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Tourism Board Meeting Minutes



April 9, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers in City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Laura Meyer.

<u>Roll Call:</u>

Members Present: Laura Meyer, Mike Meyer, Jackie Smith, Niki Jones (via phone), Robert Bloomer, Terri Constantino, Theresa Balogh, Anne Rogers, and Councilwoman Maria Mann – Council Liaison

Public Comment: None

Treasurer's Report:

A copy of the front page of the latest bank statement was presented.

St. Patrick's Parade:

The parade took place on March 2, 2025. Because the weather was windy and cold, there was not a large crowd watching the parade, and several organizations who signed up for the event didn't show. The parade will be on March 8, 2026. The Port Jervis Police Department has requested the parade step off at 1:00pm next year with a 12:00pm line up. The committee would like more participants, such as bands and community organizations, to be invited. The committee also discussed how to encourage parade participants to embrace St. Patrick's themed apparel, music, decorations, etc. One issue noted with this year's parade was that when bands stopped to perform, the groups behind them did not stop walking, creating bottlenecking. Next year members may stand throughout the parade route to direct the organizations better to prevent this.

City Wide Yard Sale:

This event will be held on May 3, 2025 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. This event will be promoted on Facebook. Maps for this event are no longer created.

Fabulous Fifties:

This event will take place on Sunday, June 1, 2025 from 12:00pm to 6:00pm at Riverside Park. Set up will start at 9:00am for receiving of vendors and decorating. Laura Meyer, on behalf of the Port Jervis Tourism Board, applied for and was provided a grant in the amount of \$4,999.00 from the Orange County Tourism Board. The majority of this funding must be used for advertising. The Tourism Board will not receive this money until after the event takes place. The musical acts booked for this event are Elvis & Blue Suede Shoes and The Cameos.

Delaware River Boat Regatta:

This is a new event that the Tourism Board hopes will be approved. The application has been submitted twice to the PJPD. Niki noted that a parking plan has been created, and noted that Skydyne has offered additional parking be available for this event. If approved, the PJFD Dive Team will help carry out this event.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8: pm made by Laura Meyer, seconded by Mike Meyer.

Next Tourism Board Meeting will be held on May 14, 2025