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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 June 28th, 2021, at 6:30 pm

All members of the Common Council were present except Kristin Trovei. Also, present are Corporation Counsel William Frank, Stephanie Tunic, City Clerk Treasurer Bobbie Jo Muller, and Account Clerk Suzanne McBride.

Mayor: It is 6:30pm, Monday June 28th, 2021. I'm calling the meeting of Port Jervis City Council to order, please rise for the pledge.

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

Timothy Simmons: God bless America.

Mayor: Thank you. I'd just like to give a reminder to our taxpayers that the second half of the City tax payment is due by this Wednesday June 30th. In case you forgot, the drop box that is near the front door to City Hall. If you don't want to come into City Hall, but you more than certainly can come into City Hall, is still in use. If mailing at the post office, please ask them to stamp and date your postmark. If you just put it in the mail, it will not be postmarked or probably will not be postmarked, because the postmark actually goes up to Albany, so you need to come into the desk and have them postmark it, whatever desk or in another location. Water bills will go out on Wednesday July 1st and are due Monday August 2nd. Unlike normal when they're due at the end of the month; July 31st falls on Saturday, so there's two extra days there to make your water payment.

Mayor: Without further ado, we have a presentation tonight from Siemens. Siemens does basically our energy savings for the City, so I will turn it over to Mr. William ...

Bill Tangney - Siemens Energy Presentation: Tangney.

Mayor: Tangney.

Bill Tangney - Siemens Energy Presentation: Yep.

Mayor: Sir, yeah, just up to the podium. Please, speak into the microphone.

Bill Tangney - Siemens Energy Presentation: I've handed out a packet of information. We were working with the Department of Public Works and we did an assessment throughout the City buildings and presented that report just last month. One of the items in the packet is the report that we provided, and then what I also did is put together a small PowerPoint to kind of summarize this. Thank you. To kind of summarize this. Is this better now?

Mayor: Yeah.

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Bill Tangney: Summarize this as far as what's in the report because it's detailed in nature. With that, I'd like to just kind of kick things off. I want to thank you for inviting me here tonight. We value the relationship we've had with the City, we've been engaged with Port Jervis now for over 20 years. And in fact, when I joined the company, it was 22 years ago, Port Jervis was my service camp. Got to take pride in that.

But we've been doing a lot of things as far as service on the energy side, too, as well as far as where we can make improvements. We've done two phases of work over the last 15 years, and the last phase of work, we just provided our eight-year report to date and we're at close to \$650,000 in energy reduction over these last eight years, which is pretty exciting. We've been doing this throughout New York state, over half a billion dollars of work in this nature as far as energy related work. And the way we structure our projects is that the reduction in energy and operational costs funds all the improvements. We're not looking at any capital expenditures, it's all within the existing operating budget within the city.

With that, I want to thank the guys over at DPW as far as allowing us to go into all the buildings. It was kind of tough when we started because that was when COVID was pretty much ramped up pretty high, so we had to be careful as far as how we went in and surveyed each of the facilities. But we looked at heating systems, lighting, ventilation, and building envelope. Those are the four big items that we wanted to drill down on. Like I said before, when we were looking to identify improvements, where all the savings are funded from the work, fund all the improvements. We looked at aging systems, inefficient systems, and whatever grants and incentives that were out there.

With that, I put a little matrix together. We went into all the different buildings as far as the firehouses, besides City Hall here, the water treatment facility, senior center, tri-state, water department, warehouse, youth center, we visited all the different buildings. And what we also did is we asked for and received all the utility data as far as for gas and electric so we could develop a baseline for each of the buildings and compare that to historical trends that we've seen in similar buildings that we've worked on.

And so, what we did ... You see this right here, your utility spends roughly around \$130,000, right? And with that we said, "Okay, with these improvements, what kind of project can we identify if the savings are funding the improvements?" And we identified roughly around a 26% reduction in your utility costs, as well as over \$8,000 a year in maintenance and operational savings. And with that, it drives a project of just under \$595,000 in improvements throughout the City. And what I'm going to do is I'll hit on each one of those, not too much in detail but just an overview. And then grants and incentives, we identified over \$16,000 in grants and incentives.

The bottom of the sheet, the savings fund the project. The way our projects are put together, there's an annual savings guarantee that we provide to the City, and that covers the cost of the improvements. There's no upfront costs, there's no capital expenditures. There are ongoing payments, but it's structured around your savings, if that makes sense. The way the guarantee is structured is it's on an annual basis, so if there's ever a shortfall, we'd make up the difference to the City. We're proud to say that we don't really write too many checks and built in a little buffer as far as a contingency. But if for some reason you do fall short, we'll correct what the issues are.

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Gerald Oney Jr.: To make sure it doesn't happen again.

Bill Tangney - Siemens Energy Presentation: To make sure it doesn't happen again.

Gerald Oney Jr.: Yep.

Bill Tangney: Yep. But like I said, we kind of targeted four areas. One was lighting, which was the first measure I have right here. What we wanted to do was look at LED lights throughout the City. And if you're familiar with LED lighting technology, there's really kind of three types of tubes, more or less, that you could save, and there's a 2A type is when we just replaced the tube, keep the ballast that's in there driving the fluorescent. There's a lot of compatibility issues with that, it's not very good. There's a type B which is you take the ballast out and then the new tubes are driven through live voltage, which could be a maintenance problem, it's like 120 volts. And then there's a type C where you take the ballast and the lamp out, you put in a new type C lamps and have external drivers. And those drivers now can be controlled, and one of the things we were looking at in the municipal building was putting in lighting controls, besides the light upgrades.

Mayor: Lighting controls as in they'll shut off by themselves?

Bill Tangney: They can be put on the schedule, yep, besides just occupancy.

