

Council Meeting August 9, 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 August 9th, 2021, at 6:30 pm

All members of the Common Council were present except Dominick Santini and Chandler Campbell. Also, present were Corporation Counsel William Frank, City Clerk Treasurer Laura Quick and Deputy City Clerk Treasurer Bobbie Jo Muller.

Mayor Kelly Decker: It is 6:30 PM. Monday, August 9th, 2021. I'll call the meeting of the Port Jervis Common Council to order. Please rise for the pledge.

Audience: 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 Kelly Decker: Thank you. First, we will do a roll call. I'll start over here with Mr. Foster.

Regis Foster: Councilman Regis Foster, present.

Mayor Kelly Decker: Ms. Mann?

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

Mayor Kelly Decker: Ms. Randazzo?

Lisa Randazzo: Councilwoman-at-large Lisa Randazzo, present.

Mayor Kelly Decker: Mayor, Kelly Decker present. I'm sorry. Ms. Trovei.

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

Mayor Kelly Decker: Mr. Oney?

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

Mayor Kelly Decker: Mr. Simmons?

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

Mayor Kelly Decker: Mr. Siegel?

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

Mayor Kelly Decker: And Mr. Frank?

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William Frank ESQ: William Frank, Corporation Counsel, present.

Mayor Kelly Decker: Thank you. We will head into Executive Session on five items. They are just going to be mostly updates. I'll entertain a motion to go into Executive Session.

Lisa Randazzo: So moved

Timothy Simmons: So moved

Mayor Kelly Decker: Motion by Ms. Randazzo, second by Mr. Simmons. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye

Mayor Kelly Decker: Opposed? So carried, hopefully.

William Frank ESQ: For the purpose of discussing potential real estate acquisitions and to confer with counsel.

Mayor Kelly Decker: Thank you. All in favor?

Everyone: Aye

Mayor Kelly Decker: Opposed? So carried.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 6:32 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

Mayor Kelly Decker: It is 07:14. I'll entertain a motion to come out of Executive Session.

Timothy Simmons: So moved

Mayor Kelly Decker: Motion by Mr. Simmons.

Lisa Randazzo: Second

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

Everyone: Aye

Mayor Kelly Decker: Opposed? So carried. Just for the public's concern, none of the Executive Sessions things will be voted on this evening.

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Mayor Kelly Decker: First is public comment. We have no one signed up for public comments. We'll move to the approval of the minutes. I'll entertain a motion for the July 12th Common Council Meeting. What's your pleasure?

Regis Foster: So moved

Mayor Kelly Decker: Motion by Mr. Foster.

Regis Foster: I'm lonely today.

Lisa Randazzo: Second

Mayor Kelly Decker: Actually, it sounded like Mr. Frank. Second by Ms. Randazzo. Discussion? All in favor?

Majority of Council: Aye

Mayor Kelly Decker: All in favor?

Mayor Kelly Decker: Opposed? We have two abstentions, Mr. Oney, Mr. Siegel.

Timothy Simmons: I think I was gone that week.

Mayor Kelly Decker: So then 1, 2, 3, 4.

Unknown Speaker: Wait, what?

Mayor Kelly Decker: This is for approval of minutes.

Will Frank: ...need 5 votes.

Gerald Oney Jr: On any motion or just

Will Frank: You have to have a quorum of the entire council.

Mayor Kelly Decker: Okay. So I'll table, July 12th. Did if you guys make the Special Common Council Meeting, with the police promotion. Stan, I know you didn't. Tim, did you? With the police promotion, the special meeting.... that was a couple of days later.

Timothy Simmons: I was there for that.

Stan Siegel: I was not.

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Gerald Oney Jr.: I was not.

Mayor Kelly Decker: You were not.

Timothy Simmons: I was here.

Mayor Kelly Decker: Yeah, we have enough for that one. So, I'll entertain a motion for the July 15th, 2021 Special Common Council Meeting.

Timothy Simmons: So moved

Mayor Kelly Decker: Motion by Mr. Simmons.

Lisa Randazzo: Second

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

Majority of Council: Aye

Mayor Kelly Decker: Opposed? So carried.

Gerald Oney Jr: I abstain.

Stan Siegel: I abstain

Mayor Kelly Decker: I have two abstentions Mr. Siegel and Mr. Oney.

