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 April 28, 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.	3 rd Ward	Present	
Jacqueline Dennison	4th Ward	Present	
Stanley Siegel	4th Ward	Present	
Michael Hockenberry	Councilman-At-Large	Absent	
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

<u>Pledge of Allegiance-</u> Mayor Dominic Cicalese led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing - Local Law #4 - No Camping / Sleeping on public property

- Motion to open public hearing for LL#4 by J. Vicchiariello second by G. Oney AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(C. O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to close public hearing for LL#4 by M. Hockenberry second by J. Rhoades AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(C. O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

<u>Presentation</u> Presentation by Superintendent John Bell of Port Jervis School on School Budget. It is the 5th year in a row there will be no tax increase with the budget going up. The school is improving and adding programs and able to do it for another year without any tax increase. School board elections are going on for this year May 20th from 7am-8pm. Recent land purchase will connect the two campuses to each other and allow for many benefits for workers, students, staff, and the public to have access to both locations while staying on school property.

Public Comment -None

Executive Session-

- One item on the agenda for tonight is a litigation matter with O&R
- Motion to enter executive session by J. Rhoades second by J. Dennison AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to return from executive session at 7:09pm by J. Rhoades second by J. Dennison AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Executive Session Material -
- Motion for Resolution 21 of 2025 Settlement agreement with Orange and Rockland Motion by J. Vicchiariello second by G. Oney

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 (M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 (C. O'Connell) CARRIED

Approval of Minutes -

 Motion to Approve April 14, 2025, Common Council minutes by S. Siegel second by J. Rhoades AYE: 7 ABSENT: 1 (M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 (C. O'Connell) CARRIED

Regular Business-

J. Vicchiariello - Code

- The Code committee has not met since the last council meeting
- Motion to accept the Building Inspectors report from March Second by G. Oney AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to accept the Fire Inspectors report from March Second by S. Siegel AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to appoint Edward Addison as Part Time Building Official for \$27.00 starting April 29th, 2025, second by C. O'Connell
 - AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Next code committee meeting will be on May 7th at 6:30 in the common council chambers

J. Vicchiariello - Police

- The Police Committee last met on April 17th.
- Motion to accept the Police Report for the month of March Second by C. O'Connell AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to Authorize the Chief of Police to formally enter into a partnership with the FBI/ Hudson Valley Safe Streets Task Force. And to execute agreements on behalf of the police dept and city of Port Jervis Second by C. O'Connell
 - AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Next meeting will be held on May 15 @ 6pm in council chambers

C. O'Connell - Recreation-

- Recreation hours are Mon-Thurs 2pm-6pm and Friday 2pm-5:30pm
- The 31st Delaware River 5k Run/Walk is this Sunday May 4th at 9am register at Runsignup.com (search Delaware river run)
- The 2nd Jim Faggione Jr midnight madness endurance relay will be held on May 31st-June1 in Elks Brox Park. The 12-hour overnight race can be completed by individuals or teams of 2,3, or 4. For information visit pjmidnightmadness.com
- 2025 Summer Recreation brochure is now available at the youth canter or view it at: portjervisny.gov/parksandrec
- Motion to hire Seasonal recreation staff
 - Senior Recreation Leader (Mike Cordisco, Amaya Townsend) To start on or after June 23, 2025

Recreation Leader (Penny Jones, Jaren Rodriguez) - Starting on or after June 23, 2025

Lifeguards (Yaveth Gonzalez) – Starting on or after June 20, 2025

Substitute Lifeguard (Josh Maillet) - Starting on or after June 20, 2025

Recreation Specialists (Harry Tomasi, Bryn Hendershot, Penny Jones, Connor Brace) – Starting on or after June 20, 2025, Second by J. Rhoades

- AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Next recreation meeting will be April 30th @ 6:15pm at youth center

C. O'Connell - Planning-

- Planning last met on April 15th @ 7pm in the council chambers.
- Public comment at the next meeting
- Next Planning Meeting will be on Tuesday May 20 in CC Chambers

C. O'Connell - Zoning-

Next Zoning meeting will be Tuesday May 6th in Council Chambers

M. Fuller - Finance -

- Motion to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$395,724.40 second by J. Rhoades AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion for Resolution 24 of 2025 2025 Tax Lien Sale/ Grievance Day set for October 14, 2025, and Tax Lien Sale set for November 18, 2025, at 2pm in common council room second by M. Mann
 AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to hire Teresa Spradling as consultant to the Assessor's Office effective April 29th 2025 for \$60 per hour for 100 hours max second by C. O'Connell
 - AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Next Finance Meeting will be held on May 21, at 6pm in the Council Chambers.

