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**Special Meeting-**

The regular meeting of the City of Port Jervis Common Council was held via Zoom teleconference from the Mayor's home, Port Jervis, New York on Wednesday May 20th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Hearing - None**

**Attendance-** All members of the Common Council were present on the Zoom Teleconference except Dominick Santini. Also present was the City Clerk Treasurer Robin Waizenegger. The Teleconference was live on the Mayor's Facebook page.

Below is the transcript of the proceedings as necessary per statute regarding teleconferenced meetings where the public cannot be present:

Kelly Decker:

Okay. It's 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20th, 2020. This is a special council meeting. Please rise for the pledge. I have the flag right here.

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:

Let me just make sure I didn't knock this off. The first item of business is approval of the city insurance for the 2021 year. Do I have a motion?

Kristin Trovei:

Motion.

Kelly Decker:

I have a motion by Kristin. Do I have a second?

Regis Foster:

Second.

Kelly Decker:

Second by Regis?

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Maria Mann:

Do we have to sign in?

Kelly Decker:

Oh, oh, sorry about that I need introductions for the transcription. I'm sorry. Robin didn't remind me of that one. All right, I'm just going to go around the bend. Kelly Decker Mayor of the City of Port Jervis.  
Lisa?

Lisa Randazzo:

Lisa Randazzo, Councilwoman-At-Large.

Kelly Decker:

Gerry?

Gerald Oney:

Gerald Oney, Councilman 3rd Ward.

Kelly Decker:

Stanley?

Stanley Siegel:

Stan Siegel, Councilman Fourth Ward.

Kelly Decker:

Tim?

Timothy Simmons:

Tim Simmons, Councilman Fourth Ward.

Kelly Decker:

Chandler?

Chandler Campbell:

Chandler Campbell, Councilwoman, 2nd Ward.

Kelly Decker:

Maria?

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Maria Mann:

Maria Mann, Councilwoman, 2nd Ward.

Kelly Decker:

Regis?

Regis Foster:

Regis Foster, Councilman First Ward.

Kelly Decker:

And Kristin.

Kristin Trovei:

Kristin Trovei, Councilwoman 3rd Ward.

Kelly Decker:

Okay. So, I have approval of the city's insurance for the 2021-year, motion by Kristin Trovei, second by Regis Foster. Discussion? All in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Kelly Decker:

Opposed? *Silence* So carried.

Item number two, I'm asking for a motion and a second for my nomination of Mr. Will Frank of the Law Firm of Blustein, Shapiro Rich & Barone, as corporation council to be effective until January 30, 2022. Do I have a motion? Tim, did you motion?

Timothy Simmons:

Yes, sir.

Kelly Decker:

I have a motion by Mr. Simmons. I have a second by Ms. Trovei. Discussion? go ahead.

Timothy Simmons:

Mr. Mayor, I would like to see ... since we're going to approve them ... obviously, we ... after some discussion we decided we need to move on, we need to get a law firm in place, and so therefore that's why I made the motion. But I'd like to see them go to work right away. So, my feeling would be that I'd

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like to see them take over the closing on 29 Front and the work on 14 Culvert Street and get to work right away. I really don't think we should be paying two different people where we can have one firm do the work.

Kelly Decker:

Just so you know, they have all the paperwork ready to go for the closing of 29 Front Street. So, anything that we would have already paid for, because all it is, is a closing now. The paperwork is all done. As far as 14 Culvert Street, it was just if there's any communication between now and Monday when we ... and I already talked to Mr. Frank about this ... he'll take over that as soon as the Council makes any type of decision there.

Timothy Simmons:

Okay. That was my question. I just don't want to have two different entities working and then-

Kelly Decker:

Yeah. And again, like I said, 29 Front Street is all done. The paperwork just needs to be signed. Basically, where they called me is to sign the paperwork. So, we paid for that already.

Timothy Simmons:

All right.

Kelly Decker:

That's why I wanted to finish that up. Otherwise, everything else will go to Mr. Frank.

Timothy Simmons:

Okay. I don't have a problem with that then.

Kelly Decker:

Okay. Any further discussion? All in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Kelly Decker:

Opposed? *Silence* So carried. Thank you. I need a motion to enter into Executive Session at this time. The council will be introduced to our new corporation counsel along with his associate Stephanie Tunic, who we will see come to the council meetings with Mr. Frank. Just so you know, that there will be no further business after Executive Session, so I'll be shutting off the Facebook Live except to come out and adjourn, because we would have to come out of Executive session to adjourn. Do I have a motion for

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Executive Session, and that's also to invite Ms. Waizenegger, because she has never met Mr. Frank either?

Maria Mann:

So, moved.

Kelly Decker:

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

Regis Foster:

Second.

Kelly Decker:

Second by Mr. Foster. Discussion?

Gerald Oney:

Mayor, are we going out and coming back in on another number or we're staying right here?

Kelly Decker:

No, no, no. You stay here. I'll just shut everything off. Mr. Frank is in the waiting room. I'll bring him in.

Kelly Decker:

Okay. Any further discussion? All in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Kelly Decker:

Opposed? *Silence* So carried

Meeting Adjourned to Executive session at 6:06 pm

Meeting Reconvened at 6:15pm

Kelly Decker:

Motion to adjourn?

Kristin Trovei:

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So, Moved

Stanley Seigel:

Second

Kelly Decker:

All in favor?

Group:

Aye

Kelly Decker:

Opposed? *Silence* Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm

Next Meeting is tentatively scheduled for 6:30 pm Executive Session and 7:15 pm Regular Meeting on Tuesday May 26th, 2020 subject to change based on the conditions under Emergency order related to the COVID 19 Outbreak.

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Robin Waizenegger  
City Clerk Treasurer