

Common Council Meeting February 8, 2021

Attendance: All members of the Common Council were present except Chandler Campbell (late arrival). Also, in attendance Robin Waizenegger, City Clerk Treasurer, Valerie Maginsky, PJCDA Director, William Frank, Corporation Counsel and Stephanie Tunic Deputy Corporation Counsel. Meeting conducted on Zoom Meeting ID 405 793 5811

Kelly Decker:

It is 6:30 PM Monday, February 8, 2021. I'll call the meeting of the Port Jervis Common Council for order. Please stand for the pledge. I do have a flag back here.

Tim Simmons:

All right.

Group:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Timothy Simmons:

God bless America.

Kelly Decker:

All right. So, ladies and gentlemen, we do have one quick item that came up today that we do have to run into executive session. I'm going to ask to include Robin, and this is on advice of counsel. So, what's your pleasure?

Regis Foster:

Moved.

Kelly Decker:

Motion by Mr. Foster. Second?

Lisa Randazzo:

Second.

Kelly Decker:

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

*Chorus of Ayes*

Kelly Decker:

Opposed? So, carried. All right, I'm going to stop recording.

*Meeting adjourned to executive Session at 6:32 pm*

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*Chandler Campbell arrived during Executive Session*

*Meeting reconvened from Executive session at 6:52 pm*

Kelly Decker:

Okay. We are recording. We are on. I'm going to first ask for a motion to leave executive session. What's your pleasure?

Regis Foster:

Moved.

Kelly Decker:

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

Gerald Oney:

Second.

Kelly Decker:

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

*Chorus of Ayes*

Kelly Decker:

Opposed? *Silence* So carried. Okay. I'm going to do attendance real quick. I'll go right around the room. Ms. Mann.

Maria Mann:

Maria Mann, 2nd Ward Council. Present.

Kelly Decker:

Thank you. Kelly Decker, Mayor of the City of Port Jervis, present. Robin?

Robin Waizenegger:

Robin Waizenegger, City Clerk Treasurer. Present

Kelly Decker:

Jerry?

Gerald Oney:

Gerald Oney, 3rd Ward Councilman. Present.

Kelly Decker:

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Thank you. Lisa?

Lisa Randazzo:

Lisa Randazzo, Councilwoman-At-Large. Present.

Kelly Decker:

Thank you. Tim?

Tim Simmons:

Tim Simmons. Council from 4th Ward, present.

Kelly Decker:

Thank you. Kristin?

Kristin Trovei:

Kristin Trovei, 3rd Ward Council. Present.

Kelly Decker:

Thank you. Stephanie?

Stephanie Tunic:

Stephanie Tunic, Deputy Corporation Council. Present.

Kelly Decker:

Thank you. Stanley?

Stanley Siegel:

Stanley Siegel, 4th Ward Council. Present.

Kelly Decker:

Thank you. Regis?

Regis Foster:

Regis Foster. First Ward Council. Present.

Kelly Decker:

Thank you. Mr. Frank?

Will Frank:

Will Frank, Corporation Council. Present for beginning of meeting. Unfortunately, must leave shortly.

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Kelly Decker:

Thank you. Mr. Santini?

Dominic Santini:

Dominic Santini. First Ward Councilman. Present.

Kelly Decker:

Thank you. Chandler?

Chandler Campbell:

Chandler Campbell, 2nd Ward Council. Present.

Kelly Decker:

Thank you. And because you'll be speaking, Valerie?

Valerie Maginsky:

Valerie Maginsky, Executive Director of Port Jervis Community Development Agency. Present.

Kelly Decker:

Thank you. Okay, so folks, as you are aware, and I can let Stephanie just briefly discuss and answer any questions that you may have, you'll notice that proposed local law number two of 2021, the change in zoning that was supposed to happen tonight. This public hearing is being canceled. There was a meeting between Valerie, our building official's office and Stephanie that took place in regard to some of the possible conflicts and some fixes that need to happen. So, Stephanie, if you could just briefly tell us and the public what's going on there.

Stephanie Tunic:

Sure. Can you folks hear me better?

Kelly Decker:

Yeah, it's all right. It's a little low, but it's okay.