Timothy Simmons: I came back that afternoon.

Stan Siegel: You better check with Linda.

Mayor Kelly Decker: OK, nothing out of Executive Session. So onto regular business, Mr. Foster.

Regis Foster: At this time, the Police Department is accepting applications for part-time clerk/dispatcher and school crossing guard positions. The City of Port Jervis is currently accepting applications for the following within the Police Department: Clerk/Dispatcher and School Crossing Guard. So if you are interested in submitting an application, you can obtain a Civil Service application from the city's website, or you may obtain an application at the Police Department or City Clerk's Office. Completed applications can be submitted to the City of Port Jervis Civil Service Commission, Police Department or the City Clerk's Office in person, via mail. That's at 20 Hammond Street, here in Port Jervis. Or electronically at info@portjervisny.gov. If you have any questions, please contact the Civil Service Commission at 858-4000 or the administration office at 858-4065. At this time, I would like to make a motion to accept Ronnie Gioia's retirement as a crossing guard.

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Stanley Siegel: Second.

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

Everyone: Aye

Mayor Kelly Decker: Opposed? So carried.

Regis Foster: Ronnie has dedicated the past 10 years serving and protecting our young school aged children covering posts at Kingston Avenue, East Main Street and the Port Jervis Middle School. She was friendly fixture at these posts and visually protected our children despite the pandemic, the weather and the increased trend of distracted driving behaviors. She was a fantastic crossing guard who touched the lives of the children and families with whom she interacted and will be greatly missed. At this time, I would like to make a motion for the approval of Mayor Decker to sign the 2021-2022 contract with the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to accept \$17,168 in grant funding under the Police Traffic Services Grant to participate in grant fund, traffic safety initiatives in the City of Port Jervis. This award is approximately \$968 higher than the award received in 2020-2021. That's a motion.

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

Lisa Randazzo: Second

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

Everyone: Aye

Mayor Kelly Decker: Opposed? So carried.

Regis Foster: And there'll be a 2021 Port Jervis Police Department Jump Out Party and Barbecue on August 26th at Church Street Park and on August 27th at Riverside Park Pump Track. The time will be from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. So stop by for music, hot dogs, ice pops and a game of basketball or corn hole. At this time, I'd like to make a motion as you all received the monthly report for July, 2021.

Mayor Kelly Decker: Motion by Mr. Foster, do I have a second? This is for the July, 2021 Police Committee.

Maria Mann: Second

Mayor Kelly Decker: Second, Ms. Mann, discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye

Mayor Kelly Decker: Opposed? So carried.

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Regis Foster: Okay. Total incidents from the highlights. Total incidents for the month was 978. Traffic stops was 128. Stolen property was 3..., the value of stolen property was 3,050. Value of recovered property was 470. Prisoners locally contained was 9. Part one offenses, the total was 13. Part two offenses, the total number was 75. Property damage was 26. Parking tickets issued was 11. Traffic tickets issued was 166. Unlicensed and suspensions was 40. And cell phone violations was 11. The next Police Committee Meeting is not going to be until September. I will be getting back to you with a date in September. Also at this time, I'd like to make a motion to accept the ADA minutes that you all have received.

Mayor Kelly Decker: Motion by Mr. Foster for the ADA minutes.

Gerald Oney Jr.: Second

Mayor Kelly Decker: I have a second by Mr. Oney. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye

Mayor Kelly Decker: Opposed? So carried.

Regis Foster: At the ADA meeting, handicap parking space was repainted and decaded here in the municipal parking lot. Also, Jack Farr was looking whether or not if there needs to be visible sign postage in front of the parking spot as well. So he'll be taking a look at that. There were no complaints for this quarter. The next ADA meeting is going to be on December 6th at 6:30 right here in the Council Chambers. And that's all I have to report.

Mayor Kelly Decker: Thank you, sir. Under code, we have one item that Ms. Randazzo...

Lisa Randazzo: Thank you Mayor. At this time, I'd like to set a date for a public hearing on Local Law #3 of 2021 which will be on the hotel room occupancy tax, to be scheduled for Monday, August 23rd at 6:31 PM.

Will Frank: Can I also add to that, that the Council declare itself as a lead agency for SEQR purposes and primarily classify the action as unlisted, please?

