

MINUTES
CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 3, 2017, 7:30 P.M., City Hall

1. **ROLL CALL-** A duly convened meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Tom Mlada. Council members present: Aldermen Mike Ehrlich, Paul Neumyer, Bill Driscoll, Doug Biggs, Kevin Rudser. Arriving at 7:51 p.m. Dan Becker. Absent and excused Alderman Dave Larson. Also present: City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven, City Attorney Eric Eberhardt, City Administrator Mark Grams and City Clerk Susan Westerbeke.

2. **PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG-** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Minutes Of Previous Meeting
- B. Approve Original Operator License Applications

MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BIGGS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRlich TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED AND THE ORIGINAL OPERATOR LICENSE APPLICATION ITEM IS NOT NEEDED AT THIS TIME. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

The Mayor thanked Police Officer Thomas (T.K.) Kajtna for his years of service and wished him well on his retirement.

A. Proclamation Honoring City Resident Henry Modjeski and "Discover P-Dub"- The Mayor reported on an event that brought community together on October 29th and was the idea of Henry Modjeski, a young resident of Port Washington. Modjeski was present and reported on his event. He was honored with a proclamation, which was read by the Mayor.

B. Update On Lighthouse Fundraiser- Mayor Mlada reported on the fund raiser, which ran about 30 days. The amount collected \$12,420 to invest toward lighthouse repairs. We are about 50% to our \$25,000 goal. John Reichert from Chocolate Chisel will be offering a special chocolate bar on Valentine's Day as another fund raising opportunity.

C. Update On INFOS Port Washington Initiative- The Mayor updated the Council on the donations received toward the funding of future INFOS projects on South Beach and for kiosks. There has now been enough money raised to meet the required \$15,000 of the \$30,000 needed for the grant.

5. **OFFICERS'/STAFF REPORT**

A. Nomination Papers Submitted For Aldermanic Position- The City Clerk reported that seven individuals filed nomination paperwork for Alderperson by the 5:00 p.m. deadline today. District 1- Michael Ehrlich; District 3- Bill Driscoll, Don Cosentine and Michael Gasper; District 5- Jonathan Pleitner and District 7- Dan Becker and John Sigwart. There will be a Primary required for District 3, which will be held on Tuesday, February 21st.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES**

Your comments are welcome. Please limit your discussion to 3 minutes. If you need more time, please contact the City Administrator and request that your topic be placed on the City Council Agenda.- John Petri, 510 N. Harrison St.- At the December 20th Council meeting a petition was submitted by all the residents of the 500 block of Harrison St. requesting that the sidewalk being proposed not be built due to lack of front yard space and parking issues. The residents are disappointed that their petition was ignored and the project continues with the sidewalk.

7. **COMMITTEES**

A. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. Approve Hiring Outside Maintenance Person For Water Utility- The City Administrator reported on the recommendation from the Personnel Committee for hiring Joe Below as the outside maintenance personnel at WWTP. He has the necessary licenses and experience at another community. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN DRISCOLL TO HIRE JOE BELOW AT THE STARTING CITY RATE FOR WWTP AND SUBJECT TO A COMPLETED BACKGROUND CHECK AND PHYSICAL. Motion carried unanimously.

8. BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

A. PLAN COMMISSION

1. Ordinance 2017-1 (Rezone 140 S. Park Street From B-3 To RM-1) – 1st

Reading- The City Administrator reported on the recommendation from the Plan Commission regarding this property located at Chestnut and Park Streets, which is the former Aqua Tech building. The buyers are interested in putting in an assisted living facility at this site. To allow that a rezoning and conditional use permit will be necessary.

B. BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. Approve UV Design For Water Treatment Plant- Rob Vanden Noven reported and present to the project was Dave Kleckner, Water Superintendent and Tom Nennig. This is a disinfection system and used as an extra barrier level to protect against cryptosporidium MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN NEUMYER TO APPROVE THE PHASE ONE FOR THIS PROJECT SUBJECT TO CONTRACT APPROVAL BY THE CITY ATTORNEY. Motion carried unanimously.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 2016-12 (Revised Composition Of Parks & Recreation Board) – 2nd

Reading- MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN DRISCOLL, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EHRLICH TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2016-12 REVISING COMPOSITION OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Marina Operations And Staffing For 2017- The City Administrator reported on the 2017 marina budget, 2016 deficit and future operation staffing for next year. Harbormaster Dennis Cherny has informed the City that he will be retiring at the end of 2017. This gives the Harbor Commission a year to review and plan for future operational needs and staffing. The Aldermen discussed the possibility of finding a private company to manage the marina. The City Administrator commented that our marina is one of the smaller ones on the lakeshore and whether outside management would be cost effective would have to be investigated further. Present to report was Dennis Cherny and Gerald Gruen. The current summer staffing could be reviewed as a possible savings. Money that was paid back to the general fund over the years for borrowing has been completed as needed. The Harbor Commission will meet going forward to review the options.

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS- The Mayor and Aldermen reported on various events.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES- None.

13. ADJOURNMENT- MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BECKER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BIGGS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:43 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.