Mayor: Well, I was just ... One of the things that I've talked to Jack about numerous times is somebody comes in an organization, they leave the lights on, I come in at night, the lights are on, and I turn them off. But if we could have them shut off themselves ...

Bill Tangney: Yeah, you can do group schedules, too. And the type of controls that we're putting in, you can also have dimming as well. For daylight harvesting and it's bright in the room, they can dim down, and then they can have dimmers, too on the walls. We were looking to do that in the municipal building, as far as the lighting control system. And in the other buildings, we wanted to standardize as far as the type C lamps so there's no different types of lamps throughout the City. It makes standardization as far as inventory goes. And one of the big things with lighting is the life expectancy. You're looking at years and years of life on the lamps, so it really does reduce the amount of maintenance involved and carrying extra costs as far as materials and also labor.

The next area that we look at was controls. It's like what are we doing right now as far as in City Hall, and what are we doing as far as in all the buildings? As far as the outside, besides City Hall, a lot of old thermostats that are there, they're pneumatically controlled, there's really no schedule to them, and we wanted to upgrade all those. Now, in City Hall here it's a little different, right? You have a building automation system which is kind of like standalone. You have the unit, you have control panels that mount on the wall downstairs in the boiler room, and that's controlling the boilers, there's a big fan system that's down there, there's pumps that are down there controlling the airflow as far as in the building, but those controls are kind of like isolated, self-contained so there's really no interface to those. You just see a panel on the wall, right?

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And then off of that unit, we call them terminal equipment controllers, small little package controllers that control remote fan system or variable air volume boxes that bring air into office areas. And then we also have units on the roof, which was part of the project that we did a few years back, and those units have VAV boxes that serve this upper area, then there's probably thermostat that you'll see around ... Right, yep. And those control the VAV boxes. But the one thing that DPW doesn't have the ability of is to really see what's going on in the building, and what can we do as far as to tighten up the control in the building?

And if you look at this right here, we call it Desigo, control point web server, it's a web-based access into that system, it basically allows the staff here to access the systems to be able to control them, trend points, work on schedules, identify alarms, and you can access that system through any PC that's on the Port Jervis network, which is pretty neat. As part of the program here, besides providing that web access, we're going to be developing graphics, floor plans, as far as where those areas are being served so you can see temperatures and that type of thing, but also building schedules. And, obviously, we want to do start up and training for the staff here, too. Questions?

Mayor: That would mean that there's times when we're in here and you can't breathe in here.

Bill Tangney: That would be ... Yeah, you can see those airflow issues and problems as far as temperature.

Mayor: Okay.

Bill Tangney: And those VAV boxes, yeah, you pick up the sensors as far as what's happening.

Mayor: Okay. Great.

Bill Tangney: And as part of that improvement, there's some firmware upgrades that we need to make to the panels, but what you have there as far as ... You have the infrastructure that's there, it just needs to be enhanced. It gives them the ability as far as to see what's in all the buildings. And provided if all of a sudden you grow that network into the fire houses or water treatment facility, you can tie all those buildings together all on the same system if you want. It has that ability. The other thing, too, is you can dial in remotely as well, so you don't have to be sitting in the spot here on campus to see what's happening. The other thing that we looked at as far as HVAC stuff was the boilers. When we went into each of the different buildings, boilers really had kind of surpassed their useful life. Some of them are not even ... I think there was one that wasn't even functioning. I think it was at the senior center.

Mayor: Senior, yes Farnum house.

Bill Tangney: Yep. We said, "What can we do?" Obviously, those are very long payback items, but some of the work as far as the lighting that we're doing, some of this control work, can cover some of the cost here. And what we said this far is initially we could cover maybe two boiler replacements as part of this program. We've done more than just two in other cases, whether it's in the school or other

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municipalities, ways to structure the financing to allow for that as an avoided capital expenditure, and then get the work done upfront.

Timothy Simmons: Can I ask a question?

Bill Tangney - Siemens Energy Presentation: Yep.

Timothy Simmons: You mentioned that there would be a controlling area that would control all the buildings.

Bill Tangney - Siemens Energy Presentation: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Timothy Simmons: Let's say if we had a power outage and that affected the control ... Would that shut down all the buildings? Let's say we had a power outage down here in the second ward, but sometimes we won't in the first ward or in the fourth ward. If the area of that had the controlling that shut down, would that shut down all the others?

Bill Tangney - Siemens Energy Presentation: No, it wouldn't shut down all the others, because the controls themselves, that's where the smart logic is, right, then the graphical front end, per se, that web server, that's that man/machine interface.

Mayor: I believe our units that are here are on the generator, right, Jack?

Jack Farr: Yes.

Timothy Simmons: Okay. I was...

Bill Tangney - Siemens Energy Presentation: Sometimes, with certain customers that have critical areas, we'll do UPS backups on panels and all that stuff, belts and suspenders. It's available to do that.

Timothy Simmons: Thank you.

Bill Tangney: Yep. I was just talking about the boilers, right? There's more than a handful that probably need to be targeted, and we said as part of this package is make it cash neutral just out of our operating budget, we could probably do two. But we could do more if we structure the financing a little different. That's not an issue.

The other thing that we looked at was building envelope improvements. I just showed like a roof exhaust fan, right? There's things that we can do as far as tightening up the vents as far as on the roofs, looking at doors, there's weather stripping. And some it's maybe low hanging fruit, but when you tighten up the buildings, especially during winter or super hot days like today, there's an improvement that you can make that you will see it on the utility bill. Those are the four big things that we identified as far as the buildings. And what I did here ... And I'm not sure if you guys had seen the report, I'm not sure if you had shared it before tonight, I'm not sure if you guys have looked through it, if you had any

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questions. I know it was some good reading material and some of it was like, "Okay." If not, what I did here was put together a sample proforma, right? To kind of walk you through this, if you look up on the top left corner here, that's where I show ... And budget number's right there, I show an implementation of \$592,000, right, and I have a finance term of 20 years at 3%. Market's pretty good right now.

