

**City of Port Jervis
Finance/Insurance Committee
Minutes for Meeting November 18, 2020**

Present: Committee Members, Kristin Trovei, Lisa Randazzo and Gerald Oney Jr. Also, in attendance were: Council members Maria Mann, Regis Foster, Stanley Siegel, Chandler Campbell, Timothy Simmons, Mayor Kelly Decker, City Engineer James Farr, Laurie Powrie, City Assistant Building and Code Officer, City Clerk Treasurer Robin Waizenegger and Deputy City Clerk Treasurer Bobbie Jo Muller

Absent: Committee Member Dominick Santini

Finance meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. Chairperson Kristin Trovei opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment – None

Kelly Decker:

Done with the finance. I have to stop the recording. Then I can start for the budget workshop and I'll start Facebook as well. So I'm recording now, Kristen. It's all yours. You're muted. Sounds good, Kristin.

Kristin Trovei:

I know. I'm just going to wait... Is nobody else waiting?

Kelly Decker:

Nobody in the waiting room.

Kristin Trovei:

Alright, we can start with the flag. All rise.

Group:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Timothy Simmons:

God bless America.

Robin Waizenegger:

Okay. I have one correction to the agenda right away. And that is that it's not a property offer on Grand Street. It's a property offer on One Grand View Avenue.

Kristin Trovei:

Okay. Thank you. All right. For the audio file can we start by in one stating our names that were present so that it picks up, or.

Kelly Decker:

Oh yes, probably for this recording. I'll do it. So just say your first, last name and that you're present when I call your name. Jim, you're muted.

Timothy Simmons:

We can't hear you.

Kelly Decker:

Bottom left-hand side, Jim.

James "Jim" Farr:

Thank you.

Kelly Decker:

Kelly Decker, Mayor, present. Jerry...

Gerald Oney:

Gerald Oney. Third ward counselor.

Kelly Decker:

Laurie.

Laurie Powrie:

Laurie Powrie, present.

Kelly Decker:

Maria.

Maria Mann:

Maria Mann. Second ward council, present.

Kelly Decker:

Lisa.

Lisa Randazzo:

Lisa Randazzo, councilwoman at large, present.

Kelly Decker:

Kristin.

Kristin Trovei:

Kristin Trovei, third ward counsel, present.

Kelly Decker:

Regis.

Regis Foster:

Regis Foster, first ward council, present.

Kelly Decker:

Stanley.

Stanley Siegel:

Stanley Siegel, fourth ward council and present.

Kelly Decker:

Tim.

Timothy Simmons:

Tim Simmons, fourth ward council, present.

Kelly Decker:

Robin.

Robin Waizenegger:

Robin Waizenegger, city clerk treasurer, present.

Kelly Decker:

And Jessica, just identify yourself if you do speak. Okay, Kristen, go ahead.

Kristin Trovei:

Alright-y. First item on the agenda. Robin, you want to-

Robin Waizenegger:

Yes, to the council, there was an email forwarded to you regarding an offer on One Grand View Avenue. It's an informal offer that was received through my office from a Greg Helbeck. He would like to make an offer of 22,500 cash. It says assuming there are no title issues I can close in 30 days or less. Now, bottom line, it's a tax sale deed. So, he has to take it for what it is, regardless of title issues.

If you choose to move forward on this offer, again, this is not something we've put out for sale. It's an unsolicited offer that arrived through my email.

Kelly Decker:

Robin, do we own this house outright or is it still sitting in tax sale?

Robin Waizenegger:

No, we own it, courtesy of a tax lien deed. The deed has not rested for two years, so there's still the potential of title issues.

Kelly Decker:

Okay. So, there's potential for title issues, but we own the property, it's not still in lien.

Robin Waizenegger:

Correct.

Kelly Decker:

Okay. I'm only just going to make one suggestion, we've been criticized about this before when we've received these offers. And I mean, that's obviously up to the council what they want to do. If anything, it should go out for a bid or let people know that there was an offer made and see if there's a counter offer.

Timothy Simmons:

I agree.

Robin Waizenegger:

I believe we were contemplating doing an auction in April or May, hopefully after the COVID and this would be one of the parcels that would be in that auction. So-

Gerald Oney:

Yeah.

Lisa Randazzo:

I would agree that we wait.

Regis Foster:

We should wait. I agree.

Lisa Randazzo:

If we start taking parcels out of the auction properties, then it's going to be the same conversation again, that we're going to be removing parcels for sale. I would suggest we wait.

Kristin Trovei:

And the less parcels we have for auction and less people might be interested in it.

Robin Waizenegger:

Right.

Lisa Randazzo:

I think we should just wait.

Robin Waizenegger:

Okay. I'll inform him that the city is planning an auction in 2021 and to please watch our website for those announcements.

