

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, October 27, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

Attendance-

Jason Vicchiariello	1st Ward	Present
Colin O'Connell	1st Ward	Present
Misty Fuller	2nd Ward	Absent
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

Public Hearing - None

Presentation - None

Public Comment - None

Executive Session -

- Motion to go into executive session 6:32pm by J. Rhoades, second by M. Hockenberry
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to return from executive session 7:02pm by C. O'Connell, second by J. Rhoades
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED

Executive Session Material -

- Motion to accept Todd Kowinsky as active member of Tri-State Hose Co #6. By J. Rhoades second by J. Dennison
AYE: 6 (O'Connell, Hockenberry, Rhoades, Oney, Dennison, Siegel) ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 2
(Vicchiariello, Mazzara) ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED

Approval of Minutes -

- Motion to approve October 08, 2025, Common Council minutes by M. Hockenberry, second by G. Oney.
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: CARRIED

Regular Business-**J. Vicchiariello - Code**

- The Code Committee has not met since the last council meeting.
- They discussed safety at 29 Jersey Ave at their last meeting. We have engineers and architects assessing the brick façade of the building. Please be safe and do not move the barricades to the building.
- The Acre residents, the huge compressor that has been running all day 7 days a week, should be done at the end of this week and should be taking it out.

- The next Code Committee meeting will be held on Nov 5, 2025, at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

J. Vicchiariello - Police

- The Police Committee met on Oct 15th.
- Discussed grants they want to apply for, a vehicle replacement plan, an officer replacement plan.
- The Police Dept would like to recognize Eric Hunter on his graduation from the police academy with the highest standards and will be starting his field training tomorrow. So please welcome him to Port Jervis
- The next meeting will be held on Nov 20 at 6 pm in the Council Chambers.

C. O'Connell - Planning-

- Planning last met on October 21st
- There was a public hearing for 77 Fowler Street for a special use permit for a Cannabis shop. Many points were brought up, and the public hearing will remain open until the next planning meeting.
- Also, two pre-submissions, one for 31 Pike St, and one for 255-257 East Main St which will be extended to the next planning board meeting.
- The Next meeting will be Nov 18 @ 7pm in council chambers

C. O'Connell - Zoning-

- Has not met since their last meeting. The next meeting for November has been cancelled due to no agenda items. I will announce the next zoning meeting at the next council meeting.

C. O'Connell - Recreation-

- The youth center is now open under its school schedule hours. Hours are Mon-Thurs 2pm-6pm and Friday 2pm-5:30pm.
- The Big Orange 10 Mile Run and the 10K Walk were held on Sunday October 19th, 2025, more than 100 runners and walkers participated, and the race was a tremendous success. Thank you, Mayor Cicalese, PJPD, PJDPW, PJ Amb Corp, PJ High School students and the many volunteers that made this race a success.
- The Fall Little Chefs program at the youth center started this past Saturday Oct 25, this 5-week class is for students ages 10-13. Classes will run every Saturday morning through November 22.
- The Youth center is having a Halloween Costume Party for Middle School Students in grades 6-7-8 on Thursday October 30th between 6-8pm
- The Rec Dept is holding fall cleanup at Veteran's Park on Saturday November 8 8-10am. We are cleaning the park up in preparation for the Veteran's Day Parade on November 11. This is a great community service event for students.
- Next Recreation meeting is Wednesday November 12, 2025 @ 6:15pm at the youth center.

G. Oney, Jr. - Finance -

- Motion to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$442,538.46 by G. Oney second J. Rhoades.
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to approve Resolution 55 of 2025 to approve city to seek real property tax exemptions for properties located within the Town of Deerpark utilized to operate the city's water system. Second by J. Rhoades
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED

M. Mazzara - Tourism -

- The annual Christkindlmarkt will be held on Sunday November 30th from 10am-4pm. Vendor applications are available at the city clerk's office or on the city website. The deadline for participation is October 30th. You may also email tourism chair Laura Meyer @ floralaurapj@yahoo.com
- The next tourism meeting will be Nov 12th at 6:30pm in the council chambers.
- This year marks the 10th annual Kucher kids Shoe Drive. A tribute to Joseph Kucher who made and repaired shoes with master skills in his Port Jervis establishment. The shoe drive represents the good and generous hearts of members of the community and honors the memory of Mr. Kucher. New footwear is now being accepted, the

drop-off location is at the Gun Lady located at 41 Front Street. All donations are to be made by Dec 16th and shoes will be distributed to those in need.

J. Rhoades - FEM -

- Motion to accept the changes to update the Fire Dept Bylaw's approved by council and fire chief. Second by S. Siegel
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Next meeting will be on Nov 17th at 6:30 in council chambers

G. Oney, Jr. - IDA - None

G. Oney - ADA - None

J. Dennison - CDA-

- The CDA last met on October 22nd at the Rec Center.
- Under section 8 HUD has moved the implementation of its new inspection protocols from October 1, 2025, to February 1, 2027
- The Delaware River Basin Commission has a public comment session on its water resource resilience plan open until November 1, 2025
- Due to Government shutdown, currently, the FEMA website is inaccessible. As a result, the acceptance deadline for the FEMA assistance to firefighter's grant (AFG) of \$533,087 for purchase of SCBA's has been extended to November 24, 2025
- The next meeting will be held on November 19th, at 7 pm on the second floor of the Recreation Center.

