

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, January 12, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

Attendance-

Jason Vicchiariello	1st Ward	Present
Colin O'Connell	1st Ward	Present
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

Presentation - Laura Meyer from the Port Jervis Tourism board. In 2025 Port Jervis had a lot of great events that happened, everyone was successful and we added the Delaware River carboard Boat Regatta and the Delaware Beach Party. We would like to present the check to the Port Jervis Special Operations Team for their assistance.

Public Comment - 3 speakers signed up to talk

Lindsay Ennis - Spoke about her and her son and them loving the City of Port Jervis. They are very active members of society and Lindsay stated the importance of a new community center and with her background in engineering and her knowledge of multiple different grants she feels that 86 Pike St is a location that can support all of the community needs.

Tim Simmons - Spoke about the success of the 7th annual Polar Plunge with 89 people going into the water. Our good friend Chip came and presented us with \$1,229.00 in pledges and donations he collected. We are always very fortunate with all of the sponsorship of local business to include, The Gun Lady, Neversink Lumber, The Shop Tattoo, Bagel HQ, Mamma Grace Pizzeria, Erie Hotel and Tiki Bar, Ma's & Papa Joe's, Hockenberry Garage, Jim Rohner, Bear Hollar Embroidery, Blue Sky Ins., John Coda and Sons supply, County Legislator Tom Faggione, Performance Plumbing, Port Jervis Republican city committee, Our Mayor Dom Cicalese, Tom's Automotive, Assemblyman Karl Brabanec, Walsh & Onofry Law, Knight-Auchmoody Funeral home. Along with many donations from others. Thank you to the Port Jervis Rec Department, along with many others who help to set up this wouldn't be possible. The guys from the special operations team make sure everyone is safe and all runs smoothly. Next year we are looking to add the Fire and Ice challenge for local fire depts to get involved.

Harrison Baldof - I come from the City of Kingston employed with the Catskill mountain railroad I have recently been paying attention to the controversy of what is going on with the turntable and museum. I ask for transparency. Consider the history of it all.

Gerald Harding – I plan on filing a lawsuit against the city and the police dept. We should keep the museum here because if they pull out, they take all of our history with them. I Would like everyone to start looking into the half million-dollar grant for the fire house and are they going to tear out the turn table to build a central firehouse.

Kathleen Hylas – Im not here to tell you what a great job you're doing. I've done a lot of work over the years for this city. I got a notice in Sept that the grass needed to be cut at my property on 100 Ball St. I got the notice after the deadline to cut the grass. I immediately called the tenant and told him he had to cut the grass that I got a notice. I threw away the letter and the next day I got a bill for \$354.00 to have a little yard mowed. It is the tenant's responsibility to maintain the yard I don't go out and inspect them but if I get notice, I call him to cut the grass. It's a little yard and I can't believe the amount of money I am being charged for this little yard. I sent everyone a letter about this bill. I am going to send it to all of our representatives and the NYS attorney general.

Peter Grech – I was born and raised in port Jervis which may take some people by surprise because of my accent. Because of my accent I can be targeted by ICE. I was talking with a NYC retired policeman, and he was telling me he had many interactions with them when he was in the police dept down there and that they did not treat people well. I would like to ask the city to start taking some protective measures to protect the public from allowing ICE to arrest citizens unless they are suspected of criminal activity.

Executive Session – NONE

Executive Session Material- None

Mayor Appointments –

ADA Committee – Term 1/31/26-1/31/28

Jennifer Foster -Ann Marie Foster-Melissa Decker-Gina Torres-Timothy Monahan

Civil Service Committee – Term 1/13/26 – 5/31/31 Lisa Perkowski

CDA-Kristin Trovei – Term 1/31/26-1/31/29, John Russell – Term 1/31/26-1/31/27, Michael Talmadge – Term 1/31/26 – 1/31/28

IDA- Rosita Everett – Term 1/13/26 – 1/31/28, Michael Witt – Term 1/13/26 – 1/31/29

Planning Board - Henry Dunn – Term 1/31/26 – 1/31/31, Joe Butto – Term 1/31/26 – 1/31/31

