

CODE COMMITTEE
City of Port Jervis
Common Council Chambers
Minutes – Wednesday, May 15th, 2019 – 7:33pm

Lisa Randazzo
Committee Chairman

Jim Farr
Building Official

Kristin Trovei
David Bavoso
Stanley Siegel
Committee Members

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Mrs. Randazzo – Mrs. Trovei – Mr. Belcher - Mr. Bavoso – Mrs. Mann – Mr. Decker - Mr. Farr

Absent: Mr. Siegel

Public Comment:

Beth Hoeffner, Orange County Dept. of Health, informed the committee that 12 properties within the City had lead hazards, but stated all properties have been remedied.

Old Business:

1. Update on City Marshall Code –
Topic will be tabled and will be revisited next month.

New Business:

1. Towing License Fees –
Mrs. Randazzo stated that Tom Sexton recommended that the committee review the towing license portion of the code. Mr. Sexton feels adjustments should be made in regards to, the application for towing license. He proposed that the fee should increase throughout the year as follows. January 1st - January 31st = \$150.00, February 1st – March 31st = \$225, April 1st – December 31st = \$300.00. He also stated the storage rate is the cheapest in the county and discussed out of city towing companies.
The committee discussed Mr. Sexton's recommendations and decided to review the fee section. Mrs. Randazzo will confer with Corporation Counsel.
2. Review Operating Permit Fees for Religious Organizations for Public Assembly –
Committee discussed tax exemption waivers for operating permit fees.
Mr. Bavoso suggested granting a fee waiver to property owners with total tax exemptions with proof from the Assessor's office. Mr. Farr stated that properties would still be subjected to the inspection but the associated fee would be waived.
3. Verizon Wireless –
Mrs. Trovei met with reps from Verizon wireless and they informed her that at some point they will be deploring small cells in the public right away within the City. They place a small antenna on utility poles, light poles and/or traffic poles. Mrs. Trovei is recommending the committee create a permitting process and to

update ordinances to reflect FCCs new regulations. She also suggested hiring an outside firm to help expedite the process.

Mr. Farr will look into the procedures of other municipalities' as it relates to small cells and cell phone antennas.

Building Officials Report: Attached

Mr. Farr provided the committee an update on Simply Cheesecake, The Front Project, 29-31 Front Street, 100 Pike Street and seasonal DPW personnel.

Mrs. Randazzo asked Mr. Farr if he could look into an unregistered vehicle located at the corner of Kingston Ave and Neversink Ave.

Mayor Decker also asked Mr. Farr if he could look into the ongoing property maintenance issues at 120 Ball Street and 66 Ball Street.

Mrs. Trovei inquired about owing chickens within the City limits. Mr. Farr responded that chickens fall under agricultural and was not permitted in the City.

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

Motion by Mr. Bavoso, seconded by Mr. Belcher to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

AYE: 5 ABSENT: 1 Mr. Siegel NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Next Scheduled Code Meeting: **June 5th, 2019 @ 6:00 pm - Council Chambers**