing during planning and zoning.

Stanley Siegel: What about the other two meetings?

Mayor Decker: We don't have the minutes for them. That's why they're not on. That's why I don't bold them. They're not done yet.

Stanley Siegel: I abstain from that one.

Mayor Decker: Okay. All right. So, under executive session material, we'll first start with Mr. Santini regarding 193 West Main Street.

Dominick Santini: Thank you, Mayor. I'd like to make a motion to change the billing for 193 West Main Street from commercial to residential and credit them with ... back to March 2020 when they first addressed the issue.

Timothy Simmons: Second.

Mayor Decker: So, I have a motion by Mr. Santini, a second by Mr. Simmons. Discussion?

William Frank: Just to be clear, a credit. It's not going to be a cash refund that has to be processed.

Mayor Decker: Correct. That is a credit, not a cash refund, from March 2020. March 1st of 2020.

Bobbie Jo Muller: March 1st, thank you.

Mayor Decker: Yep. Any other discussion? All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So, carried. I think I have a notary thing down here. That is the only thing that we're going to discuss executive session wise until we get to planning. All right. We move into regular business. Mr. Foster, police and ADA.

Regis Foster: At this time, we'd like to make a motion to promote Officer Thomas Kimiecik to the rank of probationary sergeant effective September 1st, 2021, based upon the recommendation of the City's hiring and promotion committee. I make that a motion.

Timothy Simmons: Second.

Mayor Decker: A motion by Mr. Foster, second by Mr. Simmons. Discussion? All in favor?

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All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So, carried.

Regis Foster: And also, National Night Out will not be held this year on August 4th. Unfortunately, the National Night Out committee was unable to meet, plan and fundraise for the event, which typically starts in March of every year. However, the department is planning smaller community gatherings and engagements such as jump out parties at parks and neighborhoods to provide outreach. The National Night Out against crime we'll resume next year in 2022. Also, the Port Jervis Police Department youth leadership academy started today at Port Jervis High School.

I got a chance to go down and see it. Currently there are 22 recruits participating in the eight-day program to educate and build leadership skills in a junior police academy setting. The next police committee will be held on August 19th, 6:00pm right here in the Council chambers.

The ADA has not met yet, and that will be meeting on August 2nd, 6:30 here in the Council chambers. And at this time, I'd also like to send my condolences to the Worden family, the passing of Mike Worden's mother. She was a great lady. I've known her since I was a kid. And I'd like to send my condolences. I know today was the funeral. Thank you.

Mayor Decker: Thank you, sir. Mr. Santini, Code.

Dominick Santini: Thank you, Mayor. Code has not met since our last meeting. The next code meeting will be Wednesday, August 4th, at 6:00pm here in the Council chambers. Thank you.

Mayor Decker: Thank you, sir. Ms. Campbell, Recreation.

Chandler Campbell: Thank you, Mayor. The Recreation Commission has not met since our last meeting. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 26 at 6:00pm at the youth center. Thank you.

Mayor Decker: Thank you. Ms. Mann, Tourism and IDA.

Maria Mann: Thank you, Mayor. Tourism last met on July 14th. The board discussed their next upcoming event, Bella Notte Italiano, which will be held on Saturday, August 21st from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm in Orange Square Park. The special performance by Sal Valentinetti from America's Got Talent at 8:00 pm. They also discussed vendors and holding a classic antique car show for the Fall Foliage Festival, which will be held on Sunday, September 26th, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Applications for these events are available at the City Clerk's office or on the City website.

For additional information, you may also contact Tourism chair, Laura Meyer, by email, which is floralaurapj@yahoo.com. The next Tourism meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 11th at 7:00 pm here in the Council chambers.

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The IDA has not met since their last meeting, and due to a lack of agenda items, they will not be meeting in August unless something were to come up. I would like to also extend my condolences to the Worden family for their loss, Marjorie Worden. That's all. Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Decker: Thank you very much. Mr. Oney, DPW.

Gerald Oney, Jr.: Thank you, Mayor. Garbage and recycling will be on its normal schedule for the next two weeks. The leaf pile and brush pit are open on Saturdays from 7:15 to 11:30 am. Work is beginning in the 3rd ward to prep for paving. Please be cautious when traveling through the area. Sewer relining work continues in the City in numerous areas. Notices will be given out prior to our work starting, to notify when we'll be affecting your sewer use. Thank you for your patience. The next DPW meeting will be Monday, August 2nd, at 6:00pm in the Council chambers. I'd like to echo the condolences to the Worden family at this time. Sorry for their loss. That's all I have, Mayor.

Mayor Decker: Thank you, sir. Ms. Trovei, Finance, CDA.

Kristin Trovei: Thank you. CDA will be meeting this Wednesday, July 28th at 7:00 pm here in the Council chambers.

Finance met on Wednesday, July 21st. Some items that we discussed are the 2020 draft financials, Alan Walther from Bonadio and Company conferenced into the meeting to summarize the 2020 draft audit findings. And overall, the City did very well, especially considering we were in a pandemic for most of the year. I'd like to thank the Clerk's office for their assistance as this was done remotely and the Clerk's staff had to do a lot of prep work for the auditors.