Recreation Commission - Debbie Cunningham - Term 1/31/26- 1/31/33

Tourism Board – Term 1/31/26-1/31/28

Laura Meyer, Theresa Balogh, Jackie Smith, Tucker Enright, Robert Bloomer, Tammy Predmore, Chucky McBride, Mike Meyer, Niki Jones, Regis Foster

City Marshall – Term 1/31/26 – 1/31/29 Jeffrey Rohrer, Stanley Siegel

City Historian Term 01/13/26-01/31/28 Kelly Decker

Upper Delaware Scenic By Way Commission Rep 01/31/26-01/31/28 – Teresa Spradling

- Motion to appoint the City Clerk Treasurer Stacey Hosking to a term from 01/13/26-01/31/37 by J. Rhoades 2nd by C. O'Connell
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED

- Motion to appoint the City Attorney William Frank and the law office of Blustein, Sharipo, Frank, & Barone to a term from 01/31/26-01/31/28 by S. Siegel 2nd by M. Hockenberry
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to appoint the City Labor Attorney Stewart Waxman and the law office of Thomas, Drohan, Waxman, Petigrow & Mayle, LLP a term from 01/31/26-01/31/28 by M. Hockenberry 2nd by J. Rhoades
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to appoint the City Engineering Firm of MHE Engineering 01/31/26-01/31/28 by C. O'Connell 2nd by M. Hockenberry
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to appoint the City Court Judge Honorable Matthew Witherow 01/31/26-01/31/32 by C. O'Connell 2nd by M. Hockenberry
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED

Approval of Minutes -

- Motion to approve December 8, 2025, Common Council minutes by J. Rhoades 2nd by M. Fuller.
AYE: 9 ABSENT: NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to approve Special Council Meeting Minutes December 29, 2025, Common Council minutes by M. Hockenberry 2nd by J. Rhoades
AYE: 7 ABSENT: NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:2 (M. Fuller, J. Dennison) CARRIED

Regular Business-

J. Vicchiariello - Code

- Code last met on January 7th I have one order if business.
- Motion to approve Resolution 1 of 2026 to amend the Bi-Laws of the Port Jervis Fire Department to discuss. 2nd by C. O'Connell.
AYE: 9 ABSENT: NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- The city auctioned off 4 properties with condition that those buildings be taken down in 1 year. At this point we are happy to say 3 have been taken down, the 4th will be taken down within next couple weeks and houses will be built on those properties and put back on the tax role.
- Rumshock has received their first home
- 29 Jersey building in disrepair and they have taken the front of the building off and being worked on.
- Next code meeting will be on February 4th @ 6:30 pm

J. Vicchiariello - Police

- The Police Committee has not met since the last council meeting.
- We are asking everyone to comply with parking restrictions. When it snows, get your car off the street. The PD issued over 200 overnight tickets in the month of December.
- The next meeting will be held on January 15, 2026, at 6 pm in the Council Chambers.

C. O'Connell - Planning-

- Planning has not met
- The next meeting will be held on January 20, 2026, at 7 pm in the Council Chambers.

C. O'Connell - Zoning-

- Has not met.

C. O'Connell - Recreation-

- The Dog Yard, Church St. Park (lower level) and the vehicle entrance to Point Peter are all closed for the winter. They will reopen this spring.
- 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 January 19, 2026- Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Thank you to Tim Simmons, the PJ Rec Department, all the volunteer and sponsors who help put on the Polar Plunge we raised over \$3,000 for the Port Jervis Special Operations Team
- The next Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 6:15 pm at the Youth Center.

M. Fuller. - Finance -

- Motion to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,036,113.02 second C. O'Connell
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Next meeting will be held in January 21, 2026 @ 6pm

M. Mazzara - Tourism -

- Tourism has not met this month.
- The board held their annual Holiday Lighting contest. The winners in order were, 1st place Griswold Old Time Family Christmas 92 Orange St with 691 votes, 2nd place Christmas Magic at 84 Hammond St with 499 votes, 3rd place Festive Puerto Rico 129 Front St with 354 votes. Votes were cast on Port Jervis Tourism Facebook page. Thank you to all who participated.
- The tourism board is working on the St. Patrick's Day Parade which will be held on Sunday March 1st Anyone interested in participating can email tourism chair Laura Meyer at floralaurapj@yahoo.com
- The next Tourism meeting will be held January 14th, 2026, at 7 pm.

