

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, December 08, 2025, 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 – None

Public Comment – 3 speakers signed up to talk

Ed Lichwich – I am here in reference to the article the railroad exhibit I would like to see it stay someplace in Port Jervis. In reference to this article and the company TOYX who are they, what do they have to do with the things that belong to the people of Port Jervis. I would like to see them stay in the railroad car or someplace that is part of Port Jervis. My next question is what about these double poles in Port Jervis. Mayor Cicalese told him to call his office, and they can discuss that we are working with Frontier and Orange & Rockland to address this.

Gerald Harding – I have lived in the city for 47 years and its is my first time coming here and doing this. You are selling our history off. Mr. Harding spoke passionately and was upset about the issues he felt. He said save the turn table they are nonprofit and have offered to buy it.

Neil Finch – My name is Neil Finch I am chairman and vice president of TOYX so I am going to speak on their behalf. We are a group of volunteer historians; preservationists deeply committed to the history of the railroad and deeply committed to that site since we got here in 2021. We have no desire to see anything leave town, leave Port Jervis. Since we got here in 2021 it has been a series of sideways deals and the city hiding behind the outdoor club, and one story being told to on organization and another to another. The amount of frustration I feel equals in measure what this gentleman just showed. We have put countless thousands of hours in at the site and have lived up to our end of the agreement for use of the site, just to be told, hey you're out. We don't want to go we don't want to take the museum car. We want to preserve that history we are dedicated to.

Mayor Cicalese – Stated the City does not have an agreement with TOYX the agreement is between TOYX and the outdoor club. The historic turntable is not being demolished, the land is not being sold, and there is not a development going on that land. The city has filed for a BOA, yes but it is half the city including Skyline Drive, not just that specific

site. The number 1 chief concern from residents is they want all the artifacts to stay in the city, and this is their home and where their heritage and history are. This public needs to know this site is not being demolished, it is not being sold.

Executive Session –

- Motion 6:38 to enter executive session by M. Hockenberry, second by C. O’Connell
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion 6:55 to return from executive session by M. Hockenberry second by C. O’Connell
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED

Executive Session Material- None

Approval of Minutes –

- Motion to approve November 10, 2025, Common Council minutes by J. Rhoades 2nd by M. Hockenberry.
AYE: 8 ABSENT: NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:1 (Mazzara) CARRIED
- Motion to approve November 24, 2025, Common Council minutes by M. Hockenberry, 2nd by J. Rhoades.
AYE: 9 ABSENT: NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED

Regular Business-

J. Vicchiariello – Code

- Code has not met nothing to discuss. The next Code Committee meeting will be held on January 7th, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

J. Vicchiariello – Police

- The Police Committee has not met since the last council meeting.
- Motion to allow the Santa Tour for Saturday Dec 20th from 1pm-5pm, second by M. Hockenberry
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Thank everybody for all the events we have had for the last couple of weeks. Especially the citizens and the local people who donate so much and give back to the children here in Port Jervis. Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season.
- The next meeting will be held tentatively 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 December 16th at 7 pm in the Council Chambers.

C. O’Connell – Zoning-

- Has not met. Will announce the next meeting at the next council meeting.

C. O’Connell – Recreation-

- The youth center is having an Ugly Sweater Party on Thursday December 18th, 2025, for students grades 6-8. The party will be held between 6-8pm cost is \$2 per student. Bring your ugliest sweater or sweatshirt.
- Please contact the Recreation Office at 845-858-4045 for our winter break schedule December 22-January 2.
- The Port Polar Plunge will be held on Saturday January 10, 2026, at 9am at West end beach. Registration is now open go to runsignup.com and search the Port Polar Plunge to register.
- 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 \$748,668.45 second M. Hockenberry
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Next meeting will be held in January

M. Mazzara - Tourism -

- Tourism has not met this month.
- The board is holding a people's choice holiday light contest. Email name, address, phone number and decoration title/theme to floralaurapj@yahoo.com. The deadline is December 16th @ 12pm. Photos will be taken on Tuesday December 16th starting at 6pm. Be sure to have your lights on. On that evening the tourism board will post 3 photos of your home/ décor on the port Jervis tourism Facebook page. Voting will last for one week, ending December 22nd @ 9pm. People can vote up to 3 times for their favorites. Every thumb up and heart will be counted. Results will be posted on Dec 23rd.
- The Christkindlmarkt will be held on November 30th from 10 am to 4 pm downtown.
- 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 December meeting is cancelled; the next meeting will be in January.

G. Oney - ADA - None

J. Rhoades - FEM -

- Motion for Active membership for William A. Dickerson to Tri State Hose Company No. 6 2nd by S. Siegel
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion for Active membership for Anthony J. Ellis to Tri State Hose Company No. 6 2nd by S. Siegel
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion for Inter Departmental Transfer for Brendan J. Hess from Delaware Engine Co No. 2 to Tri State Hose Company No. 6 2nd by S. Siegel
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion for Excelsior Engine Co NO. 5 to host a Christmas Party on 12/20/2025. 2nd by M. Hockenberry
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion for Active membership for Anthony J. Ellis to Tri State Hose Company No. 6 2nd by S. Siegel
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion for Inter Departmental Transfer for Victor E. Mascary Jr. from Delaware Engine Co No. 2 to Neversink Engine Co No. 1, 2nd by S. Siegel
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion for Specials Operations to host their annual Polar Plunge on 01/10/26 with hazardous weather date of 01/17/26 at West End Beach, 2nd by S. Siegel
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to accept Fire Dept Elections results (Anthony W. Fuller - Chief, Jeffrey D. Lewis - 1st Assistant Chief, Christopher D. Southard - 2nd Assistant Chief, William R. Werner - Department Secretary, Robert A. Waligroski - Department Treasurer), 2nd by S. Siegel
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to accept Resolution 63 of 2025 NYS Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant Application. 2nd by M. Fuller
- AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Next meeting will be in January, and the date will be given at the next Council Meeting.