We reviewed the second quarter budget review. We are currently operating at 52% of budgeted revenues and 48% of budgeted expenses. No official sales tax numbers were recorded at that time, but they are expected to be higher than budgeted for the second quarter. We discussed the November tax lien sale and that it might be postponed due to the moratorium from New York State COVID restrictions. We are looking into whether we can hold it in November, if we can move it to next early next year, or if we will need to do 2021 and 2022 tax lien sales next November.

We discussed the bridge project and the final numbers onto what the City is obligated to pay. No additional funding has been received for overages. We did contact all of our state and federal representatives several times, but unfortunately, they say they do not have money to give to us. It is still estimated to be \$2.5 million City share. We discussed the 2021 serial bond. There was approximately six and a half million dollars in requests, but the City is trying to not go over \$4 million.

Kristin Trovei: At this time, the Council is interested in bonding about \$3.57 million. This would be for the bridge project, one fire truck and one small rescue truck, and equipment for the water filtration plant. And the additional items that may be added to the bond will be discussed at a special finance meeting next week, as well as review old bonds that may have funds left over for our use. We'll hopefully have that information at next week's special finance meeting. We also discussed a number of

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purchases such as laptops and tree removals, which I believe the Mayor has on his list. So, we will address it then.

Then we did have executive session to discuss contractual and personnel items, as well as the potential negotiation for property purchases. As I said, there'll be a special finance meeting and that is going to be held Monday, August 2nd after DPW meeting at approximately 6:30 pm. And the regular finance meeting will be moved one week to August 25th at 6:00 pm here in the Council chambers. I'd also like to make a mention that the second half of taxes were due in June. So, if you did not pay your second half of taxes in June, there will be a penalty. So, to avoid further penalties, please pay by the end of the month. At this time, I'd like to approve the May finance meeting minutes. Everyone should have received an email from Bobbie Jo.

Mayor Decker: I have a motion by Ms. Trovei. Do I have a second?

Gerald Oney, Jr.: Second.

Mayor Decker: Second by Mr. Oney. Discussion? All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So carried, thank you.

Kristin Trovei: Thank you. We have bills to pay. From the General Fund, \$290,285.58. From the Water Fund, \$43,740.68. From the Sewer Fund, \$12,110.89. From Trust and Agency, \$5,819.82, for a total of \$351,956.97. Some larger items from the General, Water and/or Sewer funds, New York State employees' health insurance, \$224,949.81. Starr Uniform Center for six new police uniforms, \$13,978.36. Hudson River Truck and Trailer for snowplow parts, \$11,539.40. Global Montello Group, this is gas and diesel, \$15,217.64. From the Capital Fund, Dick's Concrete Company, \$275.40. JT's Carpet Installation, \$4,235. Lowe's \$923.42. And the Montgomery Police Department, this is half of a vest reimbursement from one of our new police officers, \$386. I'd like a motion to pay the bills.

Mayor Decker: A motion by Ms. Trovei. Do I have a second?

Gerald Oney, Jr.: Second.

Mayor Decker: Second by Mr. Oney. Discussion? All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So, carried.

Kristin Trovei: Thank you. Everyone should have received an email from me last week regarding the assessor's certificate of adjusted base proportions for 2021. At this time, I'd like to make a motion we approve that.

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Mayor Decker: Motion by Ms. Trovei. Do I have a second?

Regis Foster: Second.

Mayor Decker: Second by Mr. Foster. Discussion? All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So, carried.

Kristin Trovei: Thank you. I was sent a message saying that the 3rd Ward Neighborhood Watch will meet on Wednesday, August 18th at 7:00 pm at Engine #1 on Canal Street. I will not be there, but if anyone has any questions, comments, concerns, is interested in volunteering, please go to that meeting and share your thoughts.

Stanley Siegel: What's the date?

Kristin Trovei: Wednesday, August 18th at 7:00 pm.

Stanley Siegel: Thank you.

Kristin Trovei: I'd also like to welcome our new City Clerk Treasurer. It's nice to see you again and I'll be in the office on Wednesday.

Laura Quick: Okay.

Kristin Trovei: And I'd also like to extend my condolences to the Worden family on their loss. That's it. Thank you.

Mayor Decker: Thank you. Mr. Simmons, Planning and Zoning.

Timothy Simmons: Thank you, Mayor. Zoning will meet next on Tuesday, August 3rd at 7:00 pm here in the Council chambers.

Planning board met on Tuesday, July 20th at 7:00 pm here in the Council chambers. There was a pre-submission by Holly Fuller on behalf of Eric Nordland for First Class Alignment, which will be at 29 East Main Street for a vehicle repair shop conditional use in the neighborhood and mixed-use zone. There was a public hearing set which will take place on August 17th here in the council chamber at 7:00 pm.

Also, Mr. Bob de Lorenzo, who is the project manager for 61 Front, addressed the board with the request for the use of the municipal lot, City municipal lot for unloading of equipment and for the delivery of concrete. They would come from Ball Street and then back in through the municipal lot, which would alleviate the use or the necessity to use spots on Jersey Avenue.