M. Mann - Tourism -

- · Tourism has not met since our last meeting
- City-wide yard sale May 3rd from 9am-4pm
- The Fabulous Fifties event will be held on June 1st from 12-6pm at Riverside Park. Vendor application deadline is May 1st. Applications are available on the city website.
- The next Tourism meeting will be held on May 14 at 7pm in the council chambers

M. Mann - IDA -

The IDA has not met since their last meeting next meeting is on May 27th @ 6pm.

J. Rhoades - FEM -

Next FEM meeting will be on May 19, 2025, 6:30 in CCC

G. Oney, Jr. - ADA - Will meet Monday May 5th

J. Dennison - CDA-

- The CDA last met on 04/23/2025.
- Board approved a resolution that initiated annual tenant/landlord self-certification of working smoke detectors.
- Initial paperwork was submitted to US DOT for proposed railroad crossing elimination grant about Fowler and 4th ST Pedestrian crossing for upcoming meeting on 04/30
- The NYS DEC Water source protection project draft plan is nearing completion.
- HUD published new annual income limits. For example, 80% income level for a single person went from \$64,300 to \$68,900 and a family of four went from \$91,850 to \$98,400.
- The next meeting will be held on May 28, 2025, at 7pm.

S. Siegel -HOUSING and VETERANS-

- The Housing Authority last met on 03/25/2025.
- My HealtheVet has transitioned to the new MY HEALTHeVET on VA.GOV you will be redirected here. IN June
 when you sign into the current My HealtheVet you will notice you are moved over to the new experience on
 VA.Gov to access pharmacy, health records, or secure messaging you will need to go to My HealtheVet on
 VA.gov

- Orange County Veterans are invited to a free screening of "Warfare" at Flagship Cinema in Monroe, NY on May 7th at 1pn & 6pm all attendees will receive popcorn and a drink. Call 845-291-2470 to reserve your seat.
- PJ TV 23 is converting 30+ years of VHS to digital and putting them on PJTV23 and PJTV23 YouTube.
- Quote of the day "When something bad happens you have 3 choices, you can either let it define you, let it destroy you, or you can let it strengthen you".
- The next meeting for Housing Authority will be held on May 20th, at 6pm at Hillside Terrace.
- The next Senior Club meeting will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 1pm at Hanson Hall behind Goodwill Church.

G. Oney - DPW

- Garbage recycling and paper pickup on the week of April 14th and 21st 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
- Westend Bath House Construction has begun
- Construction of Splash pad at Church Street Park is ongoing
- West end Bath house construction has started.
- Saturdays the compost pile will be open from 7:15 am until 11:30am
- Motion for Resolution 23 of 2025 RISC Grant award to Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions Inc. in the amount of \$199,000.00 second by C. O'Connell
 - AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion for Resolution 22 of 2025 Amendment No 1 to the Agreement for Engineering Services for CWSRF Project No. C3-5396-03-00 second by J. Dennison
 - AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to accept Bid from Eberhardt Excavation, Inc. for \$473,636.35 for Glass Street Retaining Wall Project second by J. Rhoades
 - AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to accept Bid low bids in all categories and send out a notice of award from the DPW Director second by C. O'Connell
 - AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (M. Hockenberry) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to hire Mickey Lane as a seasonal DPW worker starting April 15th for \$17.00/hr Second by J. Vicchiariello AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (C. O'Connell) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

D. Cicalese - Mayor

Thank you to everyone who attended Arbor Day Ceremony it was a rainy cool day but the turn out was nice and
we got to plant some new trees and read off some proclamations and celebrate another day.

7:39 pm - Motion to adjourn by J. Dennison, second by M. Fuller - all in favor.

Respectfully, Stacey Hosking City Clerk Treasurer

Resolution No.: 21 of 2025

Names

Mr. Rhoades

Councilman

Mr. Oney
Councilwoman

Ms. Dennison
Councilman

Mr. Siegel

TOTAL

THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS COMMON COUNCIL

The following was presented		
By: _J. Vicchiariello		
Sec'd by:G. Oney		
Date of Adoption: _04/28/25		

Councilman at Large			
Mr. Hockenberry			X
Councilman Mr. Vicchiariello	X		
Councilman Mr. O'Connell		X	
Councilwoman Ms. Mann	x		
Councilwoman Ms. Fuller	x		
Councilman	v		

ROLL CALL VOTE

Noes

Abstain

Absent

Aves

 \mathbf{x}

 \mathbf{X}

 \mathbf{X}

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A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONSENT JUDGMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR TO SIGN SUCH CONSENT JUDGMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDING AGAINST THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS IN THE ORANGE COUNTY SUPREME COURT BEARING ORANGE COUNTY INDEX NO. EF006030-2024 INVOLVING SECTION 12, BLOCK 1, LOT 29.2 (ORANGE & ROCKLAND UTILITIES, INC.)

