

**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, March 23, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

**Attendance-**

Jason Vicchiariello	1st Ward	Present
Colin O'Connell	1st Ward	Present
Misty Fuller	2nd Ward	Absent
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, Pledge was followed by a moment of silence for Officer John MacKechnie who died in the line of duty while serving our city on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1949.

**Public Hearing -**

- Local Law #1 of 2026, amend chapter 535 adding the term “owner or caretaker” during the conversion the term was lost, and we are just updating to add back in. to NMU motion to open public hearing by M. Hockenberry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Vicchiariello.  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to close the public hearing by J. Vicchiariello, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Rhoades  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED

**Presentation - None****Public Comment -**

Valerie Maginsky wanted to share 2 announcements with the public from Cornell Cooperative Extension, on Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the VFW on Owen Street there will be a NYS Homeland security and Emergency services citizen preparation training session. With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters. The NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program teaches residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to normal conditions. This training course will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or man- made disaster. Participants will be advised on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies. Each family that attends will receive one preparedness kit. Registration is required to register [www.prepare.ny.gov](http://www.prepare.ny.gov).

The 2<sup>nd</sup> announcement is a survey go to [cceorangeconomy.org](http://cceorangeconomy.org) to answer the questions for Climate survey. Help us understand how climate-related challenges – like flooding, extreme heat, poor air quality, and power outages – are affecting our community. Available to Port Jervis City school district. Everyone who does the survey will be entered into a raffle for 1 of 10 grocery store gift cards.

Jim Blanton – wanted to respectfully speak about their feelings on the No Kings Rally on Saturday in Veteran Square Park. He stated this is not an anti-government protest rather they are speaking out in support of the laws and rules of the government that they feel are coming under attack. They plan to honor the Veterans during the rally. He feels that they have a right to use the park just as much as anyone else and a difference of opinion does not mean they are not entitled to use the veteran park. We feel we are honoring their sacrifice that they fought for free speech.

Dan Radtke – My father was a veteran, my uncles were veterans, my brother is buried in a veteran cemetery in Minnesota, I have family members in Minnesota who have been terrorized by this government and I feel this park belongs to me as much as it does to anyone here, and nobody gets to take a precedence over my point of view it is just as important as everyone's here.

**Executive Session – NONE**

**Executive Session Material- NONE**

**Approval of Minutes –**

- Motion to approve March 4, 2026, Special Common Council minutes by J. Rhoades 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Hockenberry  
AYE: 6 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 2 (O'Connell, Dennison) CARRIED
- Motion to approve March 9, 2026, Common Council minutes by J. Rhoades 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Vicchiariello  
AYE: 6 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 2 (O'Connell, Hockenberry) CARRIED

**Regular Business-**

**J. Vicchiariello – Code**

- Code last met since its last meeting
- Next code meeting will be on April 1st @ 6:30 pm

**J. Vicchiariello – Police**

- The Police Committee met on March 19th, 2026.
- Motion to approve Resolution # 21 of 2026 agreement with Orange County Stop-DWI program. 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. O'Connell  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to approve the mayor or his designee to sign the contract with the Port Jervis/ Deerpark Humane Society. 2026. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Hockenberry  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to approve Resolution 22 of 2026 approving the mayor or his designee to sign the agreement with Orange County for the NYS STRIVE initiative. 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. O'Connell  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- April is distracted driver awareness month, from April 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> the City Police Dept will participate in the statewide education and enforcement program called put the phone away or pay.
- The next meeting will be held on April 16, 2026, at 6 pm in the Council Chambers.

**C. O'Connell – Planning-**

- Last met on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- There was a public hearing for 100 Pike Street. Heritage Federal Credit Union wants to put an ATM booth in the existing parking lot. The project was approved pending additional signage.
- Planning will next meet on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in council chambers

**C. O'Connell – Zoning-**

- Has not met since their last meeting
- The next meeting will be on April 7<sup>th</sup> in council chambers where there will be a public hearing for setbacks at his meeting.

#### C. O'Connell - Recreation-

- Recreation last met on March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The Dog Yard, Church St. Park (lower level) and the vehicle gate at Elk-Brox Park is now open. These gates will be locked every night at sunset.
- We are in the process of setting up the Sleigh Riding Hill at West End Beach. Hay bales will be placed along the guardrail for protection. Please no skis or snowboards- sleds only. Open during daylight hours.
- The Youth Center is open Monday- Thursday 2 pm- 6 pm and Fridays 2 pm- 5:30 pm. We will be closed on March 30-April 3 for Spring break.
- The Rec Dept's annual easter candy dash will be held at Church St. Park (upper level) on Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.
- The Rec Dept is holding Spring Cleanup at Veteran's Park on Saturday April 11, 2026, at 10am. Volunteers are wanted to help us clean up the park after a long winter. If interested show up on April 11 @ 10am. Bring work gloves and a rake if you have them.
- The Rec Dept Casino Trio to Mohegan Sun Wilkes Barre on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> is SOLD OUT.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Delaware River Run will be held on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, at Riverside Park @ 9am. Registration is now open, visit runsignup.com and search Delaware River 5k Run and Walk.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Faggione Jr. Midnight Madness Endurance Relay will be held in Elks Brox Park Saturday May 30 – Sunday May 31 (6pm-6am). For information on this event and to register visit pjmidnightmadness.com
- The Rec office is still accepting applications for the following seasonal/summer jobs – Lifeguards. Please contact the office if you are interested. Email us at recreationdirector@portjervisny.gov
- The next Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:15 pm at the Youth Center.