J. Dennison - CDA-

- The CDA Last met on November 18, 2025

- The next meeting will be held on December 17, at 7 pm on the second floor of the Recreation Center.

S. Siegel -HOUSING and VETERANS-

- The Housing Authority December is cancelled
- The First home for Rumshock Veteran Village will be delivered on Thursday Dec18th. They will be leaving BOCES in Goshen at 8:45am for delivery here at 297-299 E. Main St. Everyone is invited to line the route or stop by as the long-anticipated delivery will begin our journey of providing Veterans without homes a safe place to reside.
- Quote of the day "You are Braver than you believe, Stronger than you seem, Smarter than you think." Unknown quote #2 "It's not what's under the Christmas Tree that matters... it's who is around it." (Unknown)

M. Hockenberry - DPW

- Garbage and Recycling on the week of Dec 8th and 15th will be on its normal schedule. Week of Dec 22nd wards 1,2, &3 will be on their normal schedule, 4th ward garbage, recycling and cardboard will be picked up on Friday Dec 26th. The week of December 29th Wards 1,2, & 3 will be on their normal schedule and Ward 4 will be picked up on Friday January 2, 2026
- 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 will be posted next week.
- Instructions for Nixile were sent out with your last bill. They will be sent out with the next water bill for the last time.
- Starting Dec 1st residents will be receiving lead inventory letters. If you have already complied to this letter disregard if not, please follow instructions to complete.
- The Department of Public Works would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Loose leaf and bag leaf pick up will be completed this Friday Nov 28th
- Next meeting is January 5th at 6pm
- Thank you to everyone at DPW who helped put up all the holiday decorations and lights. And the Tri-State Chamber of commerce for the Parade yesterday.

D. Cicalese - Mayor Notes

- Motion to accept Resolution 64 of 2025 authorizing the mayor to execute a program management grant with Port Jervis Community Development agency with respect to the City's Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP), second by J. Rhoades
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- Motion to suspend the next Common Council Meeting on December 22nd and allow our bills to be paid until our next council meeting on January 12, 2026, at 6:30pm by M. Hockenberry 2nd by S. Siegel
AYE: 9 ABSENT: 0 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN:0 CARRIED
- I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Holidays.

7:17 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: J. Rhoades

Date of Adoption: 12/08/2025

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 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS AUTHORIZING
THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES GRANT WITH THE
PORT JERVIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE CITY'S
WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (WQIP) GRANT:
DEC01-C00863GG-3350000**

WHEREAS, in 2019 the City of Port Jervis executed a \$1,882,500 grant contract with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation ("DEC") for land acquisition by the City to expand and protect the City's watershed located within the Town of Deerpark; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with this grant, an administrative services agreement with the Port Jervis Community Development Agency ("PJCD") is necessary in order for said agency to perform program management services regarding the project; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to enter into an agreement with PJCD in the form annexed hereto,

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis hereby authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, to execute the annexed agreement between the City and PJCD with respect to program management associated with WQIP Grant Number DEC01-C00863GG-3350000, and it is further

RESOLVED, that that the Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to execute any and all documents in necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 8th day of December 2025.



Attest: Stacey Hosking
Stacey Hosking, Clerk-Treasurer

Resolution No. :63 of 2025

ROLL CALL VOTE

**THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS
COMMON COUNCIL**

The following was presented

By: J. Rhoades

Sec'd by: M. Hockenberry

Date of Adoption: 12/08/2025

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 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS AUTHORIZING
THE SUBMISSION OF A NEW YORK STATE VOLUNTEER FIRE CAPACITY GRANT
APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis' Fire Department is in need of a skid steer unit to assist with wildfire calls; and

WHEREAS, a skid unit is estimated to cost up to \$9,000; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 New York Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant, open for applications until December 22, 2025, will provide up to \$3,500.00 to obtain this resource necessary to improve the capability of the Port Jervis Fire Department to function at an adequate level of protection; and

WHEREAS, the Port Jervis Fire Department will provide the matching funds estimated at \$3,500.00 to \$5,500.00 from its 2026 budget for this purchase; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Common Council that applying for the instant grant is in the overall best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City,

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis, hereby approves the submission of a 2025 New York State Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant Application no later than December 22, 2025 for up to \$3,500.00 for the purchase of a skid steer unit to be utilized by the Port Jervis Fire Department, and it is further

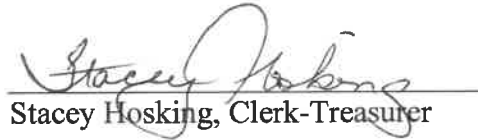
RESOLVED, that should the grant application be approved, the balance of the \$9,000.00 purchase price for the skid steer unit of the \$9,000.00 purchase up to \$5,500.00 will be provided from the Port Jervis Fire Department's 2026 budget, and it is further

RESOLVED, that that the Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to execute any and all documents in connection with the application, the subsequent purchase, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 8th day of December 8, 2025.



Attest:


Stacey Hosking, Clerk-Treasurer