

CITY OF PORT JERVIS

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Police Committee

16 September 2025

Meeting Minutes



Call to order at 6 pm with the following members in attendance:
Chairman Mr. Vicchiariello, Ms. Mazzara, Ms. Fuller, and Mr. Rhoades.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- Ms. Amy Outwater, proprietor of Dad's Change of Pace located at 172 Pike Street, addressed the committee regarding the proposal to change a 15-minute parking space to a 30-minute parking space. Ms. Outwater expressed concerns that a business owner on Pike Street will continue to confront motorists who park in this space.
- Ms. Jazmin Ramurez, proprietor of Betel Beauty Studio located at 174 Pike St, additionally expressed concerns to the committee regarding a business owner confronting motorists utilizing this parking space and surrounding business owners.

New Business

- Traffic Safety - Intersection of Kingston and Hamilton St, School Zones- The committee discussed current school zone signage and changes to school zone enforcement, including last year's implementation of School Zone Speed Limit Signs when lights are flashing.

- Community Outreach – The annual harvest festival will not be held this year.
- CRASE Training- Port Jervis PD certified CRAZE Instructors are conducting site visits and providing training to local businesses, churches, and pre-schools upon request to make recommendations for improved safety and awareness to mitigate critical incidents and mass violence.
- SNUG Grant – Anti-Violence Outreach with ADAC – The department is working in partnership with ADAC of Orange County to purchase Too Good for Drugs and Violence Curriculum to support ADAC's efforts to provide this valuable education in our schools. In addition, Officers have attended school events, including home football games, and will provide anti-violence lectures for elementary school students during ADAC-scheduled events.
- Crime Statistic Update- Chief Worden reviewed key crime and crash volume statistics with the committee.
- NICHE RMS – The department will be working with Orange County to plan the implementation of the NICHE RMS system for the police department during 2026, with a goal of full implementation no later than January 2027.
- Accreditation NYS DCJS – The committee was provided with a copy of the June 20, 2025, Accreditation Assessment Report and NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Program letter dated September 2025. A reaccreditation assessment is scheduled in five years. The department is required to submit annual reports in support of yearly accreditation compliance and will be subjected to a mid-term inspection in 2027-2028 by DCJS.
- Fire Damage – New Patrol Car – A newly purchased 2025 Ford Explorer patrol vehicle being commissioned for patrol

service sustained heavy fire damage originating from the engine compartment while parked in the police department parking lot. A claim has been filed with the city's insurance carrier to investigate the cause and origin of the fire.

- Urban SDK Demo – Speed Surveys – City Streets- The police department and department of public works are investigating the implementation of the Urban SDK Program to provide real-time access to speed and traffic data compiled and updated daily for all city streets. The cost of implementing this program will be reviewed during the October committee meeting.
- Police Officer Replacement – The committee discussed a potential vacancy in the police department and will review the matter in October.
- Training: NY Women in Law Enforcement Conference- two officers are scheduled to attend the NY Women in Law Enforcement Conference scheduled for November 4-7, 2025, in Syracuse, NY.

According to the NYWLE, the purpose of this conference is to strengthen the law enforcement community by promoting diversity, education, and leadership development among women in law enforcement. The conference aims to address unique challenges faced by women in policing, such as violence reduction and community trust, and to support the recruitment, retention, and promotion of women in law enforcement. It also facilitates networking opportunities and offers training on relevant topics to enhance professional and personal development.

- IACP- International Association of Chiefs of Police- Mayor Cicalese approved Chief Worden attending the IACP

Conference scheduled for October 17th – 21st in Denver, Colorado.

According to IACP, the annual conference and exposition offers national and international law enforcement leaders a platform for education, networking, and innovation to enhance the skills, professional growth, and knowledge of law enforcement executives. The conference covers a wide range of topics, including community-police engagement, emerging issues in policing, public health and safety, officer safety and wellness, organizational culture and leadership, recruitment and training, and violent crime.

Old Business

- Pike Street Parking Complaint – The committee voted to support the implementation of the following to address this complaint:
- **Limited Parking: 30 Minutes, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Tuesday through Saturday, except on holidays.**, and request business owner(s) to contact police to address a parking issue and not confront motorists who park in the space or adjacent businesses. The committee will revisit the matter during the November meeting.
- Police Recruitment – Exam- the Police Officer entrance exam is scheduled for September 20, 2025. Approximately 75 candidates have registered to take the examination.
- Range Building Updates – DASNY & Crest Grants – The department is working to submit reimbursement requests for the DASNY Grant for the police training building.
- Street Camera Update –

The department is continuing to troubleshoot connectivity issues involving the SIM card/T-Mobile service. Both Verkada (camera vendor) and T-Mobile are actively working to develop a solution.

The department is exploring alternative connectivity options, including providing fiber optic service to each camera site for \$35.00 per pole. The department will be testing this service at one camera site to determine effectiveness.

Hudson Valley Computer Guys will be connecting the West Main Street License Plate Reader camera on September 22nd.

Committee Comments: N/A

Public Comment: No Public Comment received.

Executive Session N/A

Meeting Adjournment 6:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

William J. Worden

Chief of Police