

**Regular Meeting - City of Port Jervis Common Council:**

A regular meeting of the City of Port Jervis Common Council was held in the Council Chambers at 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis, New York on Monday, October 08, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

**Attendance-**

Jason Vicchiariello	1st Ward	Present
Colin O'Connell	1st Ward	Absent
Misty Fuller	2nd Ward	Present
Maria Mazzara	2nd Ward	Present
Jeffrey Rhoades	3rd Ward	Present
Gerald Oney, Jr.	3rd Ward	Present
Jacqueline Dennison	4th Ward	Present
Stanley Siegel	4th Ward	Present
Michael Hockenberry	Councilman-At-Large	Present
Dominic Cicalese	Mayor	Present

Also present:

City Clerk-Treasurer, Stacey Hosking, William Frank, Esq.

The meeting opened at 6:30 pm by Mayor Dominic Cicalese

**Pledge of Allegiance-** Mayor – Dominic Cicalese led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance

**Public Hearing -**

- Motion to open the Public Hearing for Tax sale grievance, by M. Hockenberry, second by J. Rhoades.  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED

- Motion to close the Public Hearing for tax sale grievance by M. Hockenberry second by J. Rhoades.  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED

- Motion to open the Public Hearing for Local Law #7 Tax Cap Override by M. Hockenberry, second by J. Vicchiariello.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED

J. Vicchiariello said that he thinks everyone understands what this is. Mayor Cicalese stated the comptroller set the number in July and it is 2% however the number that affects the city is the 2026 inflation factor that is 2.64 which is above the levy. While Stacey and I are into the final leg of creating the budget these are the numbers that get pumped into it to determine if we are above or below the tax cap.

- Motion to close the Public Hearing for LL Tax cap override by M. Hockenberry, second by M. Fuller.  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED

**Presentation - None**

**Public Comment** – Laura Meyer thanked everyone who attended the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Foliage Festival. We had perfect weather and an estimated 20,000 visitors. Delicious food, talented crafters, local business merchandisers, and informational vendors filled the downtown with over 200 vendors participating. There was great music, a classic car show, dancers, and a petting zoo. I would like to say thank you to the tourism board members who helped make the day a success, Mike Meyers, Niki Jones, Chucky McBride, Bob Bloomer, Jackie Smith, Tucker Enrite, Maria Mazzara, Theresa Balough, and Tammy Predmore. I would also like to thank the classic car show judges, the Port Jervis police department, the DPW for all their hard work, the Port Jervis Honor students, the city clerk's office, and all the wonderful vendors! Our advertisements reached almost 250,000 visitors on social media.

**Executive Session -**

- Motion to go into executive session 7:11pm by M. Hockenberry, second by J. Rhoades  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to return from executive session 7:22pm by M. Hockenberry, second by J. Rhoades  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED

**Executive Session Material - None****Approval of Minutes -**

- Motion to approve September 22, 2025, Common Council minutes by M. Hockenberry, second by J. Vicchiariello.  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: CARRIED

**Regular Business-****J. Vicchiariello - Code**

- The Code Committee last met on Oct 1<sup>st</sup> of 2025 here in the council chambers
- Motion to adopt proposed LL#7 Tax cap override law by J. Vicchiariello, second by M. Hockenberry  
AYE: 7 (Vicchiariello, Fuller, Mazzara, Rhoades, Oney, Dennison, Hockenberry) ABSENT: 1 (O'Connell) NAYS: 1 (Siegel) ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- The next Code Committee meeting will be held on Nov 5, 2025, at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

**J. Vicchiariello - Police**

- The Police Committee has not met.
- The police Dept have been very busy we had an incident last week where someone fired a gun downtown, 2 subjects were arrested within hours, and I want to commend them on a great job on that.
- Council -woman Dennison said she spoke to an officer on scene, and they did a wonderful job with the entire scene.
- The next meeting will be held on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Council Chambers.

**C. O'Connell - Planning- None****C. O'Connell - Zoning- None****C. O'Connell - Recreation- None.****G. Oney, Jr. - Finance -**

- Motion to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$917,507.87 by M. Fuller second J. Rhoades.  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to approve Police Chief to use the insurance funds of \$61,396.41 (less our deductible) received to replace police vehicle Second by M. Mazzara  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED

**M. Mazzara - Tourism -**

- The annual Christkindlmarkt will be held on Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm. Vendor applications are available at the city clerk's office or on the city website. The deadline for participation is October 30<sup>th</sup>. You may also email tourism chair Laura Meyer @ [floralaurapi@yahoo.com](mailto:floralaurapi@yahoo.com)
- The next tourism meeting will be Nov 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the council chambers.

