

Special Meeting - City of Port Jervis Common Council:

A special meeting of the City of Port Jervis Common Council was held in the Council Chambers at 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis, New York on March 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance-

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

Also present:

Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Bobbie Jo Muller and Director of CDA Valerie Maginsky
The meeting opened at 6:00 pm by Mayor Cicalese.

Pledge of Allegiance- Mayor Cicalese led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation – V. Maginsky Director of Community Development Agency gave a description of the NY RESTORE 8 Grant. This would apply to the demolition and reconstruction of the property located at 29 Front St. This building is also a project under consideration for the DRI and is pending review. To apply for the grant a letter of Intent needs to be filed by March 25, 2024, 5 pm. The application is not due by May 22, 2024. The City is eligible to apply for this grant on behalf of the applicants (C. Puopolo, M. & S. McDonough), as the City is on the list of distressed entities. The property owners are responsible for all fees, such as the \$500.00 application fee as well as the three-day advertisements and all up-front construction costs associated with the project.

There were some questions about why the previous application was not awarded. Valerie said this grant is very competitive. They are asking for a debriefing on the last grant before completion of the new application.

S. Siegel asked if Valerie had the detailed time frame and benchmarks for the project. Valerie explained that it is not required at this time. That would be needed with a letter of commitment ahead of the application.

Mayor Cicalese -

- Mayor read Resolution 2024-0320-015 Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis: Submit Letter of Intent Ahead of 2024 New York State Empire State Development Restore NY Round 8 Application.
- Motion to approve resolution 2024-0320-015 by M. Fuller, second by G. Oney, Jr.
AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 NAYS: 1 (S. Siegel) ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Jeffrey Rhoades – Read Resolution 2024-0320-016 Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis, Submittal: New York State Community resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology Program (CREST) Preliminary Application for Port Jervis Fire Department Command SUV

- Motion to approve resolution 2024-0320-016 by J. Rhoades, second by S. Siegel.
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mayor Cicalese -

- Motion to approve execution of Contracts for Solar Project, this is the interconnection agreement already approved by Orange and Rockland, this is our part, by the mayor. Motion by C. O'Connell, second by M. Hockenberry.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

6:15 pm - Motion to adjourn by S. Siegel, second by J. Rhoades - all in favor.

Respectfully,
Bobbie Jo Muller
Deputy City Clerk Treasurer

Notice of Special Council Meeting

**Please be advised that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis will conduct a special meeting at 6:00 pm on Wednesday March 20, 2024 in the Council Room at City Hall, 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis NY
By order of Mayor Dominic Cicalese.**

This meeting is for the purpose of consideration of approval of a letter of intent for a new RESTORE Round 8 grant application and any other item of business as deemed necessary for immediate action.

The Finance meeting will follow immediately thereafter.

**Posted by the Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer
Bobbie Jo Muller**

On this date of March 19, 2024

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS

SUBMIT LETTER OF INTENT AHEAD OF 2024 NEW YORK STATE EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT RESTORE NY ROUND 8 APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis seeks grant funding to support projects deemed important to its citizens and economic development; and

WHEREAS, now open and due by Wednesday, May 22, 2024, by 5:00 p.m., is the New York State Empire State Development (ESD) Round 8, RESTORE NY Communities Initiative grant application with an opportunity for the City to apply for up to \$2M to demolish/deconstruct and/or rehabilitate/reconstruct up to two projects; and

WHEREAS, by Monday, March 25, 2024, any potential application first requires the submittal of a Letter of Intent to Apply to ESD which briefly identifies the City and describes the project, and which may, or may not, be approved, and which does not bind either the City or property owners to application submittal; and

WHEREAS, one project, that of the demolition and reconstruction of 29 Front St., meets the initial requirements; and

WHEREAS, if approved and continued, the cost to the City would be approximately \$800 for a \$500 application submittal fee and some \$300 for publication of the public hearing notice and three consecutive days of advertisement of a Property Assessment List which will be reimbursed by the project owners; and

WHEREAS, a Letter of Commitment ahead of application submission, would detail the timeframe, benchmarks and responsibilities of the property owners of 29 Front St. to at minimum pay all costs of demolition and reconstruction and subsequently receive reimbursement of up to 90% for eligible expenses; and

WHEREAS, the City and property owners will proceed throughout in good faith for the good of the City;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis, hereby approves the development and submission by Monday, March 25, 2024, by 5:00 p.m., of a Letter of Intent to New York State Empire State Development for an application of up to \$2M for demolition and reconstruction of 29 Front St., and that the Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with this submission.

Motion by: Misty Fuller Second by: Gerald Oney, Jr.

Jason Vicchiariello	1 st Ward	AYE
Colin O'Connell	1 st Ward	AYE
Maria Mann	2 nd Ward	AYE
Misty Fuller	2 nd Ward	AYE
Jeffrey Rhoades	3 rd Ward	AYE
Gerald Oney, Jr.	3 rd Ward	AYE
Jacqueline Dennison	4 th Ward	ABSENT
Stanley B. Siegel	4 th Ward	NAY
Michael Hockenberry	Councilman-At-Large	AYE

DATED: March 20, 2024


Bobbie Jo Muller, Deputy City Clerk Treasurer

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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS

SUBMITTAL: NEW YORK STATE COMMUNITY RESILIENCY, ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY, AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM (CREST) PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FOR PORT JERVIS FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMAND SUV

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis’ Fire Department is in need of updated command SUVs; and

WHEREAS, a new command SUV is estimated to cost some \$95,000; and

WHEREAS, NYS Senator James Skoufis is willing to support a Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology (CREST) program request on the City’s behalf for \$55,000 towards the cost of a new fire department command SUV; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary application is due no later than March 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis is hereby committing to supply the balance of funds, some \$40,000, of the currently expected \$95,000 cost,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis, hereby approves the submission of said grant pre-application for \$55,000 no later than March 28, 2024, at 5 p.m. EST and that the Mayor, or his designee, Deputy Clerk Muller, or other, is authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with the preliminary application.

Motion by: Jeffrey Rhoades

Second by: Stanley Siegel

Jason Vicchiariello	1 st Ward	AYE
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Maria Mann	2 nd Ward	AYE
Misty Fuller	2 nd Ward	AYE
Jeffrey Rhoades	3 rd Ward	AYE
Gerald Oney, Jr.	3 rd Ward	AYE
Jacqueline Dennison	4 th Ward	ABSENT
Stanley B. Siegel	4 th Ward	AYE
Michael Hockenberry	Councilman-At-Large	AYE

DATED: March 20, 2024


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