Kristin Trovei:

Thank you. Okay. Second item,

Robin Waizenegger:

Next item is the Franklin Street Roof quotes. And I did not receive any copies from the DPW Director, I believe he sent them directly to all of you.

Lisa Randazzo:

I did not get that.

Robin Waizenegger:

I did not get them. Do you have that?

Gerald Oney:

Oh man. Talk about being put on the spot.

Kelly Decker:

I'll see if I have them right here.

Gerald Oney:

I saw them because we had access to them before the meeting and then we decided to send them to this committee. I just remember- I don't remember the other two. Fuller was 5,000. The next one was 6,000. And then there was one over 6,000.

Kelly Decker:

Right. Fuller was the lowest one.

James "Jim" Farr:

It turns out. Yeah.

Timothy Simmons:

Yeah.

Kelly Decker:

Here I have it here.

Gerald Oney:

John, given the other two companies. Cause I don't remember their names.

Timothy Simmons:

Yeah, it was- Jane Rozanski and Josh Eisenhower.

Kelly Decker:

Right.

Gerald Oney:

And Jim, they're all apples for apples, right? Same scope of services.

James "Jim" Farr:

Yeah. Jack gave me the scope of services that John gave him and we just blanked out the numbers and the name and send it to the other two engineers.

Kelly Decker:

Okay.

James "Jim" Farr:

Both the other engineers came take a look over the site with Jack.

Kelly Decker:

So, so the good news is we have the low bid by a thousand or so dollars, but the bad news is going to be the reality of fixing the roof, you know?

Gerald Oney:

And is this a, just for the engineering.

Kelly Decker:

That was just to be told what the deal is, yeah.

Kristin Trovei:

Okay, now that we have these other places, do we want to not go with four or 5,000, or do you want to go with the lowest bid for the-

Kelly Decker:

He is the lowest.

James "Jim" Farr:

What was the third person? Third engineer?

Kelly Decker:

So, Eisenhower was 6,042. And then- I just wasn't prepared to have these out. The other one was Jean Rozanski and his cost was

James "Jim" Farr:

Seven thousand something.

Kelly Decker:

A feasibility study cost estimate fees, \$15,000,

James "Jim" Farr:

15?

Kelly Decker:

15.

Kristin Trovei:

So, I'm okay with going with four or five thousand dollars. Anyone else's thoughts?

Regis Foster:

Yep, me too. Let's go with it. So we bring it out that Monday.

James "Jim" Farr:

Yeah.

Kristin Trovei:

Does anybody have any objections? Okay. So, we bring that to Monday's meeting. I don't really have any old or new businesses. Anyone old business? New business?

Kelly Decker:

No.

Kristin Trovei:

Anything pop up between yesterday and today.

Robin Waizenegger:

Well, let me see. The only thing that have popped up have been informal. We received an audit request for four people's files from NYSHIP on the health insurance. And we received an audit request from the state controller on the tax cap calculation. They wanted backup on all of our pilots and some other information. That's all.

Kristin Trovei:

Well, have fun with that.

Robin Waizenegger:

So I've already compiled the information and sent it back. So we'll see where it goes.

Kelly Decker:

And the tax lien sale we had yesterday.

Robin Waizenegger:

Oh yeah. The tax lien sale. But I sent you all a summary of that.

Gerald Oney:

Yeah, that was good news. Relatively good news.

Robin Waizenegger:

Yeah. Except for the two parcels we got left with are not the best parcels in the world.

Kelly Decker:

Yeah. We'll be talking about 32 Church Street because we dealt with that down the road and now it's in our hands. So, I'll be bringing that up in executive session on Monday.

Gerald Oney:

I saw that coming, Mayor. I mean, he tried to give us that property a year ago, right? Not a year within the year. That's the problem.

Kelly Decker:

Jim, if you could, just, by the way, if you or Laurie can take a look at 32 Church Street, give us any updates on it because I know the last thing was we were supposed to be tearing it down. So tell us if there's any change in that structure. We'll do-

Laurie Powrie:

Absolutely.

Stanley Siegel:

- specifically the back wall and the cellar.

Laurie Powrie:

We have that. We have on file for that.

Kelly Decker:

All right.

Kristin Trovei:

Hearing, no other new or old business. We can adjourn this meeting. The mayor has to stop recording and then start recording again so we can jump into the workshop. The workshop was scheduled for 6:15. Pretty much there, anyway. I mean, I can wait two or three minutes and see if anyone else comes on after we stop and start again.

Kristin Trovei:

Motion to adjourn

Lisa Randazzo:

Second.

Kristin Trovei:

Those in favor.

Group:

Aye.

Kristin Trovei:

Thank you.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:13 pm

Next Finance meeting December 16th at 6pm.