#### G. Oney - Finance -

- Motion to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$832,506.14 second J. Rhoades  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED

#### M. Mazzara - Tourism -

- The tourism board last met on March 11<sup>th</sup>
- The board discussed the St Patrick's Day Parade and set the date for next year which will be held on Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2027.
- Tourism is currently working on promoting the citywide yard sale which will be held on Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9am-4pm no city-wide maps will be available this year.
- The board has submitted the annual grant application to Orange County tourism.
- The next tourism meeting will be held on Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the council chambers

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

- The IDA has not met since our last meeting

#### G. Oney - ADA -

- ADA has not met since our last meeting.

#### J. Rhoades - FEM -

- Motion for Resolution 23 of 2026 sale of surplus equipment (12 Scott SCBA packs and 24 Scott SCBA Cylinders \$4200.00) to Bovina Fire Dept 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Siegel  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED

- NYS Burn Ban is in effect.

#### J. Dennison - CDA-

- The CDA has not met since it did last month
- Resolution 24 of 2026 authorizes the submission of a NYS Hurricane IDA resilient investments through support and capital infrastructure program grant 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Hockenberry  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- The next meeting will be held on March 25, 2026, at 7 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Rec center.

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

- The Housing Authority next meeting will be on March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm at Hillside Terrace
- The Senior Club meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 1:30pm at the VFW 161.
- VFW Post 161 – will Host a Welcome home celebration on Sunday March 29, 2026 @ 12pm. At the Naval Ship.
- On a personal note, we hope that the organizers of the “No Kings” protest pick another location other than Veterans Park. Many Veterans as well as our 2 Veterans Organizations have expressed concern that our park which recognizes those that served our county is not the proper place to protest our government.
- Quote of the day “You’re only here for a short visit, don’t hurry, don’t worry, and be sure to smell the flowers along the way.” ... Walter Hagen

#### Oney - DPW

- At the last meeting we discussed hiring employees for our Sewer Relining project. We will be posting those job hopefully next week. Also discussed a new DPW facility.
- Garbage and Recycling on the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup> will be on its normal schedule.
- The garbage schedule is available on the city website @ [www.portjervisny.gov](http://www.portjervisny.gov) or by emailing the DPW office at [dpwclerk@portjervisny.gov](mailto:dpwclerk@portjervisny.gov). The 2026 garbage schedule is available.
- Compost pile is open for City of Port Jervis Residents on Saturdays from 7:15 am until 11:30 am
- Dump tickets are available at our city clerk’s office
- Bag leaves and brush will be picked up every Monday.
- Next meeting will be held Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in council chambers.

#### D. Cicalese - Mayor Notes

- Motion to approve the public assembly permit for Midnight Madness Liquor Permit Application by M. Hockenberry 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Dennison  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to approve the public assembly permit for Easter Sunrise Service by J. Rhoades 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Oney  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to approve the public assembly permit for Cruzin Port by S. Siegel 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Vicchiariello  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to approve the public assembly permit for Flags for Heros by G. Oney 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Siegel  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to approve the public assembly permit for Cars in the park by J. Vicchiariello 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Rhoades  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to approve the public assembly permit for Battenburg Luge by M. Hockenberry 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Vicchiariello  
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED

7:15 pm - Motion to adjourn by J. Rhoades, 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: M. Hockenberry

Date of Adoption: 03/23/2026

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 SUBMISSION OF A NEW YORK STATE HURRICANE IDA  
RESILIENT INVESTMENTS THROUGH SUPPORT AND CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE  
PROGRAM GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Owen St./Barcelow St. area of the City of Port Jervis is in need of stormwater improvements to reduce street and residential flooding resulting from the combination of rain and now undersized drainage pipes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Resilient Homes and Communities (“RHC”), an office of the Housing Trust Fund Corporation (“HTFC”) and as part of New York State Homes and Community Renewal (“HCR”), has invited eligible applicants to apply for grant funding under the Hurricane Ida Resilient Investments through Support and Capital (“RISC”) – Infrastructure Program (the “Program”) through April 13, 2026, no later than 3:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Port Jervis is an eligible entity for this program that would pay costs ranging from engineering through construction and re-pavement; and

**WHEREAS**, preliminary engineering estimates for the project cost of replacing 2,550 linear feet of piping is approximately \$3,058,647 and the City may apply for up to \$3 million, the overage of which, if any, would be borne by the City, and it is the opinion of the Common Council that applying for the instant grant is in the overall best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents, businesses and municipal services,

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis hereby approves the submission of a Hurricane Ida Resilient Investments through Support and Capital– Infrastructure Program grant application no later than 3:00 p.m. on April 13, 2026, for \$3.0 million, and it is further


**RESOLVED**, that should the grant application be approved, the balance of any amount over the \$3.0 million would be provided by the City of Port Jervis, and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that that the Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with the application, the subsequent grant award, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 23rd day of March, 2026.