Stephanie Tunic:

Okay. This laptop is on its last life. So, this past Friday, I got a call from Jim, Valerie and Laurie who had a meeting regarding local law two of 2021, which was regarding a list of properties on Fowler Street. And I believe it was only like two or three properties on Ball Street that were going to be rezoned from the commercial business district zone to the neighborhood mixed-use zone. Valerie as a policy perspective, more of the outward visionary perspective. And then the practical applications of the zoning from the building department decided that if you want to say a compromise for this matter would be to ... and what they believe would better serve the goals of the comprehensive plan would be to do a neighborhood mixed-use based zone with a CBD overlay. Valerie, I wasn't a part of the conversation

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where this compromise was developed, if you want to give some of your reasoning. As far as legal goes, the comp plan would support this position if the Council wanted to go that direction.

Valerie Maginsky:

The primary concern expressed by the building department was the issue of single family and multifamily, two-family dwellings in that area, that those uses have been a traditional use in that area. The comprehensive plan committee of whom a couple of the other members are here this evening, Council member Mr. Siegel, and Ms. Trovei, we went through 17 different committee meetings and multiple public meetings with regards to the comp plan and the zoning changes. And to note that everything was adopted unanimously last year by the Common Council with positive comments from various boards and committees. So, when I saw that this possible change was coming back again, the whole idea here was with the idea of opening and developing Riverside Park. With that and the idea that there would be a pedestrian bridge going up and over the railroad tracks that would allow for parking for visitors on the Riverside and would bring people and Congress, not only to the existing central business district, but naturally work its way up through the Fowler street corridor.

Valerie Maginsky:

So, being concerned with the possible ramifications of revision, I did reach out to our consultant and a couple other people, and it was noted at that time that again, codes are fluid, they do change. And if anything changed to neighborhood, mixed-use would provide something of a transitory bridge and stage between the central business district and the residential on the other side. And the idea of the overlay was actually from Laurie Powrie. And call it a compromise or a bridge that would allow for the neighborhood mixed-use single- and two-family dwellings to remain at this time. And it would also allow for the expansion of central business district commercial applications.

So that was the proposal. Of course, it has to come to the Common Council for further discussion and of course the code committee, et cetera. But rather than move forward with one change and then look again at other changes, which the building department may very well come back with because they have been doing what I call pedal to the metal, actually have been using the comp plan in the new zoning and have come up with a couple other instances where they would like some additional review.

So the idea here with the cancellation of the local law, number one we're talking about, two for 2021 was to allow everyone to have the time to listen to the proposals and do one entire change, not piecemeal which would cost the City additional monies every single little change. When we're done, what I would like to see and ask for would be a printed map that would replace the one that is now outdated for sure, and make that available to the public and possible developers.

Kelly Decker:

Right. Thank you, Valerie.

Valerie Maginsky:

And that's where it was.

Kelly Decker:

Does anybody from the Council have any input here or questions, ideas, thoughts?

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Stanley Siegel:

My only concern was that we talked to the consultants and since we did that, that resolves that issue.

Kelly Decker:

Thank you. Okay. So, with that we will not be having local law number two of 2021 proposed for zoning change. That will come back to us at another time. But we do have another public hearing today, and that is, I will entertain a motion to open public hearing for the CDBG grant application. What's your pleasure?

Lisa Randazzo:

Moved.

Kelly Decker:

Motion by Ms. Randazzo. Do I have a second?

Gerald Oney:

Second.

Kelly Decker:

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

*Chorus of Ayes*

Kelly Decker:

So, carried. I will turn it over to Ms. Maginsky.

Valerie Maginsky:

Good evening, everyone. Good evening, Mayor, Common Council members and the public. As the City is considering the submission of a community development block grant known as CDBG to the New York State Homes and Community Renewal by March 5th, 2021, the City is required to hold a public hearing to solicit suggestions from the public regarding any projects or ideas that they may have for submission either in the current round or in the future rounds. The idea may include and cover housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, or planning activities. The City has been successful with a number of CDBG grants. The most recently is the trench lift sewer lining for the grant, originally was \$750,000. Previous to that was the Jersey Avenue sewer repair, which was just less than \$600,000. Currently, the City is working on a sidewalk replacement project, which is considered public facilities that would replace upper Pike Street sidewalks with ADA compliant sidewalks. And that one's for \$300,000.