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There would be two to three deliveries per week for a short amount of time, and then the lot would be opened up. They would be positioning cones to block off the spots that would be needed. And then after they were done, the spots would be opened back up to the public to use as parking. With that being said, Mr. Frank?

William Frank: Thank you, Councilman. My understanding is, in connection with the site plan modification application put in by the hotel developers to get use of the municipal parking lot, it was a condition of such approval that the Corporation Counsel recommend to the City Council that there be an agreement put in place for use of the parking lot with some of these terms. First of which is providing pre-construction photographs of the condition, repairing any damage to the pre-construction conditions to the satisfaction of the DPW director and the City engineer prior to the issuance of any COs, temporary or permanent, for the hotel project.

On the days of deliveries, delineating the areas with cones or other barriers, subject to the DPW approving locations. There would obviously have to be some language in there holding the City harmless in the event that if there was a vehicle in the no parking area and the deliveries could not be made on that particular day or at that time, because the City has no real control over that if there are no cones out or if somebody moves the cones. Also, there would be a notification of delivery dates to the City and other terms for such an agreement that our office, along with working with the Mayor, deems advisable.

So, what we would like is a motion by someone and approved by the council to authorize us to go forward and prepare an agreement with the developer for the Mayor's execution subject to final approval by our office with these and any other relevant conditions.

Timothy Simmons: So, moved.

Stanley Siegel: Second.

Mayor Decker: Motion by Mr. Simmons, second by Mr. Siegel. Discussion? All in favor?

All: Aye.

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

William Frank: Thank you.

Timothy Simmons: All right. I'd also just to mention that the 4th Ward Neighborhood Watch held a walk on July 22nd at 6:30 pm. Several neighborhood residents walked the streets with the building officials and made note of different items that they wanted to bring to the building officials' attention, and that they were going to be looked into. And I would also like to offer my condolences to Chief Worden and Mike Worden and his family for the loss of Mrs. Worden, an exceptionally fine lady.

It was really a kick to see her when she was the grand marshal of the, of the St Patrick's Day parade. She and Mike together. And she had such a great time. My wife had the opportunity to drive them in her

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vehicle and talked for days and days afterward about just what a wonderful woman Mrs. Worden was. And I just hope, first, I live as long as she did and that if I do, I have as much grit as she did. She was just an outstanding lady. And again, I offer my condolences to the Worden family. Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Decker: Thank you, sir. Mr. Siegel, Fire Emergency Management and Housing.

Stanley Siegel: Thank you. There was no Fire Emergency Management meeting in July. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 16th at 6:30 pm right here in the Council chambers. We have seven memorandums from the department secretary. The first two I'll combine. They're both reinstatements. Dear Mayor Decker and members of City Council, Howard Wheat Engine Company Number 4 requests that the following members be reinstated without loss of time: Kenneth J. Howell and Wendy J. Howell. Notification by the company to the member of his removal was not done in a proper manner. This request was approved by the board of officers on this day, and it's dated July 12th, 2021. I make a motion we approve both of those.

Timothy Simmons: Second.

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

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So, carried.

Stanley Siegel: Thank you. We have one nomination for active membership as a junior member. Dear Mayor Decker and members of City Council, it is hereby requested that the below named person be approved for active membership as a junior member into the Port Jervis Fire Department in the company stated, Tyler R. Donahue, Mahogomock Hook and Ladder #1, that members of the board of officers of the Port Jervis Fire Department approved this application on 7/12/2021 and the prospective member's company on the day as stated on the individual's application. I make a motion we approve that.

Timothy Simmons: Second.

Mayor Decker: I have a motion by Mr. Siegel, second by Mr. Simmons. Discussion? All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So, carried.

Stanley Siegel: Thank you. We have two removals of members. Mayor Decker and members of the City Council, this is a request that the below named members of the Port Jervis Fire Department and the company herein stated be removed from active membership roles for the reasons stated. First one is Timothy K. Schadt of Neversink Engine Company #1. Reason is voluntary resignation in good standing. And this change is effective this date, and it's dated July 12th, 2021.

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And the other one is Caitlin P. Rodriguez, Howard Wheat Engine Company #4. Reason is voluntary resignation in good standing. This change is effective this date. And that day is also July 12th, 2021. I make a motion we approve both of those.

Timothy Simmons: Second.

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

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So, carried.

Stanley Siegel: Thank you. And we have two events. First event is Mahogomock Hook and Ladder #1. Dear Mayor Decker and members of City Council, this is a request that Mahogomock Hook and Ladder Company #1 be approved to attend the following events: Parade in Ellenville on 8/28/2021. Parade in Montgomery County on 9/25/2021. Parade in Middletown on 10/2/2021. These requests were approved by the board of officers on this day, and it's dated July 12th, 2021. I make a motion we approve that.

Timothy Simmons: Second.

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

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So, carried.