Attest:

  
Stacey Hosking, Clerk-Treasurer

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS  
COMMON COUNCIL**

The following was presented

By: J. Rhoades

Sec'd by: S. Siegel

Date of Adoption: 03/23/2026

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<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 SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis previously declared certain equipment owned by the City and utilized by the City Fire Department as surplus property pursuant to a duly adopted resolution of the Common Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of the Fire Department has received bids from neighboring fire departments to purchase the aforesaid equipment, which sale may be accomplished without the need to engage in the public bidding process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council, upon the recommendation of the City Fire Chief, deems it appropriate to accept the bid received for the aforesaid equipment as set forth below in order to recoup funds to be used for City Fire Department purposes.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY**

**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Fire Chief or their designee is authorized to dispose of the surplus equipment as follows:

Resolution No.: 23 of 2026

Equipment

Accepted Bid

Purchaser

12 Scott SCBA Packs  
24 Scott SCBA High Pressure Cylinders

\$4,200.00

Bovina Center  
Fire Department

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 23 day of March, 2026.



Attest:

  
Stacey Hosking

ROLL CALL VOTE

**THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS  
COMMON COUNCIL**

The following was presented

By: J. Vicchiariello

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<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			
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**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
WITH ORANGE COUNTY FOR THE NEW YORK STATE STRIVE INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, Fearless! Hudson Valley, Inc., the City of Newburgh, by and through its Police Department, and the County of Orange, by and through its District Attorney’s Office (collectively, the “Applicants”) plan to submit an application (“Grant Application”) in response to a request for proposals (“RFP”) issued by the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence for funding made available by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (“NYS DCJS” or “Grantor”) to support the Governor’s STRIVE initiative designed to equip law enforcement, district attorneys, domestic violence service providers, and other partnering agencies with the necessary funding, guidance, and training to effectively respond to, mitigate, and prosecute intimate partner violence and better address the needs of victims and survivors through evidence based, survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive interventions (“Grant Funding”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis supports the Grant Application and the activities identified therein and express their commitment to establishing the Task Force to carry out the activities described in the Grant Application should it be approved and the Grant Funding awarded; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council finds it to be in the best interests of the City to approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding in connection with the STRIVE Initiative,

Resolution No. :22\_of 2026

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY**

**RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the annexed Memorandum of Understanding with Orange County in connection with the STRIVE Initiative and any related documents necessary to effectuate the City's participation in the STRIVE program, subject to final review and approval as to form by the Corporation Counsel.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 23 day of March, 2026.



Attest:

  
Stacey Hosking, City Clerk-Treasurer

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS  
COMMON COUNCIL**

The following was presented

By: J. Vicchiariello

Sec'd by: C. O'Connell

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<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			
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**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR  
THE 2026/2027 ORANGE COUNTY STOP-DWI PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Stop-DWI Program is a statewide traffic safety effort in existence in New York since 1981 for innovative enforcement, rehabilitation, and prevention programming, designed to ensure that no one part of the Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) system becomes overburdened as a result of increased enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Port Jervis is a participating municipality in the Orange County Stop-DWI Program, and it is in the public interest, health, safety and welfare for the City to continue its participation in the Orange County Stop-DWI Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Orange County provides such funding in multiple phases or “waves” throughout the calendar year, each of which requires execution of an intermunicipal agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the initial phase (“Phase One”) of the 2026 Orange County Stop-DWI Program provides funding to the City of Port Jervis in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to support targeted high-visibility DWI enforcement efforts, with additional funding anticipated in subsequent phases throughout the 2026 program year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council finds it to be in the best interests of the City to accept such funding and to continue participation in the Orange County Stop-DWI Program;

Resolution No. :21 of 2026

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY**

**RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis hereby authorizes the acceptance of Stop-DWI enforcement funds from Orange County for the 2026 program year; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute intermunicipal agreements and any related documents necessary to effectuate the City's participation in the Orange County Stop-DWI Program enforcement waves throughout the 2026 fiscal year, subject to final review and approval as to form by the Corporation Counsel; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this authorization shall apply to all such agreements issued in connection with the 2026 Stop-DWI enforcement program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 23 day of March, 2026.



Attest: Stacey Hosking  
Stacey Hosking, City Clerk-Treasurer