G. Oney, Jr. - IDA -

- The IDA has not met since the last meeting.
- The next meeting will be in January 21 @ 7pm

G. Oney - ADA - None

J. Rhoades - FEM -

- Motion for Neversink Engine Company No 1 to hold events in 2026 (Super Bowl Pool Fundraiser on 01/05/2026 until Super Bowl Sunday 2nd by S. Siegel
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion for Excelsior Engine Company No 5 to hold events in 2026, Super Bowl Party 02/08/26, Daytona 500 Party 02/22/26, Good Friday Pizza Takeout 04/03/26, Old Timers Night 05/16/26, Fall Festival 09/27/26, Member Christmas party 12/19/26 2nd by J. Dennison
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to appoint David Daniel Moore as probationary driver for Neversink Engine Co No 1. 6 2nd by S. Siegel
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to appoint Andrew Aumick as Driver for Maghogomock Hook and Ladder Company No. 1. 2nd by S. Siegel
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion for Inter-Departmental transfer for Michael Kowinsky Jr. from Tri-State Hose Company No6 to Neversink Engine Company No 1. 2nd by S. Siegel
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED

- Motion for Removal of membership for Jeffery Wehinger from Excelsior Engine Co No 5 due to him passing away, 2nd by J. Vicchiariello
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Next meeting will be in January 22 in Council Chambers.

J. Dennison - CDA-

- The CDA Last met on December 17, 2025
- The next meeting will be held on January 28, at 7 pm location TBD.

S. Siegel -HOUSING and VETERANS-

- The Housing Authority last meet on November 18th there was no meeting in December the next meeting will be on January 20th @ 6pm at Hillside Terrace
- The next Senior Club meeting is Jan 24th @ 1:30pm at Fellowship Hall in West end.
- Veterans should know Flu Shots are available at our clinic call 845-856-5369 for an appointment
- The 2026 Veteran disability compensation starting Jan1st 2026 have been increased by 2.8% to match adjustments made by Social Security benefits
- PJTV23 is looking for volunteers to become a member and learn television broadcasting and community involvement. Contact me at 845-248-1622
- I am still updating my monthly calendar and information email me @ stansiegel2@gmail.com
- Port Jervis High School voice of Democracy essay winners were 1st place Ava Mills, 2nd place Gianna DiGiantomaso, 3rd place Bella Cartagena the Port Jervis Middle School Patriot's Pen essay winners were 1st place Isabella Fedorick, 2nd place Aliana Sweeney, 3rd place Braelynn Koser
- Quote of the day "Believe you can, and you're halfway there" Teddy Roosevelt quote #2 "The best way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing" Walt Disney

M. Hockenberry - DPW

- Garbage and Recycling on the week of Jan 12th will be on its normal schedule the week of January 19th will be 1 day late due to the Martin Luther King Holiday, recycling will be a day late and cardboard will be picked up on January 23rd in the 4th ward.
- The garbage schedule is available on the city website @ www.portjervisny.gov or by emailing the DPW office at dpwclerk@portjervisny.gov. The 2026 garbage schedule is available.
- Instructions for Nixile were sent out with your last bill. They will be sent out with the next water bill for the last time. Most of city correspondence is done through there.
- Residents have received lead inventory letters. If you have already complied to this letter disregard if not, please follow instructions to complete.
- Christmas tree pickup is ongoing in the city the last day for pickup is January 19th please put your tree curbside.
- Next meeting is January 22nd at 5:30pm in council chambers

D. Cicalese - Mayor Notes

- Motion to accept Resignation of Jackie Smith as chair on the IDA board by J. Rhoades 2nd by G. Oney
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to accept Resolution 2 of 2026 banking and depositories for the city of port Jervis to utilize the following TD Bank, M&T By M. Hockenberry 2nd by M. Fuller
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to approve Resolution 3 of 2026 Standard workday and reporting for NYS retirement system by J. Rhoades 2nd by S. Siegel
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to approve Resolution 4 of 2026 Newspaper, Radio and Television for advertisement by M. Hockenberry 2nd by M. Fuller
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED

- The annual State of the City Address will be here in the council chambers on January 26 @ 6pm in the council chambers before the 6:30 Council meeting