WHEREAS, Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc. has commenced a tax certiorari proceeding against the City of Port Jervis in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Orange for the 2024 tax year bearing Orange County Index No. EF006030-2024; and

WHEREAS, it appears from the recommendation of the City Assessor, Heather Marino, and Kelly M. Naughton, Esq. of Naughton & Torre, LLP, Special Counsel for the City of Port Jervis in the aforesaid proceeding, upon a thorough investigation of the claims that further proceedings and litigation by the City would involve considerable expense with the attendant uncertainty of the outcome, and that settlement of the above matters as more fully set forth below is reasonable and in the best interests of the City; and

WHEREAS, Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc. is willing to settle this proceeding without interest, costs or disbursements in the following manner:

- 1. That the real property of Petitioner described on the City of Port Jervis tax roll for the 2024 tax year as tax map number 12-1-29.2 be reduced to an assessed value of \$11,324,423.00.
- 2. That the real property of Petitioner described on the City of Port Jervis tax roll for the 2025 tax year as tax map number 12-1-29.2 be reduced to an assessed value of \$8,400,000.00.
- 3. That the real property of Petitioner described on the City of Port Jervis tax roll for the 2026 tax year as tax map number 12-1-29.2 be reduced to an assessed value of \$7,427,418.00.

Resolution No.:21 of 2025

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed settlement as set forth and described above, and the attached Consent Judgment is hereby accepted pursuant to the provisions of the General City Law and other related laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dominic M. Cicalese, City Mayor of the City of Port Jervis; Heather Marino, Assessor of the City of Port Jervis; Kelly M. Naughton, Esq. on behalf of Naughton & Torre, LLP, as Special Counsel, be and they hereby are designated as the persons for the City who shall apply for such approval pursuant to the aforesaid laws.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this __28_ day of __April______, 2025.

CITY OF PORT JERVIS

Attest:

Stacey Hosking, City Clerk-Treasure

Resolution No22 of 2025

ROLL CALL VOTE

THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS COMMON COUNCIL

The following was presented
By:G. Oney
Sec'd by: _J. Dennison
Date of Adoption:

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Councilman at Large				
Mr. Hockenberry				X
Councilman Mr. Vicchiariello	x			
Councilman Mr. O'Connell	x			
Councilwoman Ms. Mann	x			
Councilwoman Ms. Fuller	x			
Councilman Mr. Rhoades	X			
Councilman Mr. Oney	X			
Councilwoman Ms. Dennison	X			
Councilman Mr. Siegel	X			
TOTAL	8			

RESOLUTIONS OF COMMON COUNCIL

Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Engineering Services for CWSRF Project No. C3-5396-03-00

Adopted: April 28, 2025

WHEREAS, by Resolutions adopted on December 11, 2023, the Common Council approved the terms of the Agreement for Engineering Services Between the City of Port Jervis and MHE Engineering, D.P.C. for Professional Services Related to the City Sewer Rehabilitation Project NYS CWSRF No. C3-5396-03-00; and this Agreement was duly executed by the Mayor and by MHE Engineering to be effective as of December 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the December 7, 2023 Engineering Services Agreement provides for Engineering Services for a Phase 1 of the CWSRF Project and a Phase 2 was to be planned for when Phase 1 concludes; and

WHEREAS, in February 2024 the NYSEFC informed City of Port Jervis representatives that the EFC has decided that the City's CWSRF Project should be planned as a one-phase project, primarily because the EFC has determined that the City should use the BIL Grant funding that the EFC has awarded within the next few years; and

WHEREAS, MHE's engineering services must be revised to accomplish all essential portions of the Sewer Rehabilitation Project in one phase and within approximately four years; and

Resolution No 22 of 2025

WHEREAS, the December 7, 2023 Agreement for Engineering Services Between the City of Port Jervis and MHE Engineering, D.P.C. has been revised by using the Exhibit "C" Amendment Form of the Agreement to prepare Amendment No. 1 which revises the engineering services and the engineering fees of the original agreement in order to complete the Project construction work in one phase of approximately four years duration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby approves the terms of the Amendment No. 1 to the December 7, 2023 Agreement for Engineering Services Between the City of Port Jervis and MHE Engineering, D.P.C.; The Amendment No. 1 is dated to be effective as of April 28, 2025, and a complete copy of Amendment No. 1 is attached to these resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor or the councilman at large or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City of Port Jervis at least two originals of the attached Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Engineering Services; and the City Clerk Treasurer shall retain at least one fully executed Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for the City Clerk's records and she shall make certified copies of these resolutions with the attached Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement as needed for the CWSRF funding process.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 28th day of April, 2025.