Lisa Randazzo: So amended.

Gerald Oney Jr.: Second

Mayor Kelly Decker: Motion by Ms. Randazzo, and second by Mr. Oney. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye

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

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Lisa Randazzo: And then just to make a note that the next Code meeting is Wednesday, September 1st at 7:00 PM here in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Kelly Decker: Ms. Campbell's not here. Recreation update.

Refer to report attached at end of meeting minutes

Mayor Kelly Decker: And the last thing is, the next Recreation Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 26th, at 6 PM at the Youth Center. Next we have Ms. Mann, Tourism and IDA.

Maria Mann: Thank you Mayor. Tourism has not met since our last meeting. Their next upcoming event would be the Italian Festival Bella Notte Italiana, which will be held on Saturday, August 21st from 4 to 9:00 PM in Orange Square Park. At 8 PM America's Got Talent, Sal Valentinetti will be performing. Applications to become a vendor are listed on the city website. They're also available at the City Clerk's Office. For additional information you may also contact Tourism chair Laura Meyer by email, at floralaurapj@yahoo.com. The 28th Annual Fall Foliage Festival will be held on Sunday, September 26th, from 10 AM to 5:00 PM. Applications to become a vendor are also listed on the city website and available at the Clerk's Office as well. The next Tourism meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 11th at 7:00 PM here in the Council Chambers. The IDA has not met since their last meeting. Due to a lack of agenda items, they will not meet this month. And I'd also like to congratulate Ronnie on her retirement and thank her for her commitment and dedication to our city as our crossing guard. And that's all. Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Kelly Decker: Thank you very much. Miss Trovei. Finance and CDA.

Kristin Trovei: Thank you. The CDA met Wednesday, July...

Mayor Kelly Decker: No, I'm just doing it in the order of....

Kristin Trovei: The CDA met Wednesday, July 28th. We reviewed financials and the Section 8 update. The CFA grants were submitted regarding the sewer relining, water meter replacement and the waterfront revitalization planning initiative. We are still waiting to hear if we were awarded any funding from previously submitted applications from Senator Gillibrand for various projects, as well as the AFG application for fire department equipment. The next CDA meeting is Wednesday, August 25th at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers. There was a Special Finance Meeting on August 2nd to discuss the 2021 bond. The council members that were present discussed the following:

Kristin Trovei: In regards to the 2013 bond, we're going to refinance it to reduce our interest payments. The 2017 bond, there was some money left over that can be reallocated for items within that bond. So we discussed the reallocations, such as money for the Police Department renovations, monies to finish the range building and money for in-house water pump replacements and three ozone air compressors for the water filtration plant. And we also discussed the need to reallocate and shift money to zero out the lines that have deficits just to clean up the bond a little bit. For the 2021 bond we discussed

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Kristin Trovei (continued): \$2.5 million for the bridge which we previously approved the BAN for, \$1 million for a fire truck and a small rescue truck, \$150,000 for a large snowblower, \$200,000 for a dump truck with a plow and \$500,000 for a DPW facility. This is not the total cost of replacing or relocating the DPW facility, but it is just a start. The next regular finance meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 25th at 6:00 PM. At this time, I would like to make a motion that we refinance the 2013 city bond to reduce our interest charges.

Lisa Randazzo: Second

Mayor Kelly Decker: I have a motion by Ms. Trovei. Second by Ms. Randazzo. Discussion? This amount I think it equates to about 30,000, right?

Laura Quick: This.... per month.... is 387,000 a year savings.

Mayor Kelly Decker: I just want the public to know that. That's why we're refinancing. Any other discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye

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

Kristin Trovei: At this time, I'd like to make a motion that we approve the 2018 BAN for the bridge, safe sidewalks project to be part of the 2021 bond for \$2.5 million.

Gerald Oney Jr.: Second

Mayor Kelly Decker: I have a motion by Ms. Trovei. Second Mr. Oney. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye

Mayor Kelly Decker: Opposed? So carried.

Kristin Trovei: Thank you. And at this time I'd like to make a motion we approve \$1,820,000 for a 2021 bond, which would include the fire truck, light duty rescue truck, large snowblower, dump truck with plow, and the initial design and construction of a new DPW facility.

