

CODE COMMITTEE
City of Port Jervis
Common Council Chambers
Minutes - Wednesday, June 3, 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, George Belcher - Mayor Decker - Carl Hendrick - David Rivera - Laurie Powrie

Public Comment: Lorraine Marquez: Mrs. Marquez spoke about her concerns with some of the houses on Hornbeck Avenue.

Mr. Siegel read in an e-mail from William Onofry: explaining his concerns with the proposed change to the Tax Lien Law, and the direct effects it may have on the suit he is in for the property on 6 Hudson Street.

Building Officials Report :

Building Department Monthly Report

20	Building Permits
1	Demolition Permit
10	Certificates of Compliance
18	Searches
1	Social Services Re-Inspection
1	Electrical License Application
1	One Time Electrical License
2	Pool Permits
10	Multiple Dwellings
15	Building Construction Inspections
90	Violation Notices
41	Other Inspections
1	Appearance Ticket
2	Vacant Building Registration

Total amount collected: \$3,802.00 (month of May 2015)

UPDATES ON FOLLOWING LOCATIONS REPORTED LAST MONTH

- a. 100 Pike Street: (Port Plaza) – issued the asbestos abatement permit last week and the roof should be taken care of in the next two weeks.
- b. 291 East Main Street: (Mad Dog Liquors) – they have not passes their fire inspection, are currently completing an enclosed dumpster, and taking care of the drainage issue with the parking lot.
- c. 29-31 Front Street: (29-31 Front LLC)- Mr. Rivera said that he has not smelled the mold, but he is sure that it is there and definitely water is getting into the building. Mr. Rivera stated he will have to start sending violations to the owners in hopes to get this taken care of.
- d. 92 Front Street: No activity may change use from Pawn Shop.

- e. 24 - 32 Front Street: the cracks in the walls are worsening and the second floor is separating from the walls.
- f. Flo Jean: want to try and do abatement on her own. They are going to hold an auction on some of the more valuable pieces inside the building at another location.
- g. 21 King Street: is up to the Council whether or not to demo.
- h. 223 East Main Street: work has begun, deck, siding, and doors.

UPDATES ON FOLLOWING LOCATIONS REPORTED LAST MONTH (Continued)

- i. 32 Church St: received plans to fix the foundation.
- j. 15 Second Street: is up to the Council whether or not to demo.
- k. 19 Hamilton Street: we have a demo permit that no one has been in to pick up.
- l. 90 Front Street: issued violation to remove the van in the back yard.
- m. 30 King Street: needs to talk 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.
2. Modify **Dog Redemption** fee and other animal control fees, if necessary – (\$100.00 + 50.00 successive) has been sent to the City Attorney to add to rewrite.
3. Changing the City Charter to allow for taxpayers with a lien to be able to buy it back until the tax sale. - **Sent to City Attorney**
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).** to be sent to lawyer with funds allocated to Parks or Recreation.
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.

New Business:

1. Revise code for fees on Police, Fire, and Fire Inspector false calls. If you look at Code 20613 there is already a penalty schedule. The matter now is who is to enforce the violations, it is suggested that it be the Fire Inspector. With the Fire Chiefs documenting and keeping track of alarms.

Public Comment: *About Topics Covered in Tonight's Meeting*
None

Next Scheduled Code Meeting: **July 1, 2015 @ 7:00 pm - Council Chambers**

Adjournment: 8:03pm