S. Siegel -HOUSING and VETERANS-

- The next meeting will be held on Nov 18th, at 6 pm at Hillside Terrace.
- The Senior Club meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month at 1 pm at VFW Post 161 at 47-51 Owen Street.
- Veteran's Day Parade is on Tuesday November 11th. Lineup at Gray Parker Funeral Home is at 9:30am, step off at 10:30. Ceremony at Orange Square at 11am.
- The VA disability cost-of living adjustment increase for 2026 will be 2.8% which goes into effect on December 1, 2025, and will be reflected in January 2026 payments.
- PJ TV 23, all are welcome to come to the monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers.
- Early elections are ongoing until Nov 2nd at Engine 4 firehouse on Owen St, Election Day is on November 4th at your regular Polling location.
- Quote of the day "The vote is precious. It is almost sacred. It is the most powerful, nonviolent tool we have in a democracy." (John Lewis). "We do not have government by majority. We have government by the majority who participate." (Thomas Jefferson)

M Hockenberry - DPW

- Last DPW meeting was held on Oct 6th
- Garbage and recycling pick up the week of Oct 27th and Nov 3rd will be on its normal schedule. The 2025 garbage schedule is online www.portjervisny.gov or by emailing the DPW office at dpwclerk@portjervisny.gov
- How to sign up for Nixile was sent out with your water billing again.
- The compost pile is open Saturdays from 7:15 am until 11:30am for Port Jervis residents only.
- Dump Tickets are available for household bulk waste at 20 Hammond Street (Clerk's Office)
- Bag leaves and tied brush will be picked up every Monday. Loose-Leaf pickup is scheduled to begin the first week in November, all leaves must be in Biodegradable bags.
- Motion to approve Resolution 54 of 2025 adopting and updating the Anti-Discrimination plan with respect to the City Dial-A-Ride Program. Second by C. O'Connell
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED

- Motion to approve Resolution 53 of 2025 City of Port Jervis declaring lead agency status under the state environmental quality review act (SEQRA) for the Jersey Ave Streetscape enhancement project. Second by C. O'Connell
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to approve Resolution 52 of 2025 authorizing the Executive director of the Port Jervis Community Development Agency to solicit proposals for design, engineering, and construction management services to enhance the streetscape along Jersey Ave. Second by J. Vicchiariello
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Next DPW meeting will be November 3rd @ 6pm

D. Cicalese - Mayor Notes

- Motion to approve the Christkindlmarkt temporary Liquor Permits for Cocktails and Cannoli's and Big Eddy Brewery, motion by J Rhoades second by C. O'Connell
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to approve the Actor Community Group public assembly permits to put on a play on Dec 5-7. Motion M. Hockenberry second by J. Rhoades.
AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1 (Fuller) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Thank you to Senator Skoufis for granting the city a third round of SNUG grant funding. This round is \$100,000
- Congratulations to Eric Hunter on graduating from the academy and I hope you have a safe long career here.

7:31 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: __ M. Hockenberry _____

Sec'd by: __ J. Vicchiariello ____

Date of Adoption: _10/27/25____

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	8			1

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PORT JERVIS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR DESIGN, ENGINEERING, AND
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO ENHANCE THE STREETScape ALONG
JERSEY AVENUE**

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to engage a qualified firm to provide professional design, engineering, permitting, and construction management or oversight services to enhance the streetscape on both sides of Jersey Avenue from Fowler Street to Cole Street to provide accessibility and traffic calming improvements, accommodations of pedestrians and bicyclists, and pedestrian scale streetlights as part of City's Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to solicit proposals for the aforesaid services to insure that the City selects the most qualified person or firm to provide such services,

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE HEREBY

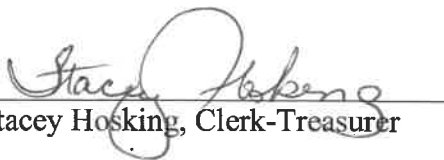
RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes and directs the Executive Director of The Port Jervis Community Development Agency, or her designee, to solicit proposals bids from interested parties to provide the above-described design, engineering, permitting, and construction management or oversight services; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Director shall thereafter report back to the Common Council with the results of said proposal submission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 27th day of October 2025.