And as you go through each of the columns, it shows you what your base energy usage is, that first column. Second column is where your savings are, so it's associated as far as maintenance and operation and energy. And then potential rebates, which would be paid out over a couple of years. I think that's it. And I think the incentives that we identified were a little bit more than what's shown right here, it's a couple grand more.

Gerald Oney Jr.: A lot more.

Bill Tangney - Siemens Energy Presentation: Yeah.

Gerald Oney Jr.: You said \$16-

Bill Tangney - Siemens Energy Presentation: I think I had like \$16, yeah. Just picked that up right there.

Gerald Oney Jr.: There's only \$8,000 there.

Bill Tangney: Right, yep. Just kind of shown as you move to the right, what we usually do in our programs is we set up a tax-exempt municipal lease. Siemens can finance the project, or we can work with a local bank, or sometimes we just put on a competitive RFP as far as the financing goes. I'm trying to remember who did the financing the last time. [crosstalk 00:21:16]

Mayor: They weren't here.

Gerald Oney Jr.: I was here but I don't remember-

Mayor: He was here, but he wasn't in his capacity.

Bill Tangney: Yeah, I'm trying to remember the bank that ... But the rates out there, they're incredible. And the way it's all structured, like I said, those ongoing payments matched up with the savings, and they don't occur until after the project is done, complete, and signed off on by the City. It's not until we're up and running and saving ... You would see all of a sudden, those ongoing payments would occur at the same time.

Stanley Siegel: What is ongoing services?

Bill Tangney: Ongoing services, that's part of what we do initially, is called measurement and verification. It's kind of performance assurance. We'll do pre and post inspections of the buildings before we do the work, and then after we do the work. And then what we'll do for the first few years is we'll

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work with the City and put together reports as far as how we're measuring up to the savings that we've identified.

Stanley Siegel: Okay. The bottom line is for \$800,000 we save \$233,000 over 20 years?

Bill Tangney: Yeah. It'd be the accumulative cashflow over the timeframe. And the benefits that you have is all the work is done upfront. Like I said before, you're not dipping into any capital dollars and we're utilizing all existing operating budget money to pay for everything.

Stanley Siegel: Okay. I have a question about lighting as well. I've been in places where the lighting in the hallways and some of the conference rooms etc. are very low lumens, and when someone enters or reaches another light, it comes on to full lumens. Do you have that opportunity?

Bill Tangney: We can look at the controls as far as how that's all set up. Especially here in the municipal building because we're putting sensors, I think on something like 170 fixtures we identified here in this building.

Stanley Siegel: Yeah, these are like built into the fixtures themselves.

Bill Tangney: The sensors? No. We can mount them on the sensor or off the sensor. They're very small. But you bring a good point up as far as light, color, quality. What we've been doing with some of our customers is we'll set up a mock-up. Because we've done schools ... It's interesting, we've done schools where we're on second shift and all of a sudden class starts the next day, and the teachers are like, "What did you do to my classroom?" What we'd like to do is probably just do it initially, do a mock-up, "Is this good?" Because, obviously, the color and the quality of light can change based upon the ...bulb type...

Gerald Oney Jr.: The light that it was assigned to.

Bill Tangney - Siemens Energy Presentation: Right.

Stanley Siegel: Thank you.

Bill Tangney: Yeah.

Lisa Randazzo: Can you talk a little bit about what is the energy savings? I know you mentioned you compile Orange & Rockland bills and you look at some of the history, but is it over a certain span of time or how does that calculate?

Bill Tangney: That number right there, that's an annualized savings, and that's looking at the four different measures that we identify. There's lighting ... And there's some exterior lighting, some of them are new fixtures, too, as well. There's lighting, there's building envelope, there's the controls, tightening up that, and then boilers really have a very long payback so that some of this other work is paying for the boiler replacement. Each of those measures, we take a baseline for the buildings as far as what that

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usage is, and then we kind of model it to other facilities and the equipment that we're putting in so we can make those projections. So, we do have that background material as far as the engineering data and calculations. We do have that.

One of the things which is kind of unique here is we have an existing agreement in place right now, and the way it's put together, you have the opportunity just to amend the current agreement to do this additional work, which is great, right? And what I've put together is a kind of high-level schedule if we're looking to try and maybe fast track to attack maybe some of those boilers before the winter. Some of those things do have tight windows as far as delivery and ordering goes, and then scheduling labor and manpower to do the work before winter, right? In fact, I'm working on a project right now to significant boiler plants and we're challenged with the same thing as far as getting everything up and running before winter, but we're excited to be able to provide that to the City.

What I put here in the schedule, kind of high level, these are just main tasks, but we're kind of going over the report as far as what we presented last month. But we can provide sample documentation as far as what our amendment will look like. Simple in nature. And we would arrange project funding in August upon approval, and we could get things started and kicked off in September of this year to work. That's kind of like high level.

Mayor: In your six steps, the next part of this could be to provide sample documents for Legal to review?

Bill Tangney: Yep.

Mayor: Like contract documents?

Bill Tangney - Siemens Energy Presentation: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mayor: If you'd like to do that, that we can have corporation council review it and then get a recommendation between Jack and finance as well our attorney.

Bill Tangney: Right.

Mayor: We do have a finance meeting on ... What day is it, July what? Can anybody look at the calendar?

Lisa Randazzo: It's the 21st.

Mayor: 21st? If you make sure it's definitely to us before then.

Bill Tangney: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mayor: And that way the council can look at all this as well and review it before ...

Bill Tangney: You're saying the 21st?

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Mayor: 21st.