In economic development, the City did have one of those for \$200,000 and it helped a number of entrepreneurs with their business expansion and launches. Any project that has taken on, any grant that has applied for must benefit low to moderate income persons. In Port Jervis, some 63% of the overall population is low to moderate income. So typically, the benefit is called an area wide benefit. The

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current round is open for public infrastructure, public facilities and planning. However, all suggestions are welcome for future consideration. The public infrastructure grant limit this year is not \$750,000, it is \$1 million. The public facilities grant may go up to \$300,000 and a planning grant may go up to \$50,000.

So, at this time, anyone who has an idea or suggestion is welcomed to forward it to my attention. I am also under the email director@pjcd.org. Our fax number is (845) 858-4027 or by regular mail to PO Box 1002 Port Jervis, New York 12771. Comments are open until February 15th, 2021. As the grant application must be submitted on March, no later than March 5th, 2021. At this time would anyone have any questions or suggestions?

Kelly Decker:

So, we'll start first with Council. Council members, any questions, ideas, thoughts, concerns?

Gerald Oney:

The thought I had was, we will take one of each, Valerie.

Kelly Decker:

I will tell you that it's obvious we're going to apply for our trenchless sewer again under that item. I did mention, Valerie and I had talked because... and it has to concern not so much just residential, but for everybody. So, we were talking about some sidewalk replacements. Obviously if you've walked on Jersey Avenue at all or upper East Main Street by between Pike Street and Fowler Street, the sidewalks are in some rough shape. So, to stay out of the flood zone because that's a little bit more delicate with the CDBG and can take up more money with engineering.

We're going to look at almost like a continuation of the sidewalk program for the Safe Kids School and look at that area of sidewalks between East Main Street from Pike Street and Fowler Street, but then in the future look at the Jersey Avenue sidewalks because they desperately needed to be replaced. So those are the two things that we kind of came up with. Yes, Stan.

Stanley Siegel:

Was the Central Firehouse fit in there anywhere?

Kelly Decker:

No, there's no funding for it.

Stanley Siegel:

Thank you.

Kelly Decker:

Anything else?

Lisa Randazzo:

Kelly, what was the piece, the dollar amount that was for the public? Was it a public use facility?

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Valerie Maginsky:

Public facilities that includes sidewalks that goes up to \$300,000.

Lisa Randazzo:

Okay.

Kelly Decker:

Now, I'm wondering if your wheels are turning. I'm thinking the same thing because as she said it. Could that do something? We're having the Franklin Street building engineered and we think that there's going to be some expense there. And that's where we do our storage for our City records. Would that be a possibility, Valerie?

Valerie Maginsky:

I would have to ask.

Kelly Decker:

Okay.

Valerie Maginsky:

Generally public facilities are for public use access, making access easier to public buildings. So, it's more or less making it easier to get into City hall or other places, not necessarily an improvement to a City owned building like the DPW area.

Kelly Decker:

Thank you. Anyone else?

Maria Mann:

Here.

Kelly Decker:

Yes, Maria.

Maria Mann:

I don't know if this is something that would or could be considered the underpass going into the acre.

Valerie Maginsky:

That could be another... Yes, I understand the underpass does need repair, and it's definitely on the list of projects.

Maria Mann:

Okay.



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Valerie Maginsky:

The question is whether or not it would be suitable for one of these applications. If not now, then in the future. Typically, the grants go for two years. A rough estimate, \$1 million with the equipment that was already purchased through the current grant would probably take about two years, that's two construction seasons to utilize those materials if we were to move forward with trenchless sewer lining once again.

Maria Mann:

Thank you.

Kelly Decker:

Any other Council members? Anyone?

Kristin Trovei:

I just want to agree with the trenchless sewer thing just because we still are under that consent order. And if we don't comply, we can get hit with a \$37,000 a day fine. And I'd rather we try not to get that fine. So, I think the sewer project is something that we need to keep working on. Thank you.

Kelly Decker:

Anyone from the public would like to speak about this? Okay, not hearing any. If you have ideas or thoughts, please feel free to email Valerie, and that is CDA... What's your email?