Attest:


Stacey Hosking, Clerk-Treasurer

ROLL CALL VOTE

**THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS
COMMON COUNCIL**

The following was presented

By: M. Hockenberry

Sec'd by: C. O'Connell

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<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	8			1

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS
DECLARING LEAD AGENCY STATUS UNDER THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
REVIEW ACT FOR THE JERSEY AVENUE STREETScape ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, as part of City of Port Jervis' Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) program, the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis intends to transform Jersey Avenue into a welcoming gateway into downtown Port Jervis, by creating a cohesive look and feel along the entire length of the street and improving the accessibility, safety, and appearance of the streetscape for the businesses and residents along the upper portion of Jersey Avenue. The City previously improved the lower portion of Jersey Avenue in the downtown core by replacing sidewalks and installing high visibility stamped crosswalks and flashing beacons. This DRI project will expand upon that work already completed; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has been previously approved for funding for this project under a Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant in connection with the intended project, and to proceed with the project, it is necessary for the Common Council to undertake an environmental review of same; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council hereby initially determines that the aforementioned proposed project is an Unlisted action subject to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") regulations and determines that it will be the Lead Agency with respect to the consideration, review, and determination of significance of the proposed project pursuant to the SEQRA regulations,


NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Common Council of the City of Port Jervis hereby authorizes the appropriate City officials to execute any and all documents necessary to continue with the grant process pursuant to the Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant in connection with Jersey Avenue Streetscape Enhancement Project and designates Valerie Maginsky, Director Port Jervis Community Development Agency to be the grant Certifying Officer and principal point of contact for the project.
2. In accordance with the provisions of § 617.6 of the regulations implementing the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), (the "SEQRA regulations"), the Common Council hereby determines that the aforementioned proposed project is an action subject to SEQRA regulations.
3. The Common Council preliminarily classifies the aforementioned action as Unlisted pursuant to the SEQRA regulations.
4. The Common Council determines that it is, and will be, the Lead Agency with respect to the consideration, review, and determination of significance of the proposed action pursuant to SEQRA regulations and any other applicable regulations if necessary and will undertake a coordinated review of the project.
5. The appropriate City official shall notify all interested and involved agencies of the City's intent to act as Lead Agency hereunder.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 27th day of October, 2025.



Attest:


Stacey Hosking, Clerk-Treasurer

ROLL CALL VOTE

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<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	8			1

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS
ADOPTING AN UPDATED ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PLAN WITH RESPECT TO CITY'S
DIAL-A-RIDE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Specifically, Title VI provides that "no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance" and

WHEREAS, subrecipients of public transportation funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), are required to develop policies, programs, and practices that ensure that federal and state transit dollars are used in a manner that is nondiscriminatory. Port Jervis Dial-A-Ride ("DAR") is a subrecipient of FTA financial assistance through a grant from Orange County. The City has developed a Title VI detailing how Port Jervis incorporates nondiscrimination policies and practices in providing transit services to the ridership it serves; and

WHEREAS, Port Jervis DAR is a public transportation service open to all riders within the City of Port Jervis and the Town of Deerpark; and

WHEREAS, as a subrecipient to Orange County receiving FTA Section 5307 and 5311 funds, the Port Jervis DAR Title VI plan must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has now reviewed the most recent version of the original Title VI Plan which has been properly updated as of the date of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council believes it is in the best interests of the City of Port Jervis to adopt such a plan in the interest of the public welfare,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis hereby adopts the attached Port Jervis DAR Title VI plan for the City of Port Jervis Dial-A-Ride Program, and it is further

RESOLVED, that copies of the aforesaid plan be distributed to each City employee and official that is subject to the policy.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 27th day of October, 2025.



Attest:


Stacey Hosking

ROLL CALL VOTE

**THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS
COMMON COUNCIL**

The following was presented

By: G. Oney

Sec'd by: J. Rhoades

Date of Adoption: 10/27/25

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
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<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	8			1

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS
AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO SEEK REAL PROPERTY TAX
EXEMPTIONS FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN OF DEERPARK
UTILIZED TO OPERATE THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis is the owner of real property in the Town of Deerpark,
County of Orange identified on the Tax Map as follows:

54-1-35.1

52-1-2

52-1-54.1

35-1-8.2

57-1-40

WHEREAS, the above real property is devoted solely to public use and part of the City-owned
water system as the sites for water wells, treatment plant, chlorinator, associated equipment and
watershed; and

WHEREAS, NYS Real Property Tax Law §406(3) provides the authority for each taxing district
in which municipally-owned property used in such manner is located, to grant a whole exemption
from real property taxes levied by that taxing district; and

WHEREAS, such exemption for the City of Port Jervis water supply site real property would provide a direct and immediate benefit for the taxpayers and water users of the City, and would enhance real property ownership, encourage industrial and commercial development and exemplify a spirit of intermunicipal cooperation between the County of Orange and the City,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis, on behalf of the City, its taxpayers, water system users and citizens hereby petitions the County of Orange and the Town of Deerpark to grant a whole exemption from state, county and town real property taxes commencing for calendar year 2027 for the parcels of real property identified above, and any additional properties as may be identified for which an exemption may be appropriate, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Corporation Counsel are authorized to attend such meetings of the Orange County Legislature and committees thereof as may be appropriate to aid and assist in the deliberations and this petition by that governmental body.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 27th day of October, 2025.



Attest:


Stacey Hosking, Clerk-Treasurer