

CODE COMMITTEE
City of Port Jervis
Common Council Chambers
Minutes - Wednesday, October 7, 2015 - 7:07pm

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 Rivera – David Bavoso – Carl Hendrick – Gerald Oney – Frank Bell – Mayor Decker

Public Comment:

Lorraine Marquez –asked what the codes say about working on cars in your own driveway. Because there are neighbors who are very noisy and have spilled gas in the driveway. The fumes from the gas spill were very overpowering.

Building Officials Report :

Building Department Monthly Report

22	Building Permits
20	Certificates of Compliance
13	Searches
2	Social Service Inspections
2	Social Service Re-Inspections
29	Building Construction Inspections
103	Violation Notices
39	Other Inspections
7	Vacant Building Registration
4	Multiple Dwellings
2	Appearance Tickets

Total amount collected: \$13,497.50 (month of September 2015)

UPDATES ON FOLLOWING LOCATIONS REPORTED LAST MONTH

- a) 32 Church Street: Mr. Gatzen has removed all residents from the property.
- b) 223 East Main Street: there is currently a new owner who is excited to get work on this property done.
- c) 291 East Main Street: Obtained a new permit and is currently working on the upstairs living area.
- d) Flo Jean: abatement is to begin on Monday in preparation of the demolition.
- e) 24-32 Front Street: currently no progress will be discussed at the common council meeting.
- f) 29-31 Front Street (29-31 Front LLC/ Ruby Group): judgment was to have the building cleaned out by Thursday and will receive daily fines starting Friday until completed.
- g) 90 Front Street: there are several violations to be checked on this week.
- h) 92 Front Street: once the sprinkler inspection is completed they are ready for sheet rocking to begin.
- i) 19 Hamilton (Laundromat): engineer has just turned in his final plans for review.
- j) 21 King Street: up for demolition.
- k) 30 King Street: owner is currently working on 28 King and then will be moving onto 30 King Street.

UPDATES ON FOLLOWING LOCATIONS REPORTED LAST MONTH (Continued)

- l) 21 Pike Street (Deli): cleaning up now and looking to open third week in October.
- m) 100 Pike Street (Port Plaza): roof drains are in and working properly.
- n) 15 Second Street: up for demolition.
- o) Skyline Drive: up for purchase with two interested parties.
- p) Future Homes: violations for the garbage in the yard.
- q) Hockenberry Furniture: water is leaking from this property into the neighboring building.

Old Business:

1. Change vacant building fees – doubling the fee is not enough, consider making the fee more like \$5,000 and keep fee the same for commercial and residential. Bing brought to Corporation Counsel for advisement.
2. Allow wholesale business in Central Business District –consider allowing with retail attached.
3. Add requirement for local forms in commercial properties to also include residential properties. Also make posting be in a more permanent manor.
4. Consider reinstatement of the Architectural Review Board for down town buildings – last time the council tried this it lasted less than a year, but maybe if the Zoning Board is involved it might hold stronger. Hold on this idea until the new Code Review.

New Business:

1. Buildings that fall into a dangerous building category in Section 234 should have a 4'X8' plywood or similar material, with a large red "X" nailed over the front door to signify to Fire Fighters, EMS, ect. not to enter the building. That would replace the paper signs, currently in use, that are not effective. The paper signs deteriorate, fade, or are removed causing safety concerns. – the large signs are not reasonable to the aesthetics of our City, maybe we can consider red reflective numbers, or a special window sticker be mandatory.
2. Request by PJFD Board of Officers to not allow vendors at the annual Fireman's Parade as some other communities do not allow them. It is a safety concern voiced by many officers. – was decided that if the Chief would like to take this route, he should bring it to the Council at the next meeting.
3. Habitual Offender Law – needs to read "violated" instead of "convicted" and change 18 months to 6 months.
4. Zoning for pornography, tobacco, and marijuana – you cannot zone out any of these things. You can however put in the Code Review to create a zoning area so small that no one could truly find a space to open up any of these types of businesses.
5. Violations for single family dwellings working as a multiple unit dwelling.
6. Sidewalks – should be all one type of material and kept in good condition and maybe limiting the type of materials allowed for sidewalks.

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

Next Scheduled Code Meeting: **November 4, 2015 @ 7:00 pm - Council Chambers**

Adjournment: 8:57pm

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