Valerie Maginsky:

Director.

Kelly Decker:

Director.

Valerie Maginsky:

Director@pjcd.org.

Kelly Decker:

Sorry about that.

Valerie Maginsky:

No problem. I believe it's also available on the City website.

Kelly Decker:

Yes. I was just going to mention that. It is available on the City website. That way, if you want to reach out to Valerie on some ideas, we'd be more than happy to accept that. All right. With that, I will entertain a motion to close the public hearing on the CDBG grant application. What's your pleasure?

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Kristin Trovei:

Moved.

Kelly Decker:

Motion by Ms. Trovei. Do I have a second?

Gerald Oney:

Second.

Kelly Decker:

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

*Chorus of Ayes*

Kelly Decker:

Opposed? *Silence* So carried. Thank you. The next order of business that we move to is public comment. If there's anybody from the public that would like to speak on any matter. Mr. Siegel, you have something.

Stanley Siegel:

Yes, I have a letter that was dropped off here yesterday with a preface which I'll read the preface and I'll read the letter and then I'll read the name. Stan, please read the below statement at the upcoming City Council meeting on the 8th. Although I request that you not provide my name when reading it. However, and only if you're not able to read it anonymously, you may provide my name under protest. And it goes on. Information is sought regarding the following vehicle, especially witnesses to driving that endanger the cyclist, especially if video footage is available. A standard white van in good condition. Unadorned on the passenger side, the rear and the top. With orange New York plates surrounded by black or dark border. Located a recessed area in the bottom of the passenger's rear window.

Seen driven down East Main Street from Neversink Avenue to bridge to Jersey Avenue. Down Jersey Avenue away from East Main Street, with whereabouts around 4:30 PM Saturday, the 16th of January 2021. Anyone with information that could help ID the van or the driver, or anyone who witnessed dangerous behavior, please contact (845) 856-3748. Again, that's (845) 856-3748 and is signed by Peter Grech. And thank you all. I'll send a copy of this to the City clerk after the meeting.

Kelly Decker:

Thank you, Mr. Siegel. Anyone else from the public? Not hearing any. I'll entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25th, 2021 Common Council meeting. What's your pleasure? For motion? Mr. Siegel. Do I have a second?

Maria Mann:

Second.

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Kelly Decker:

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

*Chorus of Ayes*

Kelly Decker:

Opposed? *Silence* So carried. Thank you. For the general public, we do not need to address any executive session material. There was nothing to vote on. Going to regular business, Mr. Foster, police and ADA.

Regis Foster:

Thank you, Mayor. At this time, I'd like to approve the 2021 contract with the Humane Society.

Kelly Decker:

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

Maria Mann:

Second.

Kelly Decker:

Second by Ms. Mann. This is to approve the Humane Society contract with the City. It has not changed from last year. Any comments? All in favor?

*Chorus of Ayes*

Kelly Decker:

Opposed? *Silence* So carried. Thank you.

Regis Foster:

Also at this time, I'd like to approve the January monthly report from police department.

Kelly Decker:

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

Lisa Randazzo:

Second.

Kelly Decker:

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

*Chorus of Ayes*

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Kelly Decker:

Opposed? *Silence* So carried.

Regis Foster:

Some of the highlights of the report, total incidents for the month was 841. Total tickets issued was 249. Total mileage on patrol vehicles was 10,549. Total value stolen property was \$12,697. The value of recovered property was \$9,070. Domestic for the month was 39 and the total arrest for the month was 61. Part-one offenses, there were approximately three assaults, three burglary, six larceny, and two, motor vehicle. Part two offenses, there was 20 for controlled substances and for simple assault, there was 17. Some more highlights. Motor vehicle accidents, property damage, 21. Personal injury, there was none. Ticket summaries, parking ticket issued were 78, traffic tickets issued was 171. Partial ticket breakdown for speeding, there were 20 tickets issued for the month. No or expired inspection was 45, unlicensed or suspension was 28, and overnight parking was 63.