Bill Tangney: Would you want me to put together final documentations? Because prior to that, our sample would just be blank, amendments would be a couple of pages, and-

Mayor: Mr. Frank? I think so, right? Yeah, that's fine

William Frank: A sample proposing amendment to the contract and everything and so on.

Bill Tangney : Okay. We can finalize that; it shouldn't be a problem at all. Because we were pretty close to where we are with our budget numbers right now, probably at like 90%, and so, to finalize that, we can do that.

Mayor: Thank you. Council, any other questions?

William Frank: I have one question.

Mayor: Yes.

William Frank: You said the first thing you would propose to get in before the winter is the boiler upgrades for two of them?

Bill Tangney: Yeah. The other work can happen, let's say for lighting, we can do that second shift, work we're doing as far as getting around the buildings, but the big one would be the boiler, to engineer, size it, and order it.

William Frank: Right. You have here for July provide sample documents along with the contract amendment. When you say sample documents, would that be any specs on the boilers or any ideas of what type of boilers, that sort of information?

Bill Tangney: Yep. I'd say we would work with Public Works and identify the quantity of boilers you want to attack in these locations.

William Frank: Right, I just want to have the council to have an idea of what to expect will be the first set of documents coming in from your office, that's all.

Bill Tangney: Right. Initially, it would probably be just blank while we're working on finalizing the other ones. And it would probably take us maybe three weeks, two weeks to get those finalized.

William Frank: Okay.

Gerald Oney Jr.: I had a question. I got another question; you're recommending two boilers and there's a total of six that we need in your estimation?

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Bill Tangney: There's more than two.

Gerald Oney Jr.: Right. I'm seeing pictures of six, right? Is there six?

Unknown: Yeah.

Lisa Randazzo: I see nine.

Bill Tangney : There's nine.

Lisa Randazzo: There's nine.

Gerald Oney Jr.: Nine, I mean.

Bill Tangney : I think I had four in here and I think we had nine in the other.

Gerald Oney Jr.: I know the price would be based on each individual unit. While you're doing the numbers, could you give us another proposal as to if we wanted to do four, how the numbers would change?

Bill Tangney : Sure.

Gerald Oney Jr.: Maybe we could knock half of them out with this 20-year financing and savings.

Bill Tangney : Right. And that's how we've done it with other customers, too. Someone said it's like having avoided capital expenditure when you just bring it-

Gerald Oney Jr.: Right, I'm think-right. Just to get an idea.

Bill Tangney : What we can do is I can work with Jack and his team as far as identifying which ones are priority items.

Jack Farr: Some of these boilers are in our far office, which is pretty archaic but it's senseless to replace a boiler that's in ours. And in the electrical shop is another boiler, there's a bunch of them that ... Even some of the fire houses are pretty old, it doesn't make a lot of sense to replace some. And I'm not picking on sixes, but sixes is an older building that unless you're going to rehab the entire building, it doesn't make a lot of sense to spend thousands of dollars to replace the boiler.

Gerald Oney Jr.: Is filtration on the radar?

Jack Farr: We put new boilers in-house, we did them up there a couple years ago.

Gerald Oney Jr.: So, we're good there.

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Jack Farr: Yep.

Gerald Oney Jr.: You guys are going to prioritize the four? The two for sure.

Jack Farr: Yeah, the two in here we did a couple years ago, and the two up to the water plant we did a couple years ago.

Gerald Oney Jr.: Okay. Just wondered what the numbers were on that, too.

Bill Tangney: Yep.

Mayor: Any other questions?

Bobbie Jo Muller: I have a question.

Bill Tangney: Yeah?

Bobbie Jo Muller: Is there any anticipated backlog on getting the boilers due to the pandemic? Because I know there are issues with other items.

Bill Tangney: We're seeing like four to six weeks on deliveries.

Maria Mann: That's not bad. I'm surprised.

Bill Tangney: Did you guys have a question?

Maria Mann: I did not. Thank you.

Mayor: Thank you, sir.

Bill Tangney: Thank you.

Jack Farr: Thank you.

Mayor: We'll anticipate your proposal. Okay, ladies and gentlemen, we did not have an executive session planned, however, we do need to step out for an executive session under section 105.1E, and this has to do with a contractual agreement with our superior police officers. I will entertain a motion to go into executive session. And we'll go in the other room.

Timothy Simmons: So, moved.

Mayor: Motion by Mr. Simmons.

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Lisa Randazzo: Second.

Mayor: Second by Ms. Randazzo discussion. All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So carried, thank you. We shouldn't take too long.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:02pm.

Meeting reconvened at 7:47 pm.

Mayor: I'll entertain a motion to come out at 7:47. I have a motion, Mr. Simmons, second. Mr. Santini, discussion. All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So carried, thank you. Next up, we have public comment. Oh, yeah, sorry. Hold on a second, I got to do roll call for our transcription. Present, Mayor Kelly Decker.

Lisa Randazzo: Lisa Randazzo, Councilwoman At Large, present.

Mayor: Mr. Foster.

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

Mayor: Thank you. Mr. Santini?

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

Mayor: Thank you. Ms. Mann?

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

Mayor: Thank you. Mr. Oney?

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

Mayor: Mr. Simmons?

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

Mayor: Thank you. Mr. Siegel?

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

Mayor: And counselor? Yeah, I'll get Chandler when she comes in.

Will Frank: Will Frank, Corporation Counsel, present.

Mayor: Thank you. Mr. DeGroat. If you could just for one second, just for roll call purposes we have Ms. Campbell from the second ward.

Chandler Campbell: Chandler Campbell, 2nd Ward, present.

Mayor: Thank you. Yes, sir.

Ed DeGroat: I'd like to start with Mr. Trovei. Steve Trovei.

Mayor: Sir, we can't talk about other people here.

