

**CODE COMMITTEE**  
City of Port Jervis  
Common Council Chambers  
**Minutes - Wednesday, September 2, 2015 - 7:51pm**

**Stanley Siegel**  
Committee Chairman

**David Rivera**  
Building Official

**Laurie Powrie**  
Asst. Building Official

Committee Members

**David Bavoso**  
**Carl Hendrick**  
**Gerald Oney Jr.**

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Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Stan Siegel - David Bavoso – Carl Hendrick – Gerald Oney – Frank Bell – Mayor Decker

**Public Comment:** NONE

**Building Officials Report :**

**Building Department Monthly Report**

15	Building Permits
1	Demolition Permit
9	Certificates of Compliance
11	Searches
5	Social Service Inspections
1	Planning Board Applications
1	Zoning Board Applications
1	Pool Permit
35	Building Construction Inspections
81	Violation Notices
34	Other Inspections
3	Vacant Building Registration

Total amount collected: \$7,595.00 (month of August 2015)

**UPDATES ON FOLLOWING LOCATIONS REPORTED LAST MONTH**

- a) 32 Church Street: renovations are underway and footings are in.
- b) 223 East Main Street: 9 days left on extension, looking to get into contract on the building.
- c) 291 East Main Street: has until the end of the month to be in full compliance.
- d) Flo Jean: not in compliance and will be getting violations this week.
- e) 24-32 Front Street: city engineer agrees that the building needs to be demoed.
- f) 29-31 Front Street (29-31 Front LLC/ Ruby Group): September court date for violations, tickets to be issued.
- g) 90 Front Street: issued first ticket for vacant registration.
- h) 92 Front Street: has passed the plumbing and framing inspection, next is the sprinkler inspection.
- i) 19 Hamilton: still delayed they are trying to make it bigger than what the property will allow.
- j) 21 King Street: needs to be brought to Council for demolition.
- k) 30 King Street: owner is currently working on 28 King and then will be moving onto 30 King Street.
- l) 21 Pike Street (Coffee Shop): cleaning up now looking to open third week in October.

## UPDATES ON FOLLOWING LOCATIONS REPORTED LAST MONTH (Continued)

- m) 100 Pike Street: still working, bank called to make sure that everything is in compliance with zoning.
- n) 15 Second Street: need to bring to council for demolition.
- o) Skyline Drive:
- p) Future Homes: yard is a mess and has two violations found.
- q) Hockenberry Furniture: mayor asks that the roof be checked out.

### **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.
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 \$2.00 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. Alternate side of the street parking trial – to be brought to the Police and DPW Committees.
5. Sewer Fee – hold for further discussion.  
Mr. Hendrick would like everyone to understand that it is not feasible to rescind the sewer fee for the rest of the year, due to the repairs needed.

### **New Business:**

1. Allow wholesale business in Central Business District –consider allowing conditional permits for wholesale.
2. Add requirement for local agent forms in commercial properties to residential code – need to discuss a way that works well for everyone.
3. 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. Bring idea to zoning board.

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

Lorraine Marquez – talked about the problems with all the vacant buildings oh Hornbeck Street and that maybe it could be made into an artesian colony out of them.

Donna Muro – was asking about the water meters and why if they have been installed aren't we using them.

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

Adjournment: 8:57pm