Mayor Kelly Decker: Motion by Ms. Trovei, do I have a second?

Timothy Simmons: Second

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

Everyone: Aye

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Mayor Kelly Decker: Opposed. So carried.

Kristin Trovei: Thank you. We also have bills to pay. From the General Fund \$61,195.13. From the Water Fund at \$17,174.48. From the Sewer Fund, \$14,179.76. From the Capital Fund \$392.55. Trust and Agency \$119,050.26, for a total of \$211,992.18. From the General Water and/or Sewer Funds: New York State Workers Compensation, \$25,954.88. Manufacturing Technologies (sewer relining), \$8,018.35. Municipal Emergency Services, this is for the Fire Department, \$7,111.34. Farr Engineering \$10,250.00. And from the Capital Fund: Home Depot (Police Reno) \$392.55. Make a motion to approve the bills.

Lisa Randazzo: Second

Mayor Kelly Decker: I have a motion by Ms. Trovei, second by Ms. Randazzo. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye

Mayor Kelly Decker: Opposed? So carried.

Kristin Trovei: Thank you. And just a reminder that there is a 3rd Ward Neighborhood Watch Meeting on Wednesday, August 18th at 7:00 PM at Engine #1 on Canal Street. Thank you.

Mayor Kelly Decker: Mr. Simmons... Oh, I'm sorry. Mr. Oney, DPW.

Gerald Oney Jr: Thank you, Mayor. I would like to make a motion to accept the minutes for the August 2nd DPW meeting.

Mayor Kelly Decker: I have a motion by Mr. Oney. Do I have a second?

Lisa Randazzo: Second

Mayor Kelly Decker: Second by Ms. Randazzo. Discussion?

Gerald Oney Jr: Under discussion I'd just like to thank Lisa for writing it, or proctoring it in my absence. Thank you, Lisa.

Mayor Kelly Decker: All in favor?

Everyone: Aye

Mayor Kelly Decker: Opposed? So carried.

Gerald Oney Jr: I'd like to make a motion to spend \$4,180.57 to Kaivac, for a city hall cleaning unit. Initially to be paid from the contingency, but earmarked for COVID cleaning.

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Mayor Kelly Decker: And the reason, and just... sorry I have a motion by Mr. Oney, do I have second?

Lisa Randazzo: Second

Mayor Kelly Decker: Second by Ms. Randazzo. The reason that it initially will come out of contingency is because we're in the process of creating that list of overtime, sick time, COVID expenses. This will go into those COVID expenses as a cleaning item. So it'll come from that COVID money that we received from the federal government. Any other discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye

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

Gerald Oney Jr: Mayor, I'd like to also make a motion to hire Regina Baumgardner to the position of part-time bus driver for the Dial-A-Bus bus operation. This appointment is contingent on Regina passing her physical and preemployment drug screening. I'd like to make that motion.

Mayor Kelly Decker: I have a motion by Mr. Oney. Do I have a second?

Stan Siegel: Second

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

Everyone: Aye

Mayor Kelly Decker: Opposed? So carried, thank you.

Gerald Oney Jr: And I believe that's all I have, Mayor.

Mayor Kelly Decker: Thank you, sir. Now, Mr. Simmons, sorry about that. Planning and Zoning.

Tim Simmons: Thank you, Mayor. The Zoning Board did not meet on August 3rd due to lack of any applications. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, September 7th here in the Council Chamber at 7:00 PM. The Planning Board will meet Tuesday, August 17th at 7:00 PM here in the Council Chambers. I would like to offer my condolences to the family of Thom McKeeby from west end. Thom was a long time member of the Excelsior Engine Company #5 in Port Jervis and passed away right at the end of July and my sincere condolences to his family. And I'd also like to thank Ronnie for her number of years to making sure that our school children got across the street safely. She's always had a very pleasant presence and did a really nice job. So thank you for her time. And that's all I have, Mayor.

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

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Stanley Siegel: Thank you. Before we get to Fire Emergency Management. I just want to say that I wanted to vote against the \$2.5 million for the bridge. I don't think that's a burden we should put on the people. I think that if someone bids a job and there's overruns, that should be covered in the contingency that they put in their contract. So I would have voted against it, but it was coupled with safe sidewalks and that's already done. And it was a good thing. So that's the only reason I voted yes on that. Fire Emergency Management, there was no meeting held in July. The next meeting will be held earlier than normal on Monday, August 16, but at 6:00 PM due to a special meeting at 6:30.

