

CODE COMMITTEE
City of Port Jervis
Common Council Chambers
Minutes - Wednesday, August 5, 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 – Laurie Powrie – Gerald Oney

Public Comment: NONE

Building Officials Report :

Building Department Monthly Report

19 Building Permits
13 Certificates of Compliance
12 Searches
1 Social Service Inspections
1 Pool Permits
1 Sign Permits
2 Multiple Dwellings
37 Building Construction Inspections
91 Violation Notices
48 Other Inspections
27 Vacant Building Registration
Total amount collected: \$38,785.00 (month of July 2015)

UPDATES ON FOLLOWING LOCATIONS REPORTED LAST MONTH

- a) 32 Church Street: permits have been issued
- b) 223 East Main Street: has some slow moving progress, permits are going to expire
- c) 291 East Main Street: conditional certificate of occupancy was issued; they just need to finish the apartment on second floor.
- d) Flo Jean: a contract has been signed to tear down the building.
- e) 24-32 Front Street: legal council is handling this property.
- f) 29-31 Front Street (29-31 Front LLC/ Ruby Group): Violations have been sent.
- g) 90 Front Street: this property is in the tax sale process; Laurie has spoken to the lien holder and sent out Violations. If no one responds an appearance tickets will be issued.
- h) 92 Front Street: slow progress, decided not to make a pawn shop, and permits are about to expire.
- i) 19 Hamilton: plans are in review their engineer and city engineer are working on new plans.
- j) 21 King Street: needs to be brought to Council for demolition.
- k) 30 King Street: has a permit needs to do something about the way it looks.
- l) 21 Pike Street: inspection has been done looking to make it into a convenient store and deli.

UPDATES ON FOLLOWING LOCATIONS REPORTED LAST MONTH (Continued)

- m) 100 Pike Street: may have found out that there are some structural problems with the beams.
- n) 15 Second Street: need to look into demolition.

Old Business:

1. Change vacant building fees – doubling the fee is not enough, consider making the fee more like \$5,000. Maybe consider a different fee for commercial verses residential.
2. 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.- has been sent to Corporation Counsel.
3. All new hires to the City of Port Jervis must live within the city limits within 11 months of being hired and must remain as a resident of the city during their employment.- to be brought to counsel.
4. All new residential buildings must be on lots no smaller than 100 feet wide X ½ the depth of the block. No new blocks created can be less than 200 feet deep. – get clarification from the mayor.
5. Sidewalk surfaces to be slate, concrete, or pavers and to keep to one surface unless doing a phased replacement.
6. Alternate side of the street parking trial – to be brought to the chief of police and DPW director.

New Business:

1. Curfew Law – open for discussion and the ability to enforce.
2. Curbs and Sidewalks – needs further research of inspection criteria.
3. The house on the corner of Cross and Orange Streets needs to mow the lawn.
4. The house on the corner of Rumsey and Lincoln Street has visibility issues.
5. The house Hill and Church Streets also has visibility issues.

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

Mike Reilly - wants commercial rentals to have local agent forms available to the city. Believes the sign on East Main Street needs to come down, and that there needs to be some kind of enforcement of cleaning up and regulating yard sale signs.

Next Scheduled Code Meeting: **September 2, 2015 @ 7:00 pm - Council Chambers**

Adjournment: 8:27pm