

CODE COMMITTEE
City of Port Jervis
Common Council Chambers
Minutes - Wednesday, July 1, 2015 - 7:00pm

Stanley Siegel
Committee Chairman

David Rivera
Building Official

Laurie Powrie
Asst. Building Official

Committee Members
David Bavoso
Carl Hendrick
Gerald Oney Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Stan Siegel - David Bavoso – Bill Bavoso - George Belcher - Mayor Decker - Carl Hendrick - David Rivera

Public Comment: NONE

Building Officials Report :

Building Department Monthly Report

25	Building Permits
10	Certificates of Compliance
10	Searches
1	Electrical License Application
1	One Time Electrical License
20	Pool Permits
15	Multiple Dwellings
29	Building Construction Inspections
113	Violation Notices
44	Other Inspections
5	Appearance Ticket
5	Vacant Building Registration

Total amount collected: \$12,329.50 (month of June 2015)

UPDATES ON FOLLOWING LOCATIONS REPORTED LAST MONTH

- a. 100 Pike Street: (Port Plaza) –abatement is underway inside is finished and out should be finished in two days.
- b. 291 East Main Street: (Mad Dog Liquors) –conditional opening Friday June 26, waiting on final sign and inspection on upstairs property.
- c. 29-31 Front Street: (29-31 Front LLC)- two violations have been sent via certified mail, if there is nothing done tickets will be issued as of Monday July 6th.
- d. 92 Front Street: No activity.
- e. 24 - 32 Front Street: the cracks in the walls are worsening and the second floor separation from the walls is getting worse.
- f. Flo Jean: July 4th is the deadline for her 180 days.
- g. 21 King Street: is up to the Council whether or not to demo.
- h. 223 East Main Street: work has begun, although he does need to take a break for two weeks but notified building inspector.

UPDATES ON FOLLOWING LOCATIONS REPORTED LAST MONTH (Continued)

- i. 32 Church St: violations were sent on March 5 and received on June 2. Now that a month has passed he needs to start working or will be ticketed.
- j. 15 Second Street: is up to the Council whether or not to demo.
- k. 19 Hamilton Street: there is no asbestos and they are waiting on their revised set of plans.
- l. 90 Front Street: no progress, building may be vacant.
- m. 30 King Street: talked to the owner, there is nothing inside and no real need for it.

Old Business:

1. Code changes to encourage business growth in the city. - Presentation will be held at the Council Meeting June 22 at 6:00pm was canceled and moved to 7/8 at 11:00.
2. Modify **Dog Redemption** – counsel is looking to restructure animal control laws & fees.
3. Changing the City Charter to allow for taxpayers with a lien to be able to buy it back until the tax sale. – Counsel is restructuring local law. One purpose is to allow us to hold and property we choose from the sale. Also considering allowing the homeowner to redeem their properties for the full two years.
4. Code change that allows for a % of home sales to go toward a fund for city needs like parks, etc. **(Infrastructure Fee or a transfer Tax of \$4.00 on a \$1,000.00).** a proposed law to be drafted where the monies is paid by the buyer.
5. Paving front yards. - Width of property line to curb must be grass. Current code allows for paving but not parking- sending to attorney to check on what we can make citizens as usable materials and to allow for green space.

New Business:

1. Greenway Compact Community will be brought up to the council at the next council meeting.
2. Considering to at least doubling the vacant building fee, and when they are not paying fees to put a lien on such properties.

Public Comment: *About Topics Covered in Tonight's Meeting*

Wayne Kidney- does not agree with commercial properties not paying a per unit fee but two and three family homeowners do.

Lorraine Marquez- spoke about some clean up on 17 Hornbeck how 15 Hornbeck has been broken into, and 18 Hornbeck has been completely neglected.

Next Scheduled Code Meeting: **August 5, 2015 @ 7:00 pm - Council Chambers**

Adjournment: 8:29pm