Stanley Siegel: I have four items from the department secretary. Nomination for active membership. Hayden Tray Conklin. Dear Mayor Decker and Members of the City Council, It is hereby requested that the below named person be appointed for active membership into Port Jervis Fire Department in the Company stated. Hayden Tray Conklin, Howard Wheat Engine Company #4. The members of the Board of Officers of the Port Jervis Fire Department approved this application on 8/2/2021 and by the prospective member's Company on the date stated on the individual's application. I make a motion to approve that.

Timothy Simmons: Second

Mayor Kelly Decker: Motion by Mr. Siegel. Second by Mr. Simmons. This is for a new member of 4's. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye

Mayor Kelly Decker: Opposed? So carried.

Stanley Siegel: Thank you. Removal of member Jennifer L. Snyder. Dear Mayor Decker and Members of City Council, this is to request that the below named, a member of the Port Jervis Fire Department and the company herein stated, be removed from active membership rolls for the reason(s) stated. Member Jennifer L. Snyder, Company: Howard Wheat Engine Company #4; Reason: voluntary resignation. This change is effective this date. It's dated August 2nd, 2021. Make a motion to approve that.

Timothy Simmons: Second

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

Everyone: Aye

Mayor Kelly Decker: Opposed? So carried.

Stanley Siegel: Thank you. We have an event change from Maghogomock Hook and Ladder #1. Dear Mayor Decker and Members of the City Council, Maghogomock Hook and Ladder Company #1, requests that their previously approved chicken barbecue, scheduled for 10/2/2021 be changed to 10/9/2021. This request was approved by the Board of Officers this date, and it's dated August 2nd, 2021. I make a motion to approve that.

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Timothy Simmons: Second

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

Everyone: Aye

Mayor Kelly Decker: Opposed? So carried.

Stanley Siegel: Thank you. And event, Delaware Engine Company #2. Dear Mayor Decker and Members of the City Council, Delaware Engine Company #2 requests permission to host the following event: The annual Nick McKeon Scholarship Horseshoe Tournament on September 19th, 2021 at the Matamoras Fire Department from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM. This request was approved by the Board of Officers this date and it's dated August 2nd, 2021. Make a motion to approve that.

Timothy Simmons: Second

Mayor Kelly Decker: Motion by Mr. Siegel. Second by Mr. Simmons. Discussion?

Lisa Randazzo: Can you repeat the date again please?

Stanley Siegel: 9/19 at 10 AM to 6 PM.

Mayor Kelly Decker: All in favor?

Everyone: Aye

Mayor Kelly Decker: Opposed? So carried.

Stanley Siegel: Thank you. The Port Jervis Fire Department was recently awarded a \$1,500 matching grant by New York State DEC. This is our second in the last three years. The money will go towards purchasing equipment to further protect our watershed, recreational trails. Housing Authority last met on Tuesday, July 27. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24th at 7:00 PM at Hillside Terrace. I'd also like to congratulate Ronnie on her crossing guard duties and thank her for her service. And it was pretty cool because there was a time when the Fire Police had to help out and cover for Ronnie and some others. And the people that came to the corner said, "Where's Ronnie?" I thought that I did a good job, but apparently Ronnie did a greater job. So, thank you, Ronnie. And I'd like to extend my condolences to Thom McKeeby's family. Thom was a great guy, great community member and a good fireman. So our condolences to Thom and that's all I have. Thank you.

Mayor Kelly Decker: Thank you, sir. Ms. Randazzo.

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Lisa Randazzo: Thank you, Mayor. At this time, I'd like to just announce that Orange County Legislator, Tom Faggione is mentioning that the Orange County Office for the Aging is going to have Farmers Market coupons available this Saturday, August 14th. The schedule for coupon pickup is going to be from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Pike and Hammond Street in Port Jervis. And it's one coupon booklet per eligible senior. It's on a first come, first serve basis and the eligibility is by self declaration. For more information, you can contact Orange County Legislator, Tom Faggione at 845-551-5784 and we will make sure that this is posted to the Mayor's website.

Mayor Kelly Decker: Okay. I'll make sure.

Lisa Randazzo: Thank you. And that's all I have at this time.

Mayor Kelly Decker: Thank you. Okay. I have a couple items that have been added on.

Mayor Kelly Decker: Do we have public comment?

Timothy Simmons: I doubt it?

Bobbie Jo Muller: No, it's blank.

Mayor Kelly Decker: We have a declination of Capital Social Club Tree, fundraising basketball tournament for August 28th. However, the application cannot be approved at this time as it is incomplete. One, it didn't follow the rules of the public assembly for a 30 day notice; as well as numbers of persons expected was put non-applicable and we need to have an estimated number. That's why we have the assembly permits. I think that's why you're here tonight, right? So we can't approve it tonight. If you or your husband would like to speak to me later, we can do that.

Mayor Kelly Decker: I'm sorry. Okay. Thank you. Just a reminder to the public. This is a continued announcement that there is a posting of the notice of completion of the draft, generic environmental impact statement on our city's website. And this is for the annexation of both the properties in Tri-States as well as in the 3rd Ward. I want to let the public know that the DRI is out. I do know that after speaking with the mayors at the Mid-Hudson Mayor's Meeting on Thursday, that Poughkeepsie is actively seeking for the money as we are actively seeking in the Mid-Hudson. And there are several other municipalities actively seeking. We're going to make some changes. We're going to keep some of the things that they said that were good. We will be submitting that by September 15th. The downtown revitalization initiative, DRI, is where a municipality can get 10 million, but they doubled it down this year to 20 million. And it's a choice of the Mid-Hudson Consortium to either give one municipality 20 million or two municipalities 10 million. It's their choice. So if we get one or the other, that'd be great.

Mayor Kelly Decker: This past weekend was the H2H Point Peter Pounder. Went up there yesterday for the bike racing and the organization was incredible. Bikers were all happy, many people, 175 bikers from all over the place. There were a lot of Jersey, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York plates, but I saw California plates. I saw Colorado plates. I saw Florida plates. So that was on one end of the watershed.

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Mayor Kelly Decker (continued): On the other end of the watershed was the Acme downhill long board racing and some lugging. And I will tell you that it's definitely an incredible sight to see. They also had about a hundred contestants. They were vying for the world. The points for the world, which is down in Argentina and one of the world champions, his name is Danny Engel. He was there. He raced for qualifications, again. This would lead them up to the Olympics. They have every intention on coming back. They love the hill. And I'm going to tell you all over this country, there were people. Literally from all over this country. Almost every state was represented. And I met them on Friday night. Well, Ms. Randazzo was there too. Met them at Orange Square Park. They were led by the police. Most of them stayed at the campground. Some of them stayed in hotels. They practiced on Saturday, raced all day yesterday. No incidents. If you look at the Mayor's Facebook page, I did videotape both of them. I couldn't get live feed from up in the upper end of the watershed trails. So the bike was... I filmed it and then I put it on, but I did live feed the racers coming down. And let me tell you something, the video doesn't do it justice, about how fast they come down. However, today for the city, this is a long board and they donated it... All of them signed it and might be worth some bucks. Maybe if we ever have to sell it. I'll put it in the office for now. And if the time comes up and we need money for the bridge. And if, Danny Engel gets gold, it might be worth a lot of money. So always keep that in the back of your hat. Yeah, exactly. So, anyway, that was a fantastic event.

Mayor Kelly Decker: I want to wish Ronnie a happy retirement. Ronnie has been doing this for 10 years and I got to tell you something. So, the kids are definitely going to miss her. You would think that a crossing guard just crosses them. But when you talk... I mean, I go back all the way to Mr. Elston, who lived on top of Pennsylvania Avenue. And he was the crossing guard at East Main and Kingston. And we all knew and respected Mr. Elston. So I know that these kids do the same thing with Ronnie, with her sister, with Mr. Sexton. They're real important, just as bus drivers, just as the monitors on the buses and the custodial workers and the cafeteria workers in the school. So Ronnie, you will be missed and thank you for your time. Sorry, you couldn't stay on, sometimes it's time to say 'sayonara', right? But you will be missed. That being said, I don't think I have any more notes. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Stan Siegel: So moved

Regis Foster: Second

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

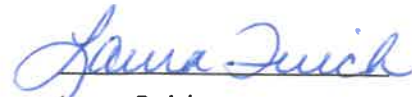
Everyone: Aye

Mayor Kelly Decker: Opposed? So carried. Thank you very much. See you on the 23rd.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on August 23rd, 2021, in-person in Council Chambers City Hall 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis, New York.