Stanley Siegel: Thank you. Dear Mayor Decker and members of the City Council, this is a request that Delaware Engine Company #2 be approved to attend the following event: a parade in Middletown on 10/2/2021. This request was approved by the officers on this day. And it's dated July 12th, 2021. I make a motion we approve that as well.

Timothy Simmons: Second.

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

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So, carried.

Stanley Siegel: Thank you. Veterans. There's a new, long overdue program that was announced today, I believe. If you have a service dog from an accredited agency, you may be able to get veterinary care for the dog from the VA. Veterans who have a service dog to assist them in functioning because of a severe mobility impairment due to visual, hearing or mental health issues are eligible for this program. While

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the VA doesn't provide for service dogs for veterans, however, in some cases, the VA may help eligible veterans locate an accredited dog provider so the veteran can get their own dog.

Veterans who have medically approved service dogs are able to access comprehensive veterinary services from the VA. This care includes annual visits, preventative care and maintenance, as well as urgent care, medications and care for chronic diseases and/or disorders when the treatment enables the dog to perform its duty and service to the veterans. Veterans are not billed for these covered services. This is a program that has been requested for quite some time. And finally, it's there because some veterans that have service dogs are unable to even get the dogs to a vet or can't even afford it. It's new. If you need any information about it, please call the clinic at 858-5096.

There was a big push by the VA to get unvaccinated vets their shots because of the Delta variant. Once again, there are walk-in clinics at Castle Point and at Montrose, Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, or you can call our clinic at 856-5396 and make an appointment to have it done here locally. Excuse me. And I also would like to extend my condolences to the families of Lou Harford and Marge Worden. Both long-term residents of the City of Port Jervis, and Margie is probably the toughest woman I know. I'm going to miss her calling me up with all the information that she called me up with. May they both rest in peace. And that's all. Thank you.

Mayor Decker: Thank you, sir. Ms. Randazzo is not here, so we move to our second public comment. Yeah.

Bobbie Jo Muller: Did you want to speak again or no?

Jessica Cohen: No, I think I'm good.

Bobbie Jo Muller: So, you're done?

Jessica Cohen: Yeah.

Bobbie Jo Muller: Okay, so then there's nothing.

Mayor Decker: No one? Not hearing anyone, I'll move to my 16 agenda items here. Okay, so we have-

Gerald Oney Jr.: Not exaggerating here either.

Mayor Decker: Yeah, not exaggerating. We have the DOT compliance. That includes MWBE policy statement. These are all mandates by the New York State Department of Transportation. And you would have received these today or yesterday. Standard Title. Yeah, what does the VI stand for?

Bobbie Jo Muller: Title six.

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Mayor Decker: Title six? Non-discrimination assurances. They're Roman numerals. Listen, I'm not a math teacher. Limited English Proficiency Policies Statement and Equal Employment Opportunity Policy Statement.

William Frank: And Disadvantaged Business.

Mayor Decker: And the Disadvantaged Business. Thank you. I'll entertain a motion to approve the statements for the City.

Kristin Trovei: So, moved.

Dominick Santini: Second.

Mayor Decker: Motion by Ms. Trovei, second by Mr. Santini. Discussion? All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So carried, thank you.

William Frank: Please notify Valerie that they were approved.

Mayor Decker: I will.

William Frank: Thank you.

Mayor Decker: As you may have looked through this email, you may have heard, I believe it was at the code meeting, several people have asked the vegetation business that does for Orange & Rockland, cuts up the branches and mulches it, for them to drop them off at their property. The problem that we have is that some of them are leaving the piles, and the piles are starting to rot, and they're beginning to smell, and there's rodents getting into the piles. I did speak with Jack and what we could do is we could have those piles put down at our leaf area. And that way, people can go down there and just take what they want. It's located in one central place, and we won't pick it up, we won't deliver it to your house, but you can manage to get them to do it. Otherwise, we're going to run into these problems where neighbors are going to be complaining about the piles. So, what's your pleasure on that?

Timothy Simmons: We need a motion?

Mayor Decker: Yeah. I'm going to ask for a motion from the Council to tell Orange & Rockland to tell them they can dump them-

Timothy Simmons: So, moved.

Mayor Decker: All right, thank you. Mr. Simmons.

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Maria Mann: So, Orange & Rockland is going to be the one-

Mayor Decker: Not Orange & Rockland. The organization that they hire to-

Maria Mann: They're the ones that are leaving the mulch pile, and now the City's going to take the mulch pile and move it to-

Mayor Decker: No. I'm going to tell them they have to dump it.

Maria Mann: So, it's not going to be our department, because they're busy-

Mayor Decker: It's not our department. Thank you for clarifying that. If they want to get rid of stuff, they can drop it off at that location.

Maria Mann: Okay, because they're busy and it's not there.

Mayor Decker: Thank you. Mr. Simmons and Mr. Foster, discussion?

Stanley Siegel: Is this going to be available every day of the week or only on Saturday?

Mayor Decker: No, it's only going to be allowed on Saturdays. That's how we set it up for that to be-

Stanley Siegel: Right. That's going to be another problem we're going to have because not everybody's able to get there on those hours on the Saturday.