**J. Rhoades - FEM -**

- Motion to remove William Talmadge from Excelsior Engine Co #5. Second with regrets by S. Siegel  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED

- Motion to remove James D. Haas from Neversink Engine Co No #1. Second by S. Siegel  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to accept Hunter Dean as active member of Neversink Engine Co #1. Second by S. Siegel  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion for Inter-Department transfer for Robert D. Padgett Sr. from Delaware Engine Co # 2 to Tri-State Hose Company #6. Second by S. Siegel  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to accept Tyler Kowinsky as active member of Tri-State Hose Co #6. Second by J. Vicchiariello  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to accept Anthony Roberts as probationary driver as active member of Tri-State Hose Co # 6. Second by M. Hockenberry  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to accept Brandon T Meyer as Probationary Driver to Maghogomock Hook and Ladder Co #1. Second by M. Hockenberry  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Next meeting will be on Oct 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in council chambers

#### G. Oney, Jr. - IDA -

- The IDA last met on October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- They discussed the road and sidewalk improvements recently made by the DPW and also had a preliminary discussion on next year's Jersey Ave Project.
- Next meeting will be on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 5:30 in the council chambers

#### G. Oney - ADA - Has not met since the last meeting.

#### J. Dennison - CDA-

- The CDA last met on October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Rec Center.
- Resolution 51 of 2025 to accept the Dept of Homeland Security FY 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) in the amount of \$533,087.61 with a city match of \$26,550 second by: J. Rhoades  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- The next meeting will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm on the second floor of the Recreation Center.

#### S. Siegel -HOUSING and VETERANS-

- The Housing Authority last met on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be held on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6 pm at Hillside Terrace.
- The Senior Club meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 1 pm at VFW Post 161 at 47-51 Owen Street.
- During the government shutdown the Services that will continue are VA Healthcare (all veteran medical care and critical services), Compensation and Pension Benefits (The processing and payment of monthly compensation and pension) Education benefit and claims processing and payments, and insurance and loan guaranty program will continue. Key call center will remain open.
- During the Government shutdown services that will be suspended are Veteran Readiness and Employment, Education Call center, Transition assistance program, and cemetery operations
- PJ TV 23, all are welcome to come to the monthly meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers.
- There will be a free rabies clinic on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 2 pm at Howard Wheat Engine #4 on Owen Street.
- Quote of the day "One day at a time is all we should be dealing with, we can't go back to yesterday and we can't predict tomorrow, so let's live for today and make it beautiful." (Charlie Brown).

#### M Hockenberry - DPW

- Last DPW meeting was held on Oct 6th
- Garbage and recycling this week will be one day late due to Columbus Day, week of Oct 20<sup>th</sup> will be on its normal schedule. The 2025 garbage schedule is online
- How to sign up for Nixle was sent out with your water billing again.
- The compost pile is open Saturdays from 7:15 am until 11:30am for Port Jervis residents only.
- Dump Tickets are available for household bulk waste at 20 Hammond Street (Clerk's Office)
- Bag leaves and tied brush will be picked up every Monday. Loose-Leaf pickup is scheduled to begin the first week in November, all leaves must be in Biodegradable bags.
- DPW Administrative building is having a large issue with mold, and all staff have been removed from the building and at this time are relocating to the Fire Museum. Their number is the same. We are exploring options to relocate them at this time.
- Mayor Cicalese asked for the public to be patient at this time while we moved everyone over and thank you to the Fire Chiefs for helping us relocate the DPW admin staff. It has come time that we need to look discuss long term replacement of the DPW buildings.

#### D. Cicalese - Mayor Notes

- Motion to approve the Rick Drew Holiday Parade on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, motion by M. Hockenberry second by J Rhoades.  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- The Christmas tree lighting will follow the parade, more details to come.
- Resolution 50 of 2025 for the City of Port Jervis to join the Upper Delaware River watershed Network Steering committee. Motion by J. Rhoades, second by J. Vicchiariello  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Tuesday night we worked through the final details with the Orange County Chamber of Commerce who will be coming into the city. They are here to assist our business along with the Tri-State Chamber of commerce. They will be in the council chamber on Mondays and Fridays for now.
- The big orange 10 miler will be on Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup>. From 8am -11:30 am

7:23 pm - Motion to adjourn by M. Hockenberry, second by J. Vicchiariello – all in favor.