Laura Quick
City Clerk Treasurer

Director of Recreation Report July 2021

Playgrounds and Youth Center

We have completed 4 weeks of our 6-week summer program. Our 3 "Playground" locations are: Church St., Riverside and the Youth Center. Activities the kids are participating in include- dodgeball, kickball, street hockey, basketball, wiffleball, softball, deal or no deal, reading, arts and crafts, bowling and video games. Friday afternoons we have been holding "Fun in the Sun" Fridays. Fun in the Sun Fridays are held at either Church St. or Riverside and kids compete in water balloon toss, water relay races and enjoy slip and slide and ice pops. Attendance is slow this summer, especially in the mornings. One of the main reasons for this is due to the fact that summer school is offering many classes for kids this summer and attendance at school is large. Our attendance at the playgrounds picks up in the afternoon. I will have final attendance numbers for you in the August report. The supervisors are doing a good job keeping the kids busy and active throughout the day. Field Day will be held on August 11th from 10 am- 2 pm at Riverside Park and the last day of the Summer Program is Friday, August 13th.

The Youth Center will stay open through the end of August. The Rec Room will be open 10 am- 3 pm August 16- August 27. The Youth Center will be closed August 29- September 1 and reopen when school starts for the kids on September 2. We will switch back to our after-school hours on September 2- which are 3 pm- 6 pm. Teen Night will be delayed until late September or early October.

West End Beach

The beach schedule is as follows: Monday, Thursday and Friday 12:00 pm- 6:00 pm and weekends 11:00 am-6:00 pm. The beach is closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Note- the beach was open on Monday, June 28th - this was our official opening for the season. The beach has been busy on weekends this summer- averaging more than 75 bathers each day. Weekdays we continue to draw smaller crowds. We did have to close the beach for more than a week in July due to high river conditions. Our swimming area was damaged by the high river and we pulled the ropes from the water and reset them when the river level dropped to a safe level.

We now charge a \$10 parking fee on weekends (for non-residents) The majority of these vehicles are for people floating down the river and ending at West End Beach. I will have total \$ figure for you in the August report. The majority of bathers at the beach are non-residents. The beach closes for the season on August 15th.

Summer Lunch Program

The summer lunch program began on Tuesday, July 7th and will end on Monday, August 9th. Lunches are served at Church St., Riverside Park, and the Youth Center at 12 noon. We serve approximately 30 lunches per day. Lunches are still available to the public- even if they don't participate in our summer program. This is the 26th summer we have participated in this program, and we have served approximately 25, 000 lunches to the

kids over the years. Lunches are prepared by the Port Jervis School District, and the program is funded by the New York State Education Department.

Field Trips

25 MET fans traveled to Citi Field in Queens NY on July 29, 2021 to see the Mets take on the Atlanta Braves. Even though the METS came up short all that attended had a great time- especially the kids!

On August 11 we have a full bus of 49 for a trip to The Bronx Zoo.

Special Events

Concerts in the Park- This summer we continued to hold FREE concerts at both Farnum Park and Riverside Park.

At Farnum Park, The Broome Street Wind Ensemble Band returned for 3 free concerts this summer- July 12 (rained out), July 26 and August 9.

At Riverside Park, concerts were held on July 7 (The Parting Glass), July 15 (Rich Wilson) and August 5 (DJ G- 80's night). The PJHS Music Club postponed their concert scheduled for July 22 due to inclement weather.

Outside Movies- Co-sponsored by First Assembly of God Church movies this summer on July 28th and August 25th. July 28 movie was Pixar- Souls and the August 25 movie is TBA. All movies start at dusk and are held at Riverside Park.

Fireworks Show- although it was a wet show, the show went on and still entertained the city on July 2, 2021.

FYI- The annual NY Jets game field trip is scheduled for September 19, 2021 and a Casino trip is scheduled for October 2021. Information will be posted on our Facebook page.