7:29 pm - Motion to adjourn by M. Hockenberry, second by S. Siegel - 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. Vicchiariello
 Sec'd by: C. O'Connell
 Date of Adoption: 01/12/2026

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS
AMENDING THE BY-LAWS OF THE PORT JERVIS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Common Council, at the recommendation of the City Fire Department and the City Codes Committee, wishes to update the Fire Department By-Laws to provide that once a member of the Fire Police Squad is appointed and administered an oath of office, that oath shall remain valid until such time as the Fire Police Squad Member ceases to hold the title of Fire Police Officer,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis hereby approves the following amendment to Article XII, Section E of the City Fire Department's By-Laws effective immediately as noted below:

Article XII-Duties of Firematic Officers

Section E-Captain

Replace Subsections 5 and 6 with the following:

5. The incoming Captain of each Company, prior to December 31st of each year, shall provide the Department Secretary with a list of members, in writing, that he recommends that the Mayor appoint as members of said Fire Police Squad; the appointment term shall be open-ended, is at-will and the Mayor may remove any person from this appointed office at any time.

6. The Captain of the Fire Police will ensure that each member is administered an Oath of Office within thirty (30) days of appointment; failure to administer or take the required oath of office will invalidate an appointment. If a member voluntarily resigns from the Fire Police Squad or is reassigned to another position within the Fire Department, such member will be required to re-take the oath of office should he or she be reappointed to the Fire Police Squad; and

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 12th day of January 2026.



Attest:


Stacey Hosking, Clerk-Treasurer

Resolution No.2 :_of 2026

ROLL CALL VOTE

**THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS
COMMON COUNCIL**

The following was presented

By: M. Hockenberry

Sec'd by: M. Fuller

Date of Adoption: 01/12/2026

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

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS

Banking and Depositories

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis Common Council has recognized the need to maintain and/or establish accounts to conduct regular business ;

It is hereby RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis directs the City Clerk-Treasurer to utilize official depositories for the funds maintained in the Checking and Saving accounts of the City of Port Jervis for the year of 2026 as follows:

TD Bank – General Operating, Water, Sewer, Capital, Money Market, Recreation, Industrial Development Agency, Senior Citizens/Ruggeri Legacy Account, Payroll, Rachel Dietz Memorial Fund, Small Cities Grant and USDA Water Clarifier Reserve Funds.

M&T Bank – Trust & Agency, Money Market, Federal Drug Forfeiture and City Drug Forfeiture Funds.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 12 day of January , 2026.



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: S. Siegel
 Date of Adoption: 01/12/2026

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS
STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING FOR NYS RETIREMENT SYSTEM
BENEFITS**

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis Common Council recognizes the need to establish a standard workday for all elected and appointed positions within the City for NYS Retirement reporting purposes and to satisfy reporting requirements to the NYS Retirement systems with respect to time worked and;

It is hereby resolved and reaffirmed, that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis hereby establishes a standard workday of 8 hours for all employees, elected and appointed officials and;

It is also resolved, that all employees, elected and appointed officials who participate in the NYS Retirement system are required to submit timesheets of actual time worked and/or shall complete record of activities log for at least a three-month representative time period and submit same to the City Clerk for reporting purposes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 12 day of January, 2026.



Attest: Stacey Hosking
 Stacey Hosking, City Clerk-Treasurer

Resolution No.4 :_of 2026

ROLL CALL VOTE

**THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS
COMMON COUNCIL**

The following was presented
 By: M. Hockenberry
 Sec'd by: M. Fuller
 Date of Adoption: 01/12/2026

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT
JERVIS NEWSPAPERS, RADIO AND TELEVISION**

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis Common Council has recognized the need to maintain and/or establish accounts to conduct regular business:

It is hereby RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis directs the City Clerk-Treasurer to utilize the Times Herald Record as its official newspaper for the year 2026 with the Pike County Dispatch as alternatives when necessitated for legal notices, local laws, ordinances, advertisements for bids for materials, equipment, and services as may be required during the year 2026, and

Be it further RESOLVED, that WDLC be designated as the official radio outlet and Port Jervis-Deerpark TV also known as PJTV23, provided by Spectrum under the present cable franchise agreement be the designated television outlet.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 12 day of January, 2026.



Attest: Stacey Hosking
 Stacey Hosking, City Clerk-Treasurer

