

CODE COMMITTEE
City of Port Jervis
Common Council Chambers
Minutes – Wednesday, September 5th, 2018 – 7:00pm

Lisa Randazzo
Committee Chairman

David Rivera
Building Official

Kristin Trovei
David Bavoso
Stanley Siegel
Committee Members

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Mrs. Randazzo – Mrs. Trovei – Mr. Siegel – Mr. Belcher – Mayor Decker – Mr. Rivera – Mr. Brady – Chief Worden

Absent: Mr. Bavoso

Public Comment:

Ed Degroat, 3rd ward, asked Mr. Rivera if a building, located on Farnum Street, was inspected and if violations were issued, based on pictures he submitted to the building department.

Mr. Rivera noted that he could not use pictures that were obtained by Mr. Degroat; however a violation was issued on the property.

Mr. Degroat inquired about a foil request he submitted relating to the same property.

Mr. Rivera explained the Mr. Degroat would have to resubmit a new foil as a new violation was issued after his previous foil request was submitted but would confirm with the City Clerk.

Building Officials Report: Attached

Mr. Rivera asked the committee to consider looking into social service inspections and multi dwelling inspections. He also informed the committee that 32 West Main Street will be mobilized next week and torn down in the near future. Mr. Rivera stated that the property owner of 126 Front Street was scheduled to appear in court on September 6th, 2018 and would keep the committee updated.

Fire Inspector, Mr. Brady, asked the committee if they had any questions on the proposed operating permit fees that were discussed at the last code meeting.

Mayor Decker noted that if the city decides to move forward with operating permit fees, the Fire Inspector would have to become full time due to the coverage needed for such permits. He asked Mrs. Trovei to discuss the idea of creating a full time Fire Inspector position at the next finance meeting.

Mrs. Randazzo stated she is still waiting on Corporation Counsel to formulate a proposed fee schedule and will discuss at the next meeting.

Old Business:

1. Review and Discuss Proposed Local Law Allowing Taxi Cab Dispatching Centers in the Service Commercial Zoning District

Mrs. Randazzo explained that the purpose of the local law is to allow taxi cab dispatching centers as a conditional use in the service commercial zoning district. She stated that this local law does not allow taxi cab dispatching centers to open and operate without approval from the planning board.

Mr. Belcher stated he doesn't feel the City needs another taxi cab service.

Mrs. Trovei noted having another taxi business would be useful as many residents use taxi services.

Both Mr. Siegel and Mr. Decker discussed the lack of parking for dispatching centers located in the CBD.

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Siegel to bring proposed local law #8 regarding taxi cab dispatching centers operating in the service commercial zone as a conditional use to the next common council meeting.

AYE: 3 ABSENT: 1 (Bavoso) NAY:1 (Belcher) ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

2. Review and Discuss Proposed Local Law Eliminating "Specialty Foods Stores" as an Independent Use and Incorporating them into the definition for convenience retail store

Mrs. Randazzo stated that Corporation Counsel has recommended eliminating specialty food stores as an independent use and incorporating them into the definition for convenience retail store.

Mr. Rivera stated he was in favor of proposed local law #9.

Mayor Decker noted the Zoning Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed local law.

Motion by Mrs. Randazzo, seconded by Mr. Belcher to bring proposed local law #9 to the next common council meeting.

AYE: 4 ABSENT: 1(Bavoso) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

3. Discuss Scofflaws- William Worden, Police Chief

Chief Worden discussed the current amnesty program and estimated a 1/3 increase in parking ticket compliance but noted that an overall lack of compliance exists. He suggested creating a local law that allows the booting and/or impounding of vehicles for repeat offenders. Mr. Worden noted that money has been set aside to build a impound space. He also suggested looking into submitting unpaid parking tickets to a credit bureau or working with the DMV to suspend vehicle registrations. He is not ready to move forward but does suggest gathering information, procedures and laws from other municipalities in order to exam all possibilities to increase parking ticket compliance.

Mrs. Randazzo will refer to Corporation Counsel.

New Business:

Mr. Siegel asked for clarification on homestead vs. non homestead.

Mayor Decker informed Mr. Siegel the homestead process would be discussed at next month's meeting.

Mr. Siegel asked Mr. Rivera if 4 Fowler and 29-31 Front Street have had asbestos abatement.

Mr. Rivera responded that no work that was performed required abatement on either property.

Mr. Siegel asked if ice cream trucks are allowed within the city limits.

Committee responded yes but only with a vendor permit issued by the City Clerk's Office.

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

No public comment.

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Siegel to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm.

AYE: 4 ABSENT: 1 (Bavoso) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Next Scheduled Code Meeting: **October 3rd, 2018 @ 7:00 pm - Council Chambers**