Our next police committee meeting is going to be February 18th at 6:00 PM. Probably it'd be back on Zoom. And ADA has met, and really the only big thing was they were talking about some poles that were installed about a year, a year and a half ago, right around the Orange & Rockland substation. They wanted to know if it was ADA compliant to have been located there. And it was. Our next ADA meeting has not been scheduled for date just yet, but we'll keep you posted when that comes about. And that's it, Mayor. Thank you.

Kelly Decker:

Thank you, Mr. Foster. Mr. Santini, code.

Dominic Santini:

Thank you, Mayor. Code did not meet. There was lack of agenda items. The next code meeting will be March 3rd at 6:00 PM most likely via Zoom. And that's all I have.

Kelly Decker:

Sorry, I think we threw a bunch on you just with the local law. Thank you, sir. Ms. Campbell, Recreation.

Chandler Campbell:

Thank you, Mayor. Enjoy hours of winter fun at our sleigh riding Hill at West End beach. The Hill is open daily sunrise to sunset. Please remember it's for sledding only, no skis and no snowboards. We are very pleased to announce that we are bringing back our Busy Bodies, arts and crafts program. Busy Bodies is for boys and girls in the grades K through two. This is a free program and it will be held at the Youth Center Saturday mornings from 10:00 AM till 12:00 PM. You must register for this class as spots are limited ... Sorry, spots are limited available due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Class size will be held to eight children. The registration will be at the Youth Center or by email every Tuesday and Thursday evening between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM. First come, first serve. For more information on this, please contact us at (845) 858-4045 or by email [recreationdirector@portjervisny.gov](mailto:recreationdirector@portjervisny.gov). That's it, Mayor. Thank you.

Kelly Decker:

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Thank you very much. Ms. Mann, tourism and IDA.

Maria Mann:

Thank you, Mayor. The IDA has not met since their last meeting. Due to a lack of agenda items, this month's meeting has been canceled. The board is looking for committee members. Anyone interested, please contact the City Clerk's or Mayor's office. Tourism has not met since their last meeting. Their next meeting will be held this Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Mayor, am I doing the approval for the contract or is that something?

Kelly Decker:

No, go ahead and do it.

Maria Mann:

Okay.

Kelly Decker:

You're going to send me a revised... the same thing that the bagpipers did. So, I will sign the revised one that allows us to not pay if we cancel.

Maria Mann:

Right. That was my question because in the event the parade is canceled due to an uprising of COVID cases, the City is not liable to pay the Broome Street Band.

Kelly Decker:

And Jason's sending me a new contract. So just approve it with that revision in it.

Maria Mann:

Okay. So I'd like to make a motion to approve the contract with the Broome Street Band for the St. Patrick's day parade with the revision in the event that the parade is canceled due to an uprising of COVID cases, the City is not liable to pay the Broome Street Band.

Kelly Decker:

Thank you. I have a motion by Ms. Mann. Do I have a second?

Stanley Siegel:

Second.

Kelly Decker:

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

*Chorus of Ayes*

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Kelly Decker:

Opposed? *Silence* So carried. Thank you.

Stanley Siegel:

Thank you. That is all, Mayor. Thank you.

Kelly Decker:

Thank you very much. Mr. Oney, DPW.

Gerald Oney:

That's Stan, he gave me the code.

Kelly Decker:

Hold on a second. Okay. Sorry, Mr. Oney, go ahead.

Gerald Oney:

Thank you, Mayor. Garbage and recycling will be on its normal schedule for this week. The week of February 15th, garbage and recycling will be one day late in all wards due to the Presidents' Day holiday. Cardboard will be picked up on its normal day in the third ward. The next DPW meeting will be Monday, March 1st at 6:00 PM and it'll probably be Zoom. Mayor, do you want me to read this resolution now or?

Kelly Decker:

Yes, sir.

Gerald Oney:

Yeah, I have a resolution regards to the repair. Now the sewer vac truck. Whereas the City of Port Jervis Common Council recognizes the need to repair the sewer vac truck as a vital piece of equipment and whereas the cost of repair has been estimated at \$23,000. And whereas available in the sewer budget for 2021, there is available a total of \$20,000, which will fully utilize the repair line and the contingency line.