Respectfully,  
Stacey Hosking  
City Clerk Treasurer

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS  
COMMON COUNCIL**

The following was presented

By: J. Dennison

Sec'd by: J. Rhoades

Date of Adoption: October 14, 2025

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
<i>Councilman at Large</i> <b>Mr. Hockenberry</b>	X			
<i>Councilman</i> <b>Mr. Vicchiariello</b>	X			
<i>Councilman</i> <b>Mr. O'Connell</b>				X
<i>Councilwoman</i> <b>Ms. Mazzara</b>	X			
<i>Councilwoman</i> <b>Ms. Fuller</b>	X			
<i>Councilman</i> <b>Mr. Rhoades</b>	X			
<i>Councilman</i> <b>Mr. Oney</b>	X			
<i>Councilwoman</i> <b>Ms. Dennison</b>	X			
<i>Councilman</i> <b>Mr. Siegel</b>	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>			<b>1</b>

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS**

**ACCEPTANCE: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FY 2024 ASSISTANCE to  
FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Port Jervis' Fire Department volunteers' Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) personal protection equipment is reaching its end-of-useful life; and

**WHEREAS** the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) Program application by the City of Port Jervis resulted in an offer of funding from FEMA of \$533,087.61 with an additional 5% or up to \$26,550 provided by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, with a performance period of two years from the date of award, with possible extension, acceptance of this offer is due to be submitted to FEMA GO no later than 3:32 PM on 10/24/2025;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis, hereby approves the acceptance of this Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) of \$533,0087.61 and an additional City cash match of no less than 5% or some \$26,550 no later than October 24, 2025, 3:32 PM as the FEMA system allows, and that the Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with the grant acceptance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.



Attest:

*Stacey Hosking*  
Stacey Hosking, City Clerk Treasurer

ROLL CALL VOTE

**THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS  
COMMON COUNCIL**

The following was presented

By: J. Rhoades

Sec'd by: J. Vicchiariello

Date of Adoption: October 14, 2025

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
<i>Councilman at Large</i> <b>Mr. Hockenberry</b>	X			
<i>Councilman</i> <b>Mr. Vicchiariello</b>	X			
<i>Councilman</i> <b>Mr. O'Connell</b>				X
<i>Councilwoman</i> <b>Ms. Mazzara</b>	X			
<i>Councilwoman</i> <b>Ms. Fuller</b>	X			
<i>Councilman</i> <b>Mr. Rhoades</b>	X			
<i>Councilman</i> <b>Mr. Oney</b>	X			
<i>Councilwoman</i> <b>Ms. Dennison</b>	X			
<i>Councilman</i> <b>Mr. Siegel</b>	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>			<b>1</b>

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS  
Authorizing the City to participate in the Upper Delaware River Watershed Network.**

WHEREAS, Friends of the Upper Delaware River is requesting the City of Port Jervis to participate as a Steering Committee Member for the Upper Delaware River Watershed Network, funded by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

WHEREAS, said Network shall create partnerships between municipalities, local, state, and federal government entities, not-for-profit organization, and community members within the Upper Delaware River Watershed Region, and

WHEREAS, said Network offers funding opportunities through a regrant program administered by a Regrant Subcommittee within the Upper Delaware River Watershed Network through Friends of the Upper Delaware River funded by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the City of Port Jervis, NY hereby does approve and endorse the representation of the City of Port Jervis on the Upper Delaware River Watershed Network Steering Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Port Jervis hereby designates Valerie Maginsky as Primary Representative and Dominic Cicalese on the Upper Delaware River Watershed Network Steering Committee.

Date: October 14, 2025

City of Port Jervis hereby designates the following individuals as official representatives on the Upper Delaware River Watershed Network Steering Committee:

**Primary Representative**

Name Valerie Maginsky

Title Director, CDA

Phone Number 845-858-4023

Email director@pjcd.org

**Secondary Representative**

Name Dominic Cicales

Title Mayor

Phone Number 845-858-4017

Email mayor@portjervisny.gov

Approved by:

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Signature

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 14th day of October 2025.



Attest: Stacey Hosking  
Stacey Hosking, City Clerk Treasurer