Mayor Decker: So, when we come to a budget time, we can discuss that if we want to.

Stanley Siegel: But if we put it somewhere else, do we have to have a guard?

Mayor Decker: The problem is with putting it in with someplace else is that there's a smell issue. We don't have any other place to put it, because it starts to rot.

Stanley Siegel: Yeah, I know. What about the stone bank.

Maria Mann: And there's a problem with loadings.

Stanley Siegel: I just see a lot of problems with that limited timeframe.

Mayor Decker: Okay. I'll note that, Mr. Siegel. And I'll see if there's anything we can do about it.

Stanley Siegel: Thank you.

Mayor Decker: Any other discussion?

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Maria Mann: My apologies. I didn't mean to-

Mayor Decker: That's okay. All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So carried, thank you. Okay. This is just an announcement. Finally, we have the draft of notice of completion for the DGEIS. This opens up a 30-day public comment period starting on Wednesday, July 28th for the annexation. It is currently on the website. So, if you go to the website, on the main page as well as just below on the bottom of the main page, you can click on either link and it'll open you up to the draft GEIS for the annexation of Deerpark property into the City of Port Jervis.

Comments will begin being accepted for the 30-day public comment period that begins on Wednesday, July 28th. You can comment either by mail to the Port Jervis Mayor's Office at 20 Hammond Street Port Jervis New York, 12771, or you may email mayor@portjervisny.gov. That is on the website if you go there. I will make sure that it's posted. It's not mandatory to post it on Facebook, but I will put it up on Facebook. A formal resolution is not necessary for accepting this DGEIS document and issuing the notice of completion, but I am bringing it up at the meeting so that the public is aware of it.

And this gets us to that point where, September 30th, the annexation will move forward. Okay. The next one that I have is ... the grant requests. Okay, the first one is our CDBG grant request resolution on the trenchless. Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis, New York State Homes and Community Renewal 2021 FY New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application: Port Jervis Wastewater Improvement Project Phase III. Whereas the City of Port Jervis held a duly advertised public hearing on July 12, 2021, to solicit citizen participation and comments regarding possible Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications as due July 30, 2021 or any CDBG application thereafter; and

Whereas, verbal comments were received at the meeting and written comments were formerly collected through July 16, 2021; and whereas, the elected officials of the City of Port Jervis have considered all suggestions, and in particular for the application round due on July 30, 2021, for the 2021 funding year (FY); and whereas, the City desires to address a NYS DEC Order on Consent by continuing the Port Jervis Wastewater Improvement project whereby a cured-in-place, a.k.a. "trenchless" process rehabilitates in-ground wastewater lines to; and

Whereas the City will contribute \$150,000 per year, totaling \$300,000 over a two-year contract to the project, providing the necessary labor; and Now Therefore, it be resolved that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis, hereby approves the submission of a CDBG Public Infrastructure application to the New York State Homes and Community Renewal Housing Trust Fund Corporation Office of Community Renewal for up to \$1,000,000 in materials and equipment, no later than July 30, 2021, 4:00 pm for the Port Jervis Wastewater Improvement Project Phase III, and that the Mayor, or his designee, the Port Jervis Community Development Agency executive director or other, is authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with the application. What's your pleasure?

Kristin Trovei: So, moved.

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Gerald Oney, Jr.: Second.

Mayor Decker: Motion by Ms. Trovei. Second by Mr. Oney. Discussion? All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So, carried. All right. The next one is the EFC. This resolution is the 2021 New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Environmental Facilities Corporation - Green Innovation Grant Program - Water Efficiency - Water Meter Replacement.

Whereas, water meters throughout the City of Port Jervis are coming to the end of their useful lives; and whereas, the 2021 NYS CFA Environmental Facilities Corporation is offering a Water Efficiency grant that supports water meter replacement; and

Whereas, under the conditions of this grant, for this \$1,750,000 project, the City of Port Jervis' Median Household Income allows for a grant application of 75% (\$1,312,500) and requires a 25% (\$437,500) match;

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis, hereby approves the submission of a NYS Environmental Facilities grant through the Consolidated Funding Application for a water meter replacement project totaling \$1,750,000 containing a 75% grant and 25% local match and that the Mayor or his designee, the Port Jervis Community Development Agency executive director or other, is authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with this application.

Your pleasure?

Gerald Oney, Jr.: So, moved.

Mayor Decker: Motion by Mr. Oney.

Maria Mann: Second.

Mayor Decker: Second by Ms. Mann. Discussion? All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So, carried. Thank you. Okay, the local waterfront revitalization program resolution. New York State Department of State (NYS DOS), Office of Planning, Development & Community Infrastructure Environmental Protection Fund (EFP), Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), 2021 - 2022 RFA #21-WRP-05.