CITY OF PORT JERVIS
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Attest:

Stacey Hosking

Clerk-Treasurer

Resolution No.: 23of 2025

Names

Mr. Rhoades

Councilman

Mr. Oney
Councilwoman

Ms. Dennison

Councilman

Mr. Siegel

TOTAL

THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS COMMON COUNCIL

The following was presented

Ву:	G.	Oney_	

Sec'd by: _C. O'Connell_

Date of Adoption: _04/28/2025____

Councilman at Large X Mr. Hockenberry Councilman \mathbf{X} Mr. Vicchiariello Councilman X Mr. O'Connell Councilwoman X Ms. Mann Councilwoman X Ms. Fuller Councilman X

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes

 \mathbf{X}

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X

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Noes

Abstain

Absent

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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS APPOINTING AN ENGINEERING FIRM TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RESILIENT INVESTMENTS THROUGH SUPPORT AND CAPITAL (RISC) PROGRAM GRANT PROJECT AWARDED TO THE CITY

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis was awarded a grant through the Resilient Investments through Support and Capital (RISC) program from the Housing Trust Fund Corporation, under which the City Reservoir 1 Spillway Rehab and Water Main Resiliency Planning Project will undertake a comprehensive drainage analysis of the project area and develop a conceptual design that addresses flooding and protection of the watermain. The study will explore whether rebuilding the spillway and replacing the critical 24" water main may provide flood relief. In addition, a cost benefit analysis will be completed for use in applications to capital funding sources for construction implementation along with grant application submission support; and

WHEREAS, proposals were solicited for engineering services in connection with this project to insure that the City selects the most qualified person or firm to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, four proposals were received and reviewed by the City's six-person selection committee, and said committee has made a recommendation to the Common Council, which recommendation has also been approved by the New York State Division of Homes and Community Renewal,

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, or his designee, to enter into a formal contract for professional engineering services with respect to the City Reservoir 1 Spillway Rehab and Water Main Resiliency Planning Project with Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$199,000.00, which agreement shall be subject to review and approval by the City Corporation Counsel and the Director of the Department of Public Works.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 28th day of April, 2025.

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Stacey Hoskin

Clerk-Treasurer

Resolution No.24:_of 2025

ROLL CALL VOTE

Noes

Abstain

Absent

Ayes

THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS COMMON COUNCIL

	Mr. Hockenberry	
The following was presented	Councilman Mr. Vicchiariello	
By:M. Fuller	Councilman Mr. O'Connell	
29	Councilwoman	
Sec'd by:M. Mann	Ms. Mann	
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Data of Adaption: 04/29/2025	Ms. Fuller	
Date of Adoption: _04/28/2025	Councilman Mr. Rhoades	
	Councilman	
	Mr. Oney	
	Councilwoman	
	Ms. Dennison	
	Councilman Mr. Siegel	

Councilman at Large

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS 2025 TAX LIEN SALE

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis Common Council has reviewed a listing presented by the City Clerk Treasurer of all properties with outstanding amounts due for property taxes and any charges as re-levied to the tax bills from the year 2024 and earlier as applicable within the City of Port Jervis; and

WHEREAS, it is also recognized that these outstanding amounts are subject to tax lien sale as per the Charter and Code of the City of Port Jervis; and

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WHEREAS, the tax lien sale Grievance Day is set for the Common Council meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

It is hereby RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis

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Authorizes the City Clerk Treasurer to proceed with a **Tax Lien Sale** on all properties with outstanding taxes and re-levied charges resulting from 2024 or earlier as of July 1, 2025 as prescribed in the City Code and Charter with all notifications as necessary and final lien sale to occur on Tuesday, **November 18, 2025** at 2pm in the Council Room at 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis, New York.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on the	s_28_ day ofApril, 2025.
PORT JERVIS	Attest: Stacey Hosking, City Clerk Treasure