Ed DeGroat: I can't talk about other people, so just come to the council meeting and open your mouth, don't set at home telling us how much science costs when you don't know what you're talking about. We were friends back when Kristin was going to be-

Mayor: Sir-

Ed DeGroat: I'm talking-

Mayor: Please, you can't talk about other people at our council meeting.

Ed DeGroat: I can't talk about other people at our council meeting?

Mayor: No.

Ed DeGroat: Okay. Can I talk about the park that you sold? You got to answer, if you tell me I can't, then tell me I can't.

Mayor: It's not people, so you can.

Ed DeGroat: Just checking with you, see? Make sure I'm doing all right here. I got documents for the park that Mr. Puopolo -I can't talk about Mr. Puopolo but all these documents say that there was a park. And Mr. Puopolo said today or yesterday ... I can't talk about him ... I'm in love with him, I'm stalking him-

Mayor: Sir, I'm going to have to stop your public comment.

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Ed DeGroat: Okay.

Mayor: If you're going to talk about other people ...

Ed DeGroat: Well, what am I going to-

Mayor: You can talk about the council, about the City, what you feel is necessary to discuss about the City.

Ed DeGroat: What I feel ... Okay. I'd just like to say I'm the ax man not other things that ... It's very difficult when you have to limit your speech to this. I have these documents from New York State that says the double dipping occurred. I know I've said this before, but I can't tell you who the attorney is, I can't tell you who the person is that did the double dipping, so I guess I'm done. I had a whole bunch of stuff to say, but restrictions. Boy, don't you wish you could just stop public comment?

Mayor: No, you just can't talk about other people.

Ed DeGroat: Okay. It was fun. Enjoyable.

Mayor: Okay. We do not have the minutes from the June 14th or the June 23rd meetings, so we will get them at the next council meeting. We have no business coming out of executive session, so we'll move on ... I'm sorry?

Will Frank: Yeah, we do.

Will Frank: Yes, we do.

Lisa Randazzo: Increase the hours-

Mayor: Yeah, but we don't have a number on the hours.

Lisa Randazzo: It was up to 40.

Will Frank: I thought they asked to increase ...

Mayor: Do we want to just say up to 40 hours? Okay?

Will Frank: It was increasingly-

Mayor: 15 hours, so double that, 15 to 30 hours?

Unknown: Wasn't he doing 18?

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Mayor: 18 to 36. Okay. All right, so I will entertain a motion-

Lisa Randazzo: I'll make a motion to authorize the chief of police for temporary lieutenant coverage beginning July the 1st through December 31st, 2021, up to 36 hours per week.

Mayor: That is for the part-time lieutenant.

Will Frank: The current part-time lieutenant.

Mayor: Current part-time lieutenant.

Lisa Randazzo: I amend my motion to include current part-time lieutenant.

Gerald Oney Jr.: Second.

Mayor: I have a motion by Ms. Randazzo, second by Mr. Oney. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So carried, thank you. Now, Mr. Foster.

Regis Foster: Okay, thank you. Keeping with police business, at this time, with regrets, I'd like to make a motion for Sergeant Jeremy Eagan who is formally announcing his retirement from service on July 16th, 2021. Sergeant Eagan has been exemplary public servant who has served our City with dedication and distinction. Throughout the latter part of his career, he served as a police trainer, firearms instructor, and tactical instructor teaching all our officers, academy recruits and police officers in the region skills to equip officers to safely and effectively respond to active shooter situations to de-escalating dangerous crisis situations. Jeremy has further provided site safety security assessment for local businesses and industries within our community to help make these facilities safer. I'd like to, with regrets, congratulate Sergeant Eagan for his last day on July 16th, 2021 and make it a motion.

Mayor: Thank you, Mr. Foster. Motion, do I have a second?

Dominick Santini: Second.

Mayor: Was that Mr. Santini? Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So carried, thank you.

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Regis Foster: The next police committee meeting will be on July 15th at 6:00 here in the Council Chambers.

Regis Foster: ADA, we have not met yet, our next ADA meeting will be on August 2nd, 6:30, right here in the Council Chambers. Thank you.

Mayor: 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 July 7th at 6:00pm here in the Council Chambers. And that's all I have. Thank you.

Mayor: Thank you, sir. Ms. Campbell, recreation.

Chandler Campbell: Thank you, Mayor. West End Beach is now open for the summer. The beach is open Monday, Thursday, Friday 12:00pm to 6:00pm, and Saturday and Sundays 11:00am to 6:00pm. This week, due to the extreme heat, we will be opening the beach Tuesday Jun 29th and Wednesday June 30th 12:00pm to 6:00pm. Again, we'd like to stress that swimming is prohibited when lifeguards are off duty. There is a \$10 car parking fee on weekends and for July 4th for non-residents. There's no pets, no alcohol, and no smoking at West End beach.

Mayor: No swimming if there's no lifeguards.

Chandler Campbell: Yes. The summer rec program starts on Tuesday July 6th. The summer program is six weeks long and it takes place Monday through Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm. The summer program will be held at the youth center, Church Street Park and Riverside Park. Parents must pre-register their children before participating. On Wednesday July 7th, we will have our first free outdoor summer concert at Riverside Park. The Parting Glass, an Irish Folk Trio will be performing between 7:00pm and 9:00pm. Bring your chairs and enjoy.

Then we have on July 12th at our Farnum Park series the Broome Street Band will be playing at 7:00pm, this is also free concert for everyone to enjoy. We have two planned trips this summer. The New York Mets baseball game on July 29th, and a trip to the Bronx Zoo on August 11th. Both trips will be taking a charter bus. To reserve your seats, please contact the recreation office to sign up. You must put down a 50% deposit to hold your spot. The Mets game is \$55, and the Bronx Zoo is \$30. There is limited seating, so please plan ahead if you wish to attend.