Now, therefore be resolved that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis approves the repair of the equipment in total at \$23,000. Using the above-mentioned budget lines, it designates \$3000 as additional monies to come from either fund balance and, or sewer supplies lines. Should monies become available through a grant, to fund the supply line at a future date.

The Council also recognizes the additional funds may be necessary from fund balance in the sewer fund for other repair contingency items as necessary for the remainder of the year. If the grant monies are not obtained, additional repairs be needed. I'd like to make that to motion. And then I have a few things in the discussion.

Kelly Decker:

I have a motion. Do I have a second?

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Lisa Randazzo:

Second.

Kelly Decker:

Second by Ms. Randazzo. Discussion?

Gerald Oney:

So, under discussion, this truck is the one we share with Middletown. Middletown currently bought a new truck, equals \$500,000. They're not interested in sharing this truck anymore. So, we're in the process of taking complete ownership of it. The \$23,000 is an estimate. We are a little worried that once they rip it apart, they might find more, so in the upfront conversation is that I might be coming back to talk about it, but it's much cheaper than \$500,000 truck. And from here on forward, all the maintenance will be us. So, we've been maintaining this when we've had it in the shared agreement, but now we'll have total control of the maintenance end of this truck.

Kelly Decker:

And we will have full possession of the truck. Middletown won't have it anymore. We used to split the cost of repairs. Now the repairs would be responsibly ours. Robin, I do have a question because I know that this came up. There was the possibility for extra money for the traffic light that Jack had thought that could be used for this. Can it not be used for this?

Robin Waizenegger:

I've given him the bond information. I haven't heard back whether he's going to have any room or not. I don't think he got the information on the rest of the traffic lights to be able to do that assessment upfront yet.

Kelly Decker:

Okay. So, basically what this resolution is going to do is let us move forward with them to look at this repair. But if Jack in the meantime finds out that there is a buffer there in that bond money, we may come back with another resolution to attach to that bond money, just so that you're all aware.

Gerald Oney:

Because the problem here is this wipes out the whole 2021 budget line for repairs-

Kelly Decker:

And in the beginning of the year.

Gerald Oney:

Right. It's February. What is it? 8th.

Kelly Decker:

Any other comments or questions? All in favor.

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*Chorus of Ayes*

Kelly Decker:

Opposed? *Silence* So carried. Thank you.

Gerald Oney:

That's all I have, Mayor.

Kelly Decker:

Thank you, sir. Ms. Trovei, finance CDA.

Kristin Trovei:

Thank you. CDA met remotely on Wednesday, January 27th. Some items that we reviewed include the section eight update of their financials, the wait list application process that was opened for a week and a HUD compliance audit. We also reviewed the CPA financials. We discussed the upcoming CDBG grant application, which we just had the public hearing for earlier this evening. We discussed some current grants that are in process such as the lateral waterline replacements. They're doing some outreach to homeowners and continuing to work with engineers to implement as many replacements as we can with the money that was allotted. And we're also continuing the process of the land acquisition in Deerpark. This is for the WQIP and the carbon credit program that we want to implement eventually. And we're also finalizing past grant paperwork because these funds come with a lot of paperwork and it takes up a lot of time. The next meeting will be held February 24th at 7:00 PM, probably remotely, I don't know yet. We're just assuming remotely at this time. I think the state of emergency or limited emergency ends the 22nd.

Kelly Decker:

Yeah.

Kristin Trovei:

Okay. So, we should probably know-

Kelly Decker:

I'm going to hope that if those numbers are down, we're going to start to go back live.

Kristin Trovei:

Okay. For finance, finance committee has not met since the last meeting. However, we did receive the bid results of the revenue anticipation note. The results came in. Jeff bank was 2%, M&T bank was 1.63% and TD bank did not bid. So, we're going to go with M&T bank. The next finance meeting will be held February 17th at 6:00 PM. We do have some bills to pay. It is very high this week, but we collect taxes for Orange County. And so, when I say I'm going to pay a \$1.4 million bill, that is the taxes that we collected for Orange County and are sending back to them. So just be mindful of that.