Whereas, the City of Port Jervis, is located on the banks of the Delaware river, an inland waterway designated pursuant to Executive Law, Article 42; and

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Whereas the City is considered wholly waterfront and contains potential environmental justice areas and may therefore apply for an 85% grant/15% match ratio; and

Whereas, the Port Jervis Common Council desires to develop a comprehensive plan that will balance economic development with the demands resulting from climate change, including flood and drought on all sectors of the municipality, through the preparation of a full Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, that through public input and consensus, will identify local assets, potential risks, opportunities, and issues within the City with regard to, but not limited to: development and infrastructure; fish and wildlife habitats and resources; flooding and erosion hazards; resiliency; public access and recreation; historic and scenic resources; energy and ice management; wetlands, water and air resources; and other social, cultural, economic and environmental issues; and

Whereas, the final program will strike a balance between economic development and preservation to advance applicable State coastal policies commensurate with local conditions and circumstances; and Whereas, applicable public and private projects to implement the City's goals and objectives will be included; and whereas, the adoption of necessary zoning and local laws to implement the LWRP will be undertaken;

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis, hereby approves the submission of a NYS DOS EFP LWRP Consolidated Funding Application for \$150,000 containing an 85% grant amount of \$127,500 and a confirmed local 15% cash match of \$22,500, no later than July 30, 2021, 4:00 pm., and that the Mayor, or his designee, the Port Jervis Community Development Agency executive director or other, is authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with the application.

What's your pleasure?

Kristin Trovei: So, moved.

Mayor Decker: Motion by Ms. Trovei, second.

Maria Mann: Second.

Mayor Decker: Second by Ms. Mann. Discussion? All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So, carried. Thank you. Just for the public, because I know that there's been some concern about local flooding of streets. This puts us in a position where we will be able to get bigger grants to be able to resolve or help fix some of the flooding issues that we have. That includes especially the Maiden Lane area as well as Orange Street, Barcelow Street and Fowler Street. Okay. You all received information in regards to a request by the Orange County Land Trust asking for a support letter from the Mayor's Office in regards to the O&W Rail Trails. What's your pleasure?

Kristin Trovei: So, moved.

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Mayor Decker: Motion by Ms. Trovei.

Dominick Santini: Second.

Mayor Decker: Second by Mr. Santini. Discussion? All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So, carried. Okay. The next two are applications. The first application is from the Port Jervis Soapbox Derby requesting for May of 2022 as well as June of 2022, practices as well as race day on Sussex Street. The only comment that we have is from the Department of Public Works. So, your motion on this would be contingent that the issue get worked out through the Soapbox Derby or whatever resources that they have. The stanchions that have been used for the Soapbox Derby are no longer in any type of condition that they can be used.

So, they will have to come up with a plan on how to get around blocking off each side of the street for the racers. Aside from that, there were no other issues. If a motion is to be made just that clause be put into it and it's their responsibility to make sure that they work with DPW to make some type of stanchions.

Stanley Siegel: So, moved.

Timothy Simmons: Second.

Mayor Decker: A motion by Mr. Siegel, second by Mr. Simmons. Discussion? All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So, carried. I have a request from DeJay Birtch, StarCrawf Promotions for the mountain bike race in the Watershed Trails, which is also known as the Point Peter Pounder. This would be for August 8th. That is the same day as the race down the hill for the long boards. This does not conflict at all. Both the Outdoor Club has no issues as well as any of our department heads. It's totally out of the way. But it will bring in even more people to our city. So, what is your pleasure?

Kristin Trovei: So, moved.

Mayor Decker: Motion by Ms. Trovei.

Dominick Santini: Second.

Mayor Decker: Second by Mr. Santini. Discussion? All in favor?

All: Aye.

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Mayor Decker: Opposed? So carried, thank you. You did discuss during finance to approve, I will give this to Jack to approve a letter from Terry Johnson of Orange & Rockland to put a 7250 lumen LED eight-foot arm, 68-watt streetlight where there is no streetlight at the corner of Sussex Street in East Main. If you've been there when it's dark, even though there are the lights on the island, that particular corner has basically no lighting, mostly because of the large trees that are there. It is very difficult to see anybody in the crosswalk.

Mayor Decker: So, this will not be a cost upfront, but it would end up being \$142 a year, as our other streetlights are. What's your pleasure?

Stanley Siegel: So, moved.

Mayor Decker: Motion by Mr. Siegel.

Timothy Simmons: Second.

Mayor Decker: Second by Mr. Simmons. Discussion? All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So carried, thank you. I'll entertain a motion to expend up to \$500 to purchase a new laptop for our planning and zoning secretary. The last unit that they had was a 2015 Dell that has gone into a permanent sleep mode. Can't come out. It does turn on, but it just goes right into sleep mode.

Timothy Simmons: So, moved.

Mayor Decker: I have a motion by Mr. Simmons.

Dominick Santini: Second.

Mayor Decker: And a second by Mr. Santini. Discussion?

Stanley Siegel: Is that enough?

Mayor Decker: Yeah, because she does a lot of her stuff on Google Docs, so I'm guessing that it is. And if it's not, we do have the Word program, so we just need something that she could do Word. But I think most of it is done through Google Docs.

Stanley Siegel: Okay.

Mayor Decker: All in favor?