The youth center rec room is open 11:00am to 3:00pm this week, and the summer rec flyers will be around the City and you can also find them on Our City website at portjervisny.org. They also can be found on our Facebook page at Port Jervis Recreation. For more information you can also give us a call at (845)858-4045. The next recreation commission meeting will be held Thursday August 26th at 6:00pm at the youth center. Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor: Thank you very much. Ms. Mann, tourism / IDA.

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Maria Mann: Thank you, Mayor. Tourism has not met since our last meeting. Their next event will be the Italian Festival, Bella Italiano Notte, which will be held on Saturday August 21st from 4:00pm to 9:00pm at Veterans Park. Applications to become a vendor is listed on the City's website. For additional information you may also contact tourism chair Laura Meyer, her email is floralaurapj@yahoo.com. The next tourism meeting will be held on Wednesday July 14th at 7:00pm here in the council chambers. And I would also like to make a motion to approve the application for the Christkindlmarkt, which is set for November 28th, 2021.

Mayor: I have a motion from Ms. Mann, do I have a second?

Lisa Randazzo: Second.

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

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So carried, thank you.

Maria Mann: The IDA has not met since their last meeting due to a lack of agenda. There will not be a meeting for the month of July. And I also would like to congratulate Sergeant Eagan on his retirement. Thank you for your dedication and service to our City. And that's all. Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor: Mr. Oney.

Gerald Oney, Jr.: Thank you, Mayor. Garbage and recycling will be on its normal schedule for the week of June 28th. The week of July 5th garbage will be picked up one day late due to the 4th of July holiday. The leaf pile and brush pit are open on Saturdays from 7:15 to 11:30am, yard debris is continuing to be picked up Citywide on Mondays. Please use biodegradable or compostable bags. Work is beginning in the third ward for prep for paving. Please be cautious when traveling through those areas. Sewer re-lining work continues in the City in numerous areas. Notices will be given out prior to our work starting to notify we'll be affecting your sewer use. Thank you for your patience. The next DPW meeting will be Tuesday July 6th at 6:00pm here in the council chambers. That's all I have Mayor.

Mayor: Thank you. Ms. Trovei is not here tonight, but I believe Ms. Randazzo, you have for finance this evening.

Lisa Randazzo: Thank you, Mayor. We have bills to pay this evening. The General fund: we have \$497,429.16. Water fund: \$153,070.22. Sewer fund: \$37,139.94. Capital fund: \$5,649.12 for a total of \$693,288.44. Some of the larger bills: Medicare vouchers for \$41,490.90, Marshall & Sterling Insurance \$257,101.91. M&T Bank fire truck payment \$44,115.42. New York State employee health fund \$233,328.66. Larger bills out of the Capital fund: Goose Town Communications for \$2,198.54, Superior Glass \$750.48 and National Business Furniture for \$2,616.30. I'd like at this time to make a motion to pay the bills this month.

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Mayor: Motion made by Ms. Randazzo; do I have a second?

Regis Foster: Second.

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

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So, carried.

Lisa Randazzo: Other than that, the next finance committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 21st at 6:00pm here in the council chambers. At that time, we will be reviewing the information for our serial bonds, so we ask if all council members are available to please attend. Thank you.

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

Timothy Simmons: Thank you. The Planning Board and the Zoning Board have not met due to lack of business. Their next meeting for Zoning will be Tuesday July 6th at 7:00pm here in council chambers, and planning would be Tuesday July 20th, also here at 7:00pm in the council chambers. I would like to ask that people in the area, most people that are local residents when they are on the river do comply, but wearing a life jacket, personal flotation device is really something that should be very, very seriously considered. In the last three days, we've lost three people in the Delaware, two in one day within an hour of each other in two separate incidences. And then yesterday, down by the 84 bridge, we lost another person. I've done it for quite a long time, and I've never, ever recovered a body with a life jacket on. I just would like to say that people need to do it. You might not look cool, it might ruin your tan, but-

Stanley Siegel: It'll save your life.

Timothy Simmons: Save your life. And I tell people ... It sounds a little rude, but I tell people who are out on the river, "If you don't want to wear your life jacket, at least wear something brightly colored so it's easier to find your body." Thank you.

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

Stanley Siegel: Thank you. Thank you, Tim. The last Fire Emergency Management meeting was held on Monday June 21st. I'd like to make a motion to approve the June meeting minutes that were passed along.

Timothy Simmons: Second.

Mayor: Have a motion by Mr. Siegel, and a second by Mr. Simmons. This is on Fire Emergency Management June meeting minutes. Discussion? All in favor?

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Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So, carried. Thank you.

Stanley Siegel: Thank you. At the last meeting, it was decided that there will be no meeting in July, the next meeting will be Monday August 16th at 6:30pm here in the council room. I'm happy to say there will be an annual Fireman's Day Parade this year, it'll be on July the 10th, line up is at 1:00pm, parade steps off at 2:00pm, and we'll be using the older route from years back which would end at Ferguson Avenue. Those people on Kingston Avenue will have to relocate to East Main Street this year.

Parade week activities are the annual visit to all grave sites of the past Port Jervis Fire Department chiefs. It will be on Thursday July the 8th, we'll stage at the Hammond Street Station at 6:30pm sharp. All are invited to attend. The annual memorial service will be held Friday July 9th at 6:00pm at the Port Jervis Fire Department Memorial, which is located on the corner of Pike and Hammond Streets. All are invited to attend that as well. Company photos will be taken again on parade day prior to leaving for lineup. Further information will likely be announced separately. There is no Port Jervis Fire Department secretary correspondence.

I would like to add on to what Tim said, I'd like to do a special thanks to all the City fire fighters and fire fighters and EMS from other neighboring communities that have attended a multitude of rescue calls whether it be on the river, whether it be on the Hawks Nest. And as Tim said, please, by all means, if you're on the river, wear a PFD, it's very, very important. Tim said it and he said it best, they have not retrieved a body that had a life jacket on so please wear a PFDs. And if you're going to Hawk's Nest with a motorcycle, please don't race there. It's not easy to keep going to all these calls and then come home and go to call after call. It's very, very difficult for the first responders, so let's try to help each other out and abide by the rules.