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Kristin Trovei:

From the general fund, \$400,046.40. From the water fund, \$16,379.56. From the sewer fund, \$4,394.39. From the capital fund, \$34,250.83. Trust and Agency, \$1,436,508.29. For a total of \$1,891,579.47. Some items from the general water and sewer funds. State Insurance Fund, \$28,499.31. Spinnertech \$8,692. Global Montello group, \$9,669.02, Callahan Industries, \$2,871.06. And from the capital fund municipal emergency services for the fire department, \$33,743. And KJBL electronic store radios and the DPW dump trucks, \$370. I'll make a motion to pay the bills.

Kelly Decker:

Motion by Ms. Trovei. Do I have a second?

Lisa Randazzo:

Second.

Kelly Decker:

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

*Chorus of Ayes*

Kelly Decker:

Opposed? *Silence* So carried.

Kristin Trovei:

Thank you. Everyone should have received via email the finance committee minutes, January's finance committee minutes. So, at this time, I'd like to make a motion to approve those minutes.

Kelly Decker:

Motion by Ms. Trovei. Do I have a second?

Gerald Oney:

Second.

Kelly Decker:

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

*Chorus of Ayes*

Kelly Decker:

Opposed? *Silence* So carried.

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Kristin Trovei:

And I just want to quickly say thanks to the DPW for their work during the snowstorm. I can't remember the last time we had a storm like this. I feel like it's been like seven or eight years. And they were out plowing during the 30 or so hours that it was snowing and then clearing days and days' worth afterwards of sidewalks and things like that, trying to get snow out of businesses' and churches', et cetera, way. So, thank you. And hopefully it stopped snowing. That's all.

Kelly Decker:

Thank you. Mr. Simmons, planning and zoning.

Tim Simmons:

Thank you, Mayor. The planning board is planning to meet February 16th, that's Tuesday, next Tuesday at 7:00 PM via Zoom. They're going to entertain the application during the public hearing of 67 Fowler Street. That's the corner of Fowler and Orchard, next to Dr. Little's present facility. They're going to be building an urgent care facility that will be run by Dr. Little's husband. I know there's some engineering work that they are looking carefully at because there was some flooding water issues there. Not flooding, but water issues on the property.

Zoning met on Tuesday, February 2nd, via Zoom. There was a pre-submission for a front porch variance for 1-3 Culvert Street. Mr. Tim Schadt was the applicant. So, a public hearing was set for Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:00 PM. And we'll see if that's going to be Zoom or in person. And I'm sure that will be put out for the public. And that's all I have, Mayor.

Kelly Decker:

Thanks, sir. Mr. Siegel.

Stanley Siegel:

Thank you, Mayor. Fire and Emergency management last met on Tuesday, the 19th of January. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 16th at 6:00 PM. That's a change in date and time due to the Presidents' Day on the 15th and due to the planning board on the 16th at 7:00 PM. So again, that's Tuesday the 16th at 6:00 PM. There is no correspondence from the department secretary. They are meeting right now because they canceled the meeting due to the snowstorm on Monday. And I may get a report before the meeting's over and I'm watching my iPad for that. And if I get one, I will bring it up at the end.

Housing authority last met on January 26th. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 23rd, at 7:00 PM at Hillside Terrace. I'd like to thank ACO Ewing for using his discretion and his behavior with stray dogs in saving the City a lot of money before he takes them to the Humane Society. I know that his wife told me he even brings them to his house for a while to try to find the owner. So, while we did sign a contract with the Humane Society for the same amount of money, anything he can save us is good. So, I'd like to thank him for that on behalf of the City.

Stanley Siegel:

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And also, I'd like to also thank the DPW. Got a lot of positive comments. And after the storm, they went out and they cleared a lot of business areas and I like to thank them for what they did. And maybe they should level up the plows. And that's all I have at this point. Thank you.

Kelly Decker:

Thank you, sir. Ms. Randazzo.

Lisa Randazzo:

I have nothing. Thank you, Mayor.

Kelly Decker:

Thank you. Our second public comment session, anybody from the public have any matters? Not hearing any.

