

**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 10, at 6:30 p.m.

**Attendance-**

Jason Vicchiariello	1st Ward	Present
Colin O'Connell	1st Ward	Present
Misty Fuller	2nd Ward	Absent
Maria Mann	2nd Ward	Present
Jeffrey Rhoades	3rd Ward	Present
Gerald Oney, Jr.	3rd Ward	Absent
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.

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

**Public Hearing** – Motion by J. Rhoades, second by J. Dennison to open public hearing for local law #2 of 2025 To amend section 479 Taxi License Process.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

- Motion to close the public hearing for LL#2 by J. Vicchiariello second by: C. O'Connell

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

-Motion by J. Rhoades, second by J. Dennison to open public hearing for local law #3 of 2025 To amend section 280 utility rates to include larger water meter sizes adding on 8", 10", & 12" main.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

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AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

**Presentation -None**

**Public Comment** –Joan McBride – Spoke about sign in sheets. Came to speak about minutes and an error that was in the minutes from 12/18/2024. The mayor explained that those corrections will be voted on at the next council meeting.

- Ranata Husson – Talked about noise disturbance on Kingston Ave. She has had an issue for last 3 years and is asking for help to resolve the issue.

**Executive Session- None**

**Executive Session Material -**

**Approval of Minutes -**

- Motion to Approve January 27, 2025, Common Council minutes by J. Rhoades, second by J. Vicchiariello.
- AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

- Amend The January 13, 2025, Meeting minutes as there was a mistake and it was corrected. By S. Siegel second by: J. Dennison
- AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

### Regular Business-

#### J. Vicchiariello - Code

- Code committee has not met since their last meeting
- Motion to adopt Local Law #2 of 2025, second by C. O'Connell.  
AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to adopt Local Law #3 of 2025, second by J. Rhoades.  
AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to accept the Building Official Report for January Second by: J. Rhoades  
AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to accept the Fire Inspector Report for January second by: C. O'Connell  
AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- The next Code Committee meeting will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in CC Chambers.

#### J. Vicchiariello - Police

- The Police Committee has not met since ethe last council meeting.
- Motion to accept the January Police Report. Second by M. Mann
- AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Next meeting will be held on February 20 in council chambers

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

- The Youth Center Recreation room will be closed February 17-21 for Winter break.
- The Youth center recreation room is now open from 2pm to 6pm, M-TH.
- The Youth Center has new hours for Fridays and Fridays only. New hours will be 2:00 pm- 5:30 pm. Monday- Thursday will continue to be open 2:00 pm- 6:00 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 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm.

#### C. O'Connell - Planning-

- The next Planning Board meeting will be held on Tuesday February 18 in the council chambers.

#### C. O'Connell - Zoning-

- The Zoning Board has not met next meeting will be announced at the next council meeting.

#### J. Rhoades- Finance -

- Motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant for \$1,914,353.34 second by J. Dennison.
- AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion To authorize Mayor to sign 2025 City Tax Warrant \$7,835,892. second by J. Dennison  
AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

- Motion to accept offer of \$2,500 for the sale for 23 boxes of comic to cyber space comics previously declared surplus second by C. O'Connell.
- AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to deny the request to lower fees of \$588 + interest charged to 18 Ulster place for DPW fees for cutting grass and maintain lawn Second by: S. Siegel  
AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion for Mayor to sign an agreement continuation between city and Gallagher and Gallagher Attorney for Project # 19-627 Lead pipe service reporting project. Second by J. Vicchiariello  
AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Next Finance Meeting will be held on February. 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm in the Council Chambers.

#### M. Mann - Tourism -

- Tourism has not met.
- The tourism board is accepting applications for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual St. Patrick's Day Parade which will be held on Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Contact tourism chair Laura Meyer is [floralaurapj@yahoo.com](mailto:floralaurapj@yahoo.com)
- Anyone with further questions may contact tourism chair Laura Meyer by email which is [floralaurapj@yahoo.com](mailto:floralaurapj@yahoo.com)
- The next Tourism meeting will be held on February 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.

