

CODE COMMITTEE
City of Port Jervis
MINUTES – Wednesday June 4, 2014 7:00pm
Common Council Chambers

Stan Siegel
Committee Chairman

Laurie Powrie
Building Official

Committee Members

David Bavoso
Carl Hendrick
Gerald Oney Jr.

Michael Reilly
Fire Inspector

- Meeting Called to Order 7:02pm by Mr. Siegel
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Present: Councilman Siegel, Councilman Hendrick, Mrs. Powrie, Mr. Reilly, Mayor Decker
- Public Comment: Anthony Joya of 8 Front Street (2nd Ward) was present with his wife. Mr. Joya was concerned over the 90 minute parking enforcement in the City lot across the street from his apartment (City Lot next to AV Outlet). He stated that this is the only parking area that is available near his apartment and he keeps getting ticketed for parking there over the 90 minute limit. Mr. Joya asked if the 90 minute restriction could be amended in some way. Mayor Decker informed Mr. Joya of a Local Law which the City is looking to pass in which residents would be able to purchase a parking permit for City Lots which would exempt them from the 90 minute parking regulations. Mr. Decker stated that this will be discussed later in the meeting.

- Reading of the Minutes- Reading and approval of the May 7, 2014 minutes to be done at next meeting (8/7/14)

- Building Officials Report:

Mrs. Powrie presented board with the Building Department May 2014 Monthly Report

13	Building permits
116	Violation Notices
2	Zoning Board Applications
27	Building/Construction Permits
5	Appearance Tickets - \$300 collected in court fees

Total amount collected: \$3,802 (month of May 2014)
 \$4,694.50 (month of May 2013)

- Fire Inspector's Report:

Kolmar: continuing to monitor. Mr. Reilly stated that Kolmar has agreed to his recommendations with the Fire Department Connections.

Rite Aid: continuing to monitor. Mr. Reilly stated that the Sprinkler System is nearing completion. Mr. Reilly also stated that no Fire Alarm system currently exists or is in place.

Mr. Reilly stated that it would be beneficial to the applicant and the City if the Planning Board went back to putting Department Head comments on the building plans. This would help eliminate confusion as there would be a document which would contain this information on a single form which would be signed by the applicant and the City. Mr. Siegel stated that this would be beneficial to the City as it would show a signed agreement by both parties. Mr. Reilly will follow up with Planning Board Chairman Thomas Vicchiariello.

- Updates on Following Locations Reported Last Month:

100 Pike Street: (Rite Aid) – Mrs. Powrie stated that the work is progressing, and she is working on getting them in compliance to open.

4 Gordon Street: Mayor Decker stated that he is having Jack Farr look into performing individual tear downs for the buildings.

Kolmar Laboratories Renovation: Mrs. Powrie stated that the renovation is moving along.

291 East Main Street: (Mad Dog Liquors) – Mrs. Powrie reports that no construction has been started yet and she just sent the owners a violation notice for the grass.

29 Front Street: (Ruby Group) – Mr. Hendrick stated that they are waiting to hear back from Orange County Planning in order to move forward.

29 East Main Street: (Midas Property) - Mrs. Powrie stated that the property will lose its use in July as an auto repair shop.

Dunkin Donuts: Mrs. Powrie stated that the site work is still ongoing.

131 Hammond Street: Mrs. Powrie stated that there has not been much activity at the property.

92 Front Street: Mrs. Powrie stated that she is waiting for their Construction Plan revisions to be submitted. Also, a stop work order has been issued for the project.

- Old Business:

Abandoned Property Law: Mayor Decker spoke about amending Local Law#4 to change the fees. Mayor Decker suggested raising the fee for the first year from \$250 to \$1200, then, every year after increasing the fee an additional \$1000. Mrs. Powrie recommended speaking with Corporation Counsel about amending the fee schedule in the local law to add that the fee schedule can be changed anytime by resolution of the Common Council rather than passing a local law to change the fees. Mayor Decker will be seeking Corporation Counsel's advice on the issue.

Parking Section 505-27, 505-55: Mayor Decker asked Mr. Joya what he believed would be a reasonable cost for an annual parking permit. Mr. Joya stated \$120/yr would be a reasonable fee. Mayor Decker and the Code Committee members agreed that this would be a reasonable fee and would take it into consideration. Mr. Siegel will follow up and ask Corporation Counsel's opinion. Mayor Decker stated that the permit would be an annual, non-refundable fee and would be valid for one issue year (One year from the date the permit was issued). Mr. Siegel will speak with Corporation Counsel about drafting the local law.

- New Business:

Local Law #8: 421F Real Property Tax Law – Mayor Decker stated that the Common Council will be looking to pass this local law at an upcoming Council meeting. This would be a two year sunset law and would have to be approved every two years by the Council.

Public Input: None

- Next Meeting: **Thursday August 7, 2014 7:00pm**

- Motion to Adjourn: Motion: Mr. Hendrick Second: Mr. Siegel
Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm: Mr. Siegel