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All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So, carried. Thank you. Okay. As you're aware, the spillway on the south side of Glass Street ... On the north side was all repaired by FEMA. But on the south side, there was a collapse of a wall, and to re-put that wall up, which is causing the adjacent neighboring property to fall into the runoff, is \$7,500. What's your pleasure?

Stanley Siegel: So, moved.

Mayor Decker: Motion by Mr. Siegel.

Gerald Oney, Jr.: Second.

Mayor Decker: Second by Mr. Oney. Discussion?

Gerald Oney, Jr.: It's something that definitely has to be repaired. It's isolated to that certain area. We got 10 years out of this one, and hopefully we'll get 10 more years out of it. By no means fixes it permanently because the hydraulic situation there is the more water. Eventually they're going to move again.

Mayor Decker: Right, the one thing that they're going to do here that they didn't do on the first time is do a thing called ... and I don't know anything about construction, tiebacks. It should help it last longer.

Gerald Oney Jr.: Who is doing the work?

Mayor Decker: Sauschucks.

Gerald Oney Jr.: Okay.

Mayor Decker: Any other discussion? All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So, carried.

William Frank: Mayor?

Mayor Decker: Yes, sir

William Frank: There were two other items in that.

Mayor Decker: Yeah, I'm going to bring them up. You mean on the trees?

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William Frank: Yeah.

Mayor Decker: Yeah. At least I was told in your discussion that you didn't have a problem, but you wanted some answers on the Bonnell Street. And I believe the DPW director answered that for you. Did everybody get that? All right. So, that initial amount was \$3,000.

Mayor Decker: Okay. So, it's \$3,225, the Bonnell Street \$1850, but now you have to add-on, we've got for Ridge Avenue, and it was \$2,500.

Stanley Siegel: Is that the...

Mayor Decker: Yes.

Mayor Decker: So, that's \$7,575. What's your pleasure?

Maria Mann: I have a question.

Mayor Decker: Go ahead.

Maria Mann: Yes? Okay.

Mayor Decker: Let's have a motion and a second, then we'll have a discussion. Motion?

Maria Mann: I'll make a motion.

Mayor Decker: Motion by Ms. Mann.

Gerald Oney, Jr.: Second.

Mayor Decker: Second by Mr. Oney. Discussion?

Maria Mann: With the trees on Ridge, we only have one estimate, and we were waiting for other estimates. Are we going to wait for that?

Mayor Decker: Understand estimates, if they're under \$30,000, you can take whoever comes to you first. You don't have to wait.

Maria Mann: Okay.

Mayor Decker: All right? And these, honestly, need to get taken down.

Timothy Simmons: And I believe he's the only one that has the ability to get that high.

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Mayor Decker: To get up that high.

Maria Mann: Okay. I'm happy that it's being addressed.

Timothy Simmons: Because everybody else looks and says, "Ah."

Bobbie Jo Muller: Is it coming out of contingency? Where is this coming from?

Mayor Decker: The sales tax revenue. That'll go into general funds. So, it's going to come out of general. We've just got to move some general fund money.

Bobbie Jo Muller: So, you have to make a motion to move the money to that fund. But the other issue we had; we did the tree in that park over by Mohawk. It was like 2,700 in that park.

Mayor Decker: That was emergency, though.

Bobbie Jo Muller: Right. Did you want to take that out of contingency also? Because that ended up in the rec department's budget line and he doesn't have the money for it there.

Mayor Decker: Yeah. We can take it out of contingency. I don't think we need a motion on it because that was an emergency, right?

William Frank: Not to move the work, but to move the funding from contingency.

Mayor Decker: Okay. Let's talk at the finance meeting on how much money we'll have to move over, because we got money in there now.

Kristin Trovei: Yeah. At this point, I think just take everything out of contingency because we should have money in there to do these smaller things and then that-

Bobbie Jo Muller: But I know that wasn't part of this grouping, so I just wanted to see if we could throw it in there.

Mayor Decker: Okay. Just remind us and then we'll talk about moving the money at the next meeting. All right. Any other discussion? All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: This is for \$7575 Opposed? So carried, thank you. All right. We have had an issue. You're all aware of this, that we have always provided a service free for City residents for our notary. It's an unfortunate thing, though, that there are people that are taking advantage of it. And as a matter of fact, last week someone came in to do 35 notaries, did 5 or 10 one day and then were going to come in for 35

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later. So, in discussion with the Council in regards to this, what's your pleasure? I'm sorry, what was discussed with the Council is instead of being free, each notary will be \$2.

Timothy Simmons: So, moved.

Mayor Decker: Okay. And motion by Mr. Simmons.

William Frank: This is a motion to amend the fees schedule?

Mayor Decker: So, amend the fee schedule, thank you. Mr. Simmons, is there a second?

Dominick Santini: Second.

Mayor Decker: Second by Mr. Santini, thank you. Okay, go ahead.

Maria Mann: The \$2 is per document or so someone comes in and they have five-

Mayor Decker: It would be per document.