#### J. Rhoades - FEM -

- Motion for Maghogomock Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 requests to attend the 2nd Annual St. Patty's Day parade in Milford on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2025. Second by: S. Siegel  
AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Active Membership for Bryce Sotelo for Neversink Engine Co. No.1. Second by: S. Siegel  
AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion to Host the Annual parade on 07/12/2025 and related activities the week leading up to the parade. Second by: S. Siegel  
AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion for Excelsior Engine Co #5 To host a Super Bowl party on 02/09/2025; host a Daytona 500 party on 02/16/2025; host their annual Good Friday Pizza Takeout on 04/18/2025; host their Old Timer's Night on 05/17/2025; host a booth at the Fall Foliage Festival on 09/28/2025; and host a Christmas party on 12/13/2025. Second by S. Siegel
- AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Motion for Moghogomock Hook and Ladder Company No.1 to host a Roast Beef Dinner Take Out on 03/22/2025 from 4:30 [p.m.to](#) 6:00 p.m.; Attend the Ulster County parade in Ellenville on 07/26/2025; and Attend the Orange County parade on 09/27/2025. Second by S. Siegel
- AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- The next FEM meeting will be held on February 20, 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.

- The federal government order to stop federal payment has been rescinded and we expect payments to be made still have issue will be ongoing at this time.
- Motion to accept Resolution 6 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 C. O'Connell.  
AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- The next meeting will be held on February 26, 2025, at 7pm.

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

- Housing Authority last met on 01/24/2025.
- Veteran information for 2025. Veterans will have two login options for all VA websites, they are Login.gov and IDme.gov for all websites and applications
- My healthy vet option will be removed by January 31 has been moved to March 4<sup>th</sup> 2025, and the DS login option by Sept 30, 2025, after those dates you have to use Login.gov or IDme.gov account please sign up now.
- Access 23 is back on the air now called PJ23 and our YouTube PJTV23 and on Spectrum channel 23 we are transferring VHS to DVD then uploading them to TV and YouTube.
- The next meeting for housing authority will be held on February 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm at Hillside Terrace.
- The next Senior Club meeting will be on February 26 and March 12 and 26<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at Fellowship Hall in West End.
- Quote: "It is our attitude, at the beginning of a difficult task which more than anything else will affect its successful outcome." by William James
- Quote: "Don't ever promise more than you can deliver but always deliver more than you promise." By: Lou Holtz
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#### **D. Cicalese - Mayor**

- Motion by J. Vicchiariello to accept application for Cruzin Port event on May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, and Sept 2, 2025, Second by M. Mann  
AYE: 6 ABSENT: 3 (Hockenberry, Fuller, Oney) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED
- Appoint Teresa Spradling to the Upper Delaware River Council for a 1-year Appointment for year 2025

7:03 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: \_\_C. O'Connell \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Adoption:  
\_\_\_\_02/10/2025\_\_\_\_\_

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
<i>Councilman at Large</i> <b>Mr. Hockenberry</b>				<b>X</b>
<i>Councilman</i> <b>Mr. Vicchiariello</b>	<b>X</b>			
<i>Councilman</i> <b>Mr. O'Connell</b>	<b>X</b>			
<i>Councilwoman</i> <b>Ms. Mann</b>	<b>X</b>			
<i>Councilwoman</i> <b>Ms. Fuller</b>				<b>X</b>
<i>Councilman</i> <b>Mr. Rhoades</b>	<b>X</b>			
<i>Councilman</i> <b>Mr. Oney</b>				<b>X</b>
<i>Councilwoman</i> <b>Ms. Dennison</b>	<b>X</b>			
<i>Councilman</i> <b>Mr. Siegel</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>			<b>3</b>

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE  
HOUSING TRUST FUND CORPORATION FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Trust Fund Corporation has awarded Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") funding to the City of Port Jervis in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 to improve and upgrade the City's water filtration plant; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to obtain the required funding, the Housing Trust Fund Corporation requires that the City execute an agreement under which the City would be required to utilize said funds as indicated above; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis believes it is in the best interest of the City to authorize the Mayor to execute the aforesaid agreement,

**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 execute and submit the annexed grant contract with the Housing Trust Fund Corporation to improve and upgrade the City's water filtration plant to effectuate said funding, subject to the review and approval of the Corporation Counsel.

Resolution No. :6of 2025

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this \_\_\_10\_\_\_ day of February, 2025.



Attest: Stacey Hosking  
Stacey Hosking, City Clerk-Treasurer