

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 February 24, at 6:30 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	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 Cicalese led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing – None

Presentation – None

Public Comment – Laura Meyer spoke about the 7th annual St Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday March 2nd and invited everyone to come want and have some fun

- **Executive Session-**
- Motion to enter into executive session at 6:33pm by J. Rhoades 2nd by M. Hockenberry with four items on the agenda__ AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to return from executive session at 6:59pm by J. Rhoades 2nd by M. Hockenberry
- _AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Executive Session Material –

Approval of Minutes –

- Motion to Approve February 10, 2025, Common Council minutes by J. Rhoades, second by J. Vicchiariello. AYE: 6 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) CARRIED
- Amend The December 18, 2025, Special Meeting minutes as there was a mistake and it was corrected. By S. Siegel second by: M. Hockenberry
AYE: 5 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: (J. Vicchiariello, C. O'Connell, J. Rhoades, J. Dennison) CARRIED

Regular Business-

J. Vicchiariello – Code

- Code committee has not met since their last meeting
- The next Code Committee meeting will be held on March 5th at 6:30 in CC Chambers.

J. Vicchiarriello - Police

- The Police Committee met Feb 20.
- Police committee talked about Accreditation and officer training along with SNUG Grant fund
- Next meeting will be held on March 20 in council chambers

C. O'Connell - Recreation-

- The Youth center recreation room is now open from 2pm to 6pm, M-TH.
- The Youth Center has new hours for Fridays and Saturdays only. The new hours will be 2:00 pm- 5:30 pm.
- Two great events coming up in spring 2025 here in Port Jervis! Both events are now open for registration.
- - May 4, 2025- The Delaware River 5K Run- <https://runsignup.com/.../PortJ.../DelawareRiver5kRunandWalk>
- - May 31-June 1- The Jim Faggione Jr. Midnight Madness Endurance Relay- <https://pjmidnightmadness.com/>
- Field trips planned this summer include Liberty Science Center on Friday, July 18 and a NY Mets baseball game on Friday August 1. More information to follow soon.
- The next Recreation meeting will be held on February 26th at 6:15pm.

C. O'Connell - Planning-

- The Planning Board last met on Feb 18th there was a public hearing on a Teen Port Jervis LLC for a recreational marijuana dispensary 110/112 Jersey Ave location was approved and the special use permit for retail dispensary was approved. N
- Next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 18 in the council chambers.

C. O'Connell - Zoning-

- The Zoning Board has not met, the next meeting will be meeting next on March 4th

J. Rhoades- Finance -

- Motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant for \$536,990.35 second by J. Rhoades.
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 () NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Next Finance Meeting will be held on March 19th, at 6pm in the Council Chambers.

M. Mann - Tourism -

- Tourism last met on February 12.
- The board is gearing up for the 7th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade which will be held on Sunday March 2nd. Contact tourism chair Laura Meyer is floralaurapi@yahoo.com
- Fabulous Fifties will be held on June 1st from 12-6pm
- City wide yard sale will take place on May 3rd
- The next Tourism meeting will be held on March 12 at 7pm in the council chambers

M. Mann - IDA -

The next IDA meeting will be held on February 18th at 6pm here in the council chambers.

- A proposal request has been submitted for legal services for the IDA
- Next meeting will be held on March 18th @ 6pm

J. Rhoades - FEM -

- The next FEM meeting will be held on March 17, at 6:30pm in Mayors Conference Room

G. Oney, Jr. - ADA - No Report has not met**J. Dennison - CDA-**

- The CDA last met on 01/22/25.
- Motion to accept Resolution 7 of 2025 for The Mayor to execute an agreement with the housing trust fund corporation for the community development block grant award of 1.5 million for upgrade to water filtration plant, second by G. Oney.
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 () NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- The next meeting will be held on February 26, 2025, at 7pm.