Housing Authority, last meeting was Tuesday June 22nd, the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 27th at 7:00pm Hillside Terrace.

Veterans, there's still walk-in clinics, they're still Monday to Friday 8:30am until 2:30pm at Castle Point in Montrose or you can call our clinic at 856-5396 and you can schedule an appointment locally. I know there are some vets out there and others that got their first shot are reluctant to get the second shot, but in order to get full immunity you really need to get that second shot. So, I'm appealing to everybody, we can help each other out if we get ... If you're willing to get a shot, you should get both shots. And I believe that's it. Thank you.

Mayor: You have those two motions to approve.

Stanley Siegel: Oh, yeah. Here it is, I'm sorry, I passed over that. We all received letters about the Douglas C. Miller fund team request, to waive their parade fee. I make a motion that we approve that.

Mayor: This is for both the evening of July 9th at the fire houses, and during the parade on July 10th. I have a motion by Mr. Siegel.

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Timothy Simmons: Second.

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

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So carried, thank you.

Stanley Siegel: And we also received a letter from the Senior Club for their Senior Club picnic at D&H Park on August 11th. I make a motion to approve that as well.

Mayor: Motion by Mr. Siegel.

Timothy Simmons: Second.

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

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So carried, thank you.

Stanley Siegel: And I think I'm pretty well done.

Mayor: Thank you. Ms. Randazzo.

Lisa Randazzo: Just want to congratulate Jeremy Eagan on his retirement, and also a congratulations ... I know Robert Krentz retired on Saturday. I know he doesn't like all the fanfare, but congratulations to him. Well deserved. Thank you.

Mayor: Thank you. Second public comment. Mr. DeGroat.

Ed DeGroat: Just one quick thing, no names mentioned. I will be watching the work done on the motel/hotel, just like I did with 29-31 Front Street. Just in case there's City money invested that we can't find the paperwork on. That's it. Thank you.

Mayor: Thank you. Okay, a couple things. We have an annual designation of officers. I don't believe this needs a motion, this is just an appointment as our City Clerk Treasurer has changed, so I need to appoint our DPW director for labor compliance, our City Clerk Treasurer for MWBE in section three, our City Clerk Treasurer for ADA grievance, and fair housing officer ... It says TBD but it will be Valerie Maginsky from CDA. But I'll take the motion.

Stanley Siegel: So, moved.

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Gerald Oney, Jr.: Second.

Mayor: All right, Mr. Siegel, second by Mr. Oney. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So carried, thank you. The next is ... This is a good one here. New York State in its infinite wisdom has decided that we need to either decline or accept the funding that comes from the national government on the American Rescue Plan Act. Just so you know, I'm willing to ask for somebody to make a motion and a second, but I just want you to be aware that these numbers definitely vary. On a March 9th, 2021, email that I received from representative Maloney's office, that you all received, Port Jervis was getting \$3,038,829. On a subsequent email that I received from Patterns for Progress that came directly from Senator Schumer's office and went to the towns, Port Jervis is getting \$938,754. There's a huge margin there. What we're willing to request is anywhere from zero to \$5 million, all right, and whatever they give us, they give us.

Gerald Oney Jr.: There's only a \$2 million variance.

Mayor: Yeah.

Stanley Siegel: I make a motion we take them both.

Mayor: Yeah, I agree. But I'll entertain a motion to request the funding for the American Rescue Plan Act.

Stanley Siegel: So, moved.

Timothy Simmons: Second.

Motion by Mr. Siegel, second by Mr. Simmons.

William Frank: Hold on, can we amend that motion, please? And authorizing the mayor or his designee to sign all of the required forms for the online filing.

Stanley Siegel: So, amended.

Timothy Simmons: So, amended, so amended?

Mayor: Yes. Okay, any other further discussion?

Stanley Siegel: I'll drive and pick up the check.

Mayor: All in favor?

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Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So, carried. This has to be in by July 9th.

William Frank: Yeah. That's why I wanted to say that they send the online forms, which I reviewed. There's terms and conditions that the City has to certify to. That's why it's necessary for you to sign some forms.

Mayor: Okay. As you've received, we did get an application after my contact in regards to a request that the council had last meeting, Grand Conspiracy Films, Cody Knotts did say that they are a for-profit organization so they have filled in a one day permit fee for filming around the surrounding areas, including the Erie Underpass. He has been in contact with the Police Chief, and we do have his insurance on file. What's your pleasure?

Regis Foster: So, moved.

Stanley Siegel: Second.

Mayor: Who is this out here? Mr. Foster, second by Mr. Siegel.

Bobbie Jo Muller: Now, is that for the extended hours?

Mayor: I don't know, I couldn't ... It's a guy's voice, I knew it was one of the two.

Bobbie Jo Muller: And that's for the extended hours as well, right?

Mayor: Yes, this is for the extended hours as well.

Bobbie Jo Muller: Okay.

Mayor: Any other further discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So carried, thank you. Okay, as you saw, we're going back and forth in regards to a cost on Harold Street. During that time, a second bill was sent out with a charge, a late charge of \$690.91. The individual did pay the full amount from Monopoly Holdings and is requesting that that late fee be returned due to the fact that he was expecting a contact back from us, yay or nay. As soon as he heard that we were not going to change, he did submit his payment. Do I have a motion to entertain-?

Gerald Oney Jr.: I make a motion that we ...

Mayor: It would be for returning the \$690.91, which was the late fee.

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Gerald Oney Jr.: He paid the full amount-

Mayor: He paid the full amount, yes.

Gerald Oney Jr.: Make that a motion.

Stanley Siegel: What's the motion?

Gerald Oney Jr.: To return the \$693 late fee that he incurred while he was negotiating the bill with us.

Lisa Randazzo: We didn't negotiate.

Mayor: We didn't negotiate it, but ...

Gerald Oney Jr.: He said he was requesting...

Lisa Randazzo: I'll second the motion, that way we can have a discussion.

Mayor: Now a discussion.

Gerald Oney Jr.: He was requesting us to reduce in the thing, we said no. In the interim, there was a late fee applied.

Stanley Siegel: Because of the delay.

Gerald Oney Jr.: Right. He paid the bill-

Stanley Siegel: Paid in full.

Mayor: He paid in full. He paid it.

Gerald Oney Jr.: I think it's only right that we stick with what-

Mayor: Any other further discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So carried, thank you. Okay. I had a couple more but they're simple ones. We have a few ... Many of you remember we had a long board race on Skyline Drive. Actually, I think you guys did get this one, right, I did send those to you. But the long board race, they're requesting August 6th through August 8th for Skyline Drive, and they are renting the entire campground for the three days as well. What's your pleasure?

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Stanley Siegel: So, moved.

Mayor: And we have the insurance on that as well.

Lisa Randazzo: Second.

Mayor: Second by Ms. Randazzo. Discussion?

Gerald Oney Jr.: The only comment I saw was from the fire chief saying that the road had to stay open?

Mayor: Just like it did in the past, yeah. What would happen is if there was an emergency, they just all-

Gerald Oney Jr.: Go to the side.

Mayor: Yeah.

Timothy Simmons: I think a few of them go off the side anyway.

Mayor: Yeah, they do. That's why the really... This was brought to my attention, I guess-

Bobbie Jo Muller: You didn't vote.

Mayor: Oh, I didn't? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So carried, thank you. This was brought to my attention by Ms. Maginsky today for the CDBG Pike Street ADA sidewalk improvement project that there is a recommendation for the administrator which would be the Port Jervis CDA for \$2,100. What's your pleasure on that?

Gerald Oney Jr.: So, moved.

Mayor: Because otherwise it slows down the project. She was the lowest, by the way. Do I have a second?

Regis Foster: Second.

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

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So, carried. I'm just going to go down the list here so that I don't miss anything. Although, it hasn't been mentioned, our Independence fireworks display from Point Peter will be this

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Friday, July 2nd as dusk turns to dark. That's the best time to explain when it's going to happen because it's almost dark but not quite. Whatever time that ends up, usually about 9:15-9:30, I think. That is this Friday July 2nd. There is no Dinner Along the Delaware because restaurants donate to it, and we didn't want to ask for those donations this year, so we'll probably bring that back next year.

Fireman's day parade, Mr. Siegel did state it but I will reiterate, it's Saturday July 10th, at 1:00pm is line up right here at City Hall, 2:00pm the parade starts. All the council is welcome to march.

Cooling stations. Because today, tomorrow, and Wednesday are supposed to be very hot days, we have a couple of areas of cooling from 7:30 to 3:00. The Salvation Army on 99 Ball Street is open for cooling, as well as our recreation center on the second floor, 135 Pike Street. It has to be on the second floor, we do have a lift to the second floor because there will be children there from the youth center. But from 11:00 to 6:00 at the recreation center.

We also additionally added Tuesday and Wednesday of this week only for West End Beach to be open, so there will be lifeguards on duty at the regular time tomorrow and Wednesday. Normally, the beach is not open on Tuesday and Wednesday. Soap Box Derby event has been canceled for September. They received a call back from Akron, and one of the issues from Akron was that they would not recognize the racers this year to race for next year. They've made a decision within their organization, and so, the September request that they had asked for has been canceled and they are going to come back to us ... They have planned again the second Sunday in June, so we'll receive a request for that, and then they've also got some things planned for the park for the racers and the community. So just so you're aware the Soap Box Derby event that was initially approved in September has been canceled.

Mayor: The other thing that came in today, Fort Decker back on November 13th, 2017, the council made a motion and approved that the full water rate for Fort Decker as a historical society, which is only open on Saturdays from June to September or October, had waived the water fee. Since that has happened, we have implemented a sewer fee. It came up on an internal audit and just want to know if the council wants to make it a waiver for municipal utility fees.

Timothy Simmons: So, moved.

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

Maria Mann: Second.

Mayor: Second by Ms. Mann. Discussion? It's just processing, that's all. I sat around the pool all day. Well, not this morning but during the day. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So carried, thank you. I think that's it, right? Did we cover-

Bobbie Jo Muller: Did you reschedule the public hearing, or did I miss that?

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Mayor: Yes. Thank you. We need to reschedule our CDBG public hearing, as you saw it didn't make it into the paper in time because their deadlines had changed. I would like to reschedule the CBDG public hearing for July 12th, 2021, at 6:31pm.

Lisa Randazzo: So, moved.

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

Regis Foster: Second.

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

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? I also have something put here in front of me, if you know anybody in Middletown, their Salvation Army at 80 West Main Street is also open this week from 10:00 to 4:00 for people who need cooling down. Again, it's our rec center is open from 11:00 to 6:00, the beach is open on Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday, the Salvation Army here in Port Jervis is open from 7:30 to 3:00 at 99 Ball Street, and then the Salvation Army in Middletown at 80 West Main Street from 10:00 to 4:00. All right, I think that's everything. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Stanley Siegel: So, moved.

Lisa Randazzo: Second.

Mayor: Motion by Mr. Siegel. Second by Ms. Randazzo. Discussion? All in favor?

Everyone: Aye.

Mayor: Opposed? So carried, thank you very much.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on July 12th, 2021, in-person in Council Chambers City Hall 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis, New York.



Bobbie Jo Muller
City Clerk Treasurer