Maria Mann: Okay. I just wanted to clarify that they would have to pay the \$2 per ... Not if one person were to come in and have five separate-

Bobbie Jo Muller: It's every time we have to sign. Every time the notary signs it.

Maria Mann: And that's the way I feel it should be. And I just want to clarify that, that it would be per signature.

Timothy Simmons: I will clarify my motion to be per document.

Mayor Decker: Mr. Santini?

Dominick Santini: Yep.

Bobbie Jo Muller: Per signature, please.

Timothy Simmons: Per signature, I'm sorry.

Mayor Decker: Perfect. Any other further discussion? All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So, carried. Thank you. The last thing, I'm bringing it up, I know you guys discussed it and I was not part of that discussion. But you had asked for a comment in regards to the

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Siemens contract. Mostly because could we go out with an RFP? You see our City engineer's response. Do you still want them to look into the RFP or do you want to move forward with the Siemens contract?

Stanley Siegel: I think we need another estimate from another company. I'm not happy with the payback period that I see in the Siemens contract. And I'm not sure it's the best deal for the people.

Mayor Decker: And you do understand that the proprietary stuff that they've put in here, we may run into an issue with, right?

Stanley Siegel: Well, we own it at this point, correct?

Mayor Decker: Yeah, we own it, but they may not be able to get parts to some of the things that we own.

Stanley Siegel: Like thermostats and things like that?

Mayor Decker: Yeah. I'm just telling you what our engineer said.

Stanley Siegel: Whoever we hired or whoever we look at to give us another estimate, they would have to consider that in their proposal to us.

Gerald Oney Jr.: Well, I'm not quite sure it's that easy, but I agree with what you're saying. I didn't think the payback was that great at the end of the term either. But from what I'm reading from Jim, we'd have to hire an engineer to design the system before it goes out for RFP. You don't just send an RFP to say, "Oh, give us a bid on this."

Stanley Siegel: I'm not looking for that. I'm looking for someone to come in and do an estimate, like they did originally, and tell us what our needs are. Maybe our needs are different than what Siemens already put in or maybe they have other technology. So, they would do an appraisal of our buildings and our systems. And then they could tell us how much they would expect us to have to pay and what the payback period would be, just like Siemens did originally.

Mayor Decker: I will tell you that my only concern is that the contract is coming to an end.

Gerald Oney Jr.: In two days.

Mayor Decker: Yeah. And then we pay per time for them to come up here rather than it being a contractual matter.

Gerald Oney Jr.: He said there was no way we could get it done by the fall, anyway. We're at the crunch time. I know nobody's going to want to do a contract for ... Is it \$500,000? It was pretty big money, over the course of ...

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Stanley Siegel: I guess we're sort of stuck then.

Mayor Decker: We don't have to decide on this tonight. We can bring it to the next council meeting. But I will ask that question because I just wanted to clarify it just over the fact that we're right at the end with this. That's why they did the presentation, and nobody had made any suggestions to them to get other companies because of the proprietary stuff that they brought to us over the last 15 or 20 years.

Stanley Siegel: And I understand that, but this is a big nut to crack and it's for a period of time. And I think that we should try to get the best bang for the buck. That's what I'm looking for.

Mayor Decker: I'll ask him.

Stanley Siegel: If we can't do it, we can't.

Mayor Decker: We're just clarifying this. So, if he says we have to bring an engineer in to do the whole plan, are you in favor of-

Stanley Siegel: No, and that's just another expense.

Mayor Decker: Okay. Just so we're clear about it. You'll be attached to this email. I'll make sure that you're all in this email.

Stanley Siegel: Thank you.

Mayor Decker: I think I made it through everything. I would also like to extend my condolences to Mayor Worden, Chief Worden, and the whole entire Worden family. Marjorie made it to 95 years. She was one of those ladies when we were kids down in the 4th ward, if it was dinner time, my mother had the old school bell on the back of the deck, and she would ring the school bell. And of course, conveniently, us kids down at Dunn's store or at mother's playground, which was by Sunnyside Hospital, wouldn't hear the bell. Mrs. Worden would make sure that we heard the bell, and we did get home. I do remember her quite fondly. She made it 95 years and pretty much perfect health up to the end.

And on her 96th birthday, the day before her 96 birthday, she passed. Lived a great life. At Mike Worden's retirement last month, she said how she likes to drink a beer every day. I don't know if there's a secret to living that long, but God bless her. And to Lou as well, Lou Harford, who is also a long-time good friend, was Marjorie's sister's partner for many, many years. They were always seen together and passed away within a week of each other. So, my condolences to the Worden family. With that being said, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Kristin Trovei: So, moved.

Stanley Siegel: Second.

Mayor Decker: Motion by Ms. Trovei, second by Mr. Siegel. Discussion? All in favor?

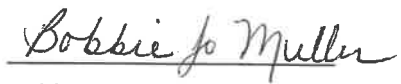
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All: Aye.

Mayor Decker: Opposed? So, carried. Thank you, everybody.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on August 9th, 2021, in-person in Council Chambers City Hall 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis, New York.



Bobbie Jo Muller
Deputy City Clerk Treasurer