I have a couple of things. One was the DPW. If anybody traveled outside our City right after the snowstorm, you would know what a wonderful job they did for our City. And by later that afternoon, the roads were completely clear, bare down to the bones. Whereas you went to other municipalities around us and they were completely snow covered or packed or icy. So yeah, even though they did spend many hours here, many hours away from their families, they did a wonderful job and I have heard a lot of compliments as well. Thank you to our DPW. The first matter that I have is I have a letter from the Drew Methodist church that includes the Drew Methodist church and the Salvation Army to conduct their annual Easter sunrise service on Point Peter on Sunday, April 4th, 2021 from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM. And as they did last year, it will be socially distanced. What's your pleasure?

Lisa Randazzo:

So, moved

Kelly Decker:

I have a motion by Ms., I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Mr. Simmons.

Tim Simmons:

Yes, sir.

Kelly Decker:

All right. And second? Second by Ms. Randazzo. Thank you. Discussion? All in favor?

*Chorus of Ayes*

Kelly Decker:

Opposed? *Silence* So carried. Thank you.

I have a motion. Now, What they do is they ... for events for the Outdoor Club at Port Jervis, we do have a contract with them to take care of the watershed, but when it comes to events, they have to also complete their event applications, just like our tourism board does. So, I have two event applications.

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The first one is for a new event called Spring to Life, Ride the Trails. It is two introductory bike rides open to all ages, one novice course, and one advanced, riding the trails and Elks-Brox Park in the Watershed Trails. This is to be held on June 27th, 2021. What's your pleasure?

Tim Simmons:

So, moved.

Kelly Decker:

Motion by Mr. Simmons. Second?

Stanley Siegel:

Second.

Kelly Decker:

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

*Chorus of Ayes*

Kelly Decker:

Opposed? *Silence* So carried. Thank you.

This event is a second annual event now if you approve it. This is in conjunction with the Saw Creek Outfitters, Jay Mancuso and Conrad Savitry. This is the Lenape adventure recreational race, rowing, biking, running, climbing and more to be held on October 2nd, 2021. What's your pleasure?

Regis Foster:

So, moved.

Lisa Randazzo:

So, moved.

Kelly Decker:

Motion by Mr. Foster. Second by Ms. Randazzo. Discussion? And in this approval, I'd like to just include that the fire department and their rescue team safety repelling team is also involved in this as they were last year. Any other further comments? All in favor?

*Chorus of Ayes*

Kelly Decker:

Opposed. Oh, I'm sorry. Maria, did you have something?

Maria Mann:

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I mean, as always, the department heads reviewed and approved it as well for both events, right?

Kelly Decker:

Correct. And that's why I put in the fire department piece, because the fire people wanted that in there.

Maria Mann:

Okay.

Kelly Decker:

All right. Thank you.

Maria Mann:

That's all.

Kelly Decker:

All in favor.

*Chorus of Ayes*

Kelly Decker:

Opposed? *Silence* So carried. Thank you.

And the last item that I have is I received the letter from Gio's Gelato. If you've been here in the Council before, whenever somebody goes for either a liquor license or a renewal, we get a letter from them stating that they're going to apply and that we have the ability to say we don't want to or we want them to. It's more of a formality, but what is your pleasure?

Lisa Randazzo:

So, moved.

Regis Foster:

Second.

Kelly Decker:

This is to allow them to move forward. Okay.

Lisa Randazzo:

Yes.

Kelly Decker:

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

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*Chorus of Ayes*

Kelly Decker:

Opposed? *Silence* So carried. Thank you. If you don't have any other further business, guess what?

Robin Waizenegger:

Mayor?

Kelly Decker:

Yes.

Robin Waizenegger:

Could you please forward that application to the clerk's office for a formal recording?

Kelly Decker:

I will.

Robin Waizenegger:

Thank you.

Kelly Decker:

Thank you. Any other order of business? Stan, did you get anything?

Stanley Siegel:

No, I did not.

Kelly Decker:

Okay. I guess that's it.

Maria Mann:

No more snow.

Kelly Decker:

Yeah. Let's hope. All right.

Maria Mann:

No more snow-

Kelly Decker:

All motion to adjourn. Somebody put your hand up so I can see. Stanley. Mr. Siegel. Second by Ms. Trovei. Discussion? All in favor?

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*Chorus of Ayes*

Kelly Decker:

So, carried. Thank you, everybody. Have a great day.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm, Next Council Meeting February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

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Robin Waizenegger, City Clerk Treasurer