

Special Meeting-

The Special meeting of the City of Port Jervis Common Council was held at 15 Seward Ave, Port Jervis, New York on Friday, July 28th, 2017 at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Attendance-

Acting Mayor David Bavoso and Members of the Common Council were present except Gina Fitzpatrick and Maria Mann. Mayor Kelly Decker was absent. City Counsel William Bavoso, Building Code Enforcement Officer David Rivera and City Clerk Treasurer Robin Waizenegger were also present. Present via telephone was structural engineer John Fuller PE.

Acting Mayor Bavoso opened the meeting at approximately 4:28 pm.

The Acting Mayor indicated that he called this emergency meeting due to problems encountered today when the Building Code Enforcement Officer was called to the structure at 15 Seward Avenue. Mr. Bavoso indicated that due to the nature of the situation he directed the Code Enforcement Officer to contact the first available engineer in the area, as the designated City engineer was unavailable to respond, to evaluate the danger of possible collapse due to the emergency nature of the situation as presented by Mr. Rivera. The Mayor then turned the discussion over to Mr. David Rivera and Mr. John Fuller, engineer, who was made available by telephone.

Mr. Rivera asked Mr. Fuller to detail his report regarding his inspection of 15 Seward. Mr. Fuller explained that he has a written report forthcoming which he will send by email. Mr. Fuller stated that he personally inspected the building at 15 Seward today and that his professional opinion is that the building at 15 Seward is an immediate hazard and a risk to the adjoining building and the public. He stated that it would under certain conditions, especially any type of storm condition, that it is at risk of immediate and entire collapse. It is the recommendation of the engineer that it be demolished as soon as possible.

Acting Mayor Bavoso confirmed with Mr. David Rivera that immediate demolition was his recommendation as well. Given that a motion was made by George Belcher to authorize Mr. David Rivera to engage a contractor to demolish the building as soon as possible Motion seconded by Lisa Randazzo.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Fitzpatrick & Mann) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion to adjourn by George Belcher seconded by Kristin Trovei at 4:33 pm

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Robin Waizenegger
City Clerk-Treasurer