S. Siegel -HOUSING and VETERANS-

- The Housing Authority last met on 01/28/2025.
- There will be two free showings of Marvel's Captain America: Brave New World on March 5th at 1pm & 6pm at Flagship Premium Cinemas in Monroe, NY for Veterans and 1 guest. Call 291-2470
- Veterans who served multiple periods of military service may be eligible for additional GI Bill Benefits.
- The next meeting for housing authority will be held on February 25th, at 7pm at Hillside Terrace.
- The next Senior Club meeting will be on February 26 and March 12 and 26th at 1pm at Fellowship Hall in West End.
- Condolences to the family of Jim Knight, a fellow American Legionnaire and my mentor.
- Quote: "If we never try, we shall never succeed".by Abraham Lincoln
- Quote: "It is better to offer no excuse, than a bad one." By: George Washington

M. Hockenberry - DPW

- Garbage recycling and paper pickup on the week of February 24th and March 3rd will be on its normal schedule.
- 2025 Garbage is on the city website @ portjervisny.gov or by emailing DPW office at dpwclerk@portjervisny.gov
- Instructions for how to receive NIXLE's will be included in your next water bill
- City wide pothole repair is ongoing. If you see one that needs attention, please call 845-858-4001
- Next DPW meeting will be next Monday March 3rd
- Motion to deny the request to waive water fees from the owner at 42 Barcelow Street second by S. Siegel
- AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 () NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
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D. Cicalese - Mayor

- Motion by J. Vicchiariello to approve UDSB Donation for \$1,000.00, Second by S. Siegel
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 () NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Appoint Sean Addy to the Planning board for a 5-year term.
- Appoint Linda Hannigan to the IDA for a 5-year term.
- We understand the hardship of the correction officers in this state and Stay Strong we support you.

7:18 pm - Motion to adjourn by J. Rhoades second by J. Dennison, - 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: February 24, 2025

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
<i>Councilman at Large</i> Mr. Hockenberry	√			
<i>Councilman</i> Mr. Vicchiariello	√			
<i>Councilman</i> Mr. O'Connell	√			
<i>Councilwoman</i> Ms. Mann	√			
<i>Councilwoman</i> Ms. Fuller	√			
<i>Councilman</i> Mr. Rhoades	√			
<i>Councilman</i> Mr. Oney	√			
<i>Councilwoman</i> Ms. Dennison	√			
<i>Councilman</i> Mr. Siegel	√			
TOTAL	9	0	0	0

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE NEW YORK STATE EMPIRE STATE
DEVELOPMENT COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM TO ORANGE
COUNTY, NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis' water filtration plant (WFP) provides potable water to the entire city; and

WHEREAS, the WFP is in need of improvements to continue supplying potable water to citizens and businesses and additionally service the 70 estimated new housing units and businesses expected through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and annexation projects; and

WHEREAS, all necessary improvements to the City's WFP total \$3M of which the City has been awarded a New York State Community Development Block Grant for \$1.5 million which may be used to meet the project match requirements; and

WHEREAS, a \$1M New York State Empire State Development (ESD) County Infrastructure Grant Program is currently open for submission, by February 28, 2025 to Orange County Community Development for review and further consideration by the Orange County legislature for final submission; and

WHEREAS, this project's proposal meets the criteria that this infrastructure project will directly create at least 10 units of housing; and

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WHEREAS, in addition to the \$1M proposed NYS ESD grant, the City will contribute \$500k cash to complete funding needs; and

WHEREAS, soft costs, including Engineering and local Administration, will be outside any awarded grant, sourced through the City's \$500,000 contribution and proceed through City professional services procurement processes; and

WHEREAS, a \$250 non-refundable application fee accompanied by a source description letter is due to Orange County will be paid by the City; and

WHEREAS, a non-refundable commitment fee of 1% of grant amount awarded will be assessed by award by NYS ESD, which for a \$1M award equals \$10,000 to be paid by the City accompanied by a source description letter,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, or his designee, to develop and submit a full New York State Empire State Development County Infrastructure Grant Program grant application for \$1M with \$500k City cash contribution to Orange County Community Development by February 28, 2025, for completion of its \$3M Water Filtration Plant improvement project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that when this project is approved for submittal by the Orange County Legislature to New York State Empire State Development, the City commits to providing the County with a non-refundable application fee of \$250.00, no later than April 1, 2025; and it is further

RESOLVED, that upon New York State Empire State approval of award, the City agrees to provide a non-refundable commitment fee of 1% of the grant amount awarded which will be assessed at award by NYS ESD, which for a one-million-dollar grant award will equal \$10,000.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 24th day of February, 2025.



Attest: Bobbie Jo Muller
Bobbie Jo Muller, Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer

