

# **Journal of Proceedings**

OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLEAN, N.Y.

October 9, 2018

***COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS  
STATE OF NEW YORK***

*A Regular Meeting of the Olean Common Council of the City of Olean was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 6:55 p.m.*

*PRESENT:* *Aldermen Crawford, Witte, Andreano, Gonzalez, Dougherty, Smith, and George*

*ABSENT:* *None*

*OFFICIALS:* *Mayor William Aiello; Lens Martial, City Clerk; Nicholas DiCerbo, Jr., City Attorney; Fred Saradin, City Auditor; Bob Ring, Director of Public Works; Keri Kerper, Community Development Program Coordinator; Jeff Rowley, Police Chief; Bob Bell, Fire Chief, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary*

*At this time a prayer was given by Alderman Andreano, followed by a salute to the flag.*

***READING, CORRECTING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE  
PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING***

*A motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2018 meeting was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.*

***COMMITTEE REPORTS & UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS***

*None*

***COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR***

*Special Proclamation for Manufacturing Month*

*Special Proclamation for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month*

***MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS***

*None*

***CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS***

*None*

***PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND REFERRALS***

*PL #106-18: (Aiello) To approve the following Olean Homeownership Assistance Program (OHAP) application: OHAP #29-17, in an amount not to exceed \$2,180. Referred to Committee of the Whole Tuesday, October 9, 2018 by Council President.*

*PL #107-18: (Aiello) To adopt the Sexual Harassment Policy for the City of Olean. Referred to Committee of the Whole Tuesday, October 9, 2018 by Council President.*

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*PL #108-18: (Witte) To authorize the installation of a street light on National Grid pole #NM4 on Second Avenue. Referred to Committee of the Whole Tuesday, October 9, 2018 by Council President.*

*PL #109-18: (George) To authorize the installation of street lights on National Grid poles #11 and #14 on River Street. Referred to Committee of the Whole Tuesday, October 9, 2018 by Council Preisdent.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT/INPUT**

*Alderman Gonzalez explained that he recently had the opportunity to visit a facility mentioned in the Manufacturing Day Proclamation, the Challenger Learning Center. He explained that the area is lucky to have a facility such as this, and he encouraged residents to check it out.*

*Alderman Smith stated, in response to what he feels is a draconian move by the State in requiring a Sexual Harassment Policy and associated training that New York State was the number one state that people left in the past year. He feels that people leave New York because they become tired of being harassed by the bureaucracy.*

*Scott Paoletto of 318 North 11<sup>th</sup> Street explained that he noticed that refurbishment of some roads in the City requires extreme heat to melt the surface, and machinery to relay the surface. He wonders if a study has ever been done to see if this extreme heat hurts the infrastructure. He also feels that there should be more debate between candidates prior to elections in the City.*

*Kevin Bartholomew of 737 Bishop Street expressed that he feels that the Council should be more inviting for people to bring up their issues. He disagrees with the decisions to take away public comment during the Committee of the Whole and move committee meetings out of the Council Chambers. He feels that they should still be televised. He also feels that there should be more town hall style meetings separate from Council meetings.*

*Deb Kolasinski of 108 North 11<sup>th</sup> Street explained that she lives close to the barbeque pit on the corner, and the noxious smoke that the cooking sends into the air irritates her asthma and a recently diagnosed heart issue every weekend. She expressed that her health cannot endure this, and it breaks her heart to think that she might need to sell her home. She is very frustrated and asked that the Council help her find a solution.*

## **FINANCE / BILLS**

*None*

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION #109-18**

### **PL #106-18**

*By Alderman Witte, Seconded by Gonzalez*

### **AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF OLEAN HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS TO A QUALIFIED HOMEBUYER**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Olean has been awarded grant funds from the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) Office of Community Renewal (OCR); and

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*WHEREAS, these funds have been designated to assist low- and moderate-income homebuyers with funding assistance in relation to the purchase of a home in the City of Olean; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Olean has received an application that has been determined eligible to participate in this program; and*

*WHEREAS, Rural Revitalization Corporation, with whom the City of Olean has contracted with for Professional Housing Counseling Services related to marketing, technical services, and program administration in connection with the Olean Homeownership Assistance Program, has reviewed the application for assistance and has approved the grant to the following applicant:*

*OHAP #29-17, not to exceed \$2,180;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Olean approves the above-identified grant to a homebuyer which will be leveraged with loans from private and public lending institutions to assist this application with funding related to the purchase of a home in the City of Olean.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Auditor is authorized to release the funds to the qualified individual(s) according to the rules and regulations of the funding source.*

*RESOLVED, that this Resolution will be effective immediately.*

**ROLL CALL, AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **RESOLUTION #110-18**

### **PL #107-18**

*By Alderman Crawford, Seconded by Alderman Andreano*

#### ***TO ADOPT THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF OLEAN***

*WHEREAS, the City of Olean is committed to maintaining a workplace free from sexual harassment, which is a form of workplace discrimination; and*

*WHEREAS, sexual harassment is offensive, is a violation of the City of Olean's policies, and is unlawful; and*

*WHEREAS, sexual harassment will not be tolerated by any City of Olean employee, applicant for employment, intern, whether paid or unpaid, contractor or person conducting business with the City; and*

*WHEREAS, the adoption of a Sexual Harassment Policy is one component of the City of Olean's commitment to a discrimination-free work environment, and all employees have the legal right to a workplace free from sexual harassment;*

*RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby adopts the Sexual Harassment Policy for the City of Olean.*

*RESOLVED, that this Resolution is effective immediately.*

**ROLL CALL, AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **RESOLUTION # 111-18**

### **PL # 108-18**

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By Alderman Witte, Seconded by Alderman George

**AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF A STREET LIGHT ON  
NATIONAL GRID POLE #NM4 ON SECOND AVENUE**

**WHEREAS**, the public safety, health and welfare of the citizens of the City of Olean would be served if a street light be installed on National Grid pole #NM4 on Second Avenue,

**RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Olean directs that a one hundred (100) watt high pressure sodium vapor street light be installed on National Grid pole #NM4 on Second Avenue.

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution will be effective immediately.

**ROLL CALL, AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION # 112-18**

**PL # 109-18**

By Alderman George, Seconded by Alderman Dougherty

**AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS ON  
NATIONAL GRID POLES #NG11 AND #NG14 ON RIVER STREET**

**WHEREAS**, the public safety, health and welfare of the citizens of the City of Olean would be served if street lights be installed on National Grid poles #NG11 and #NG14 on River Street,

**RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Olean directs that one hundred (100) watt high pressure sodium vapor street lights be installed on National Grid poles #NG11 and #NG14 on River Street.

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution will be effective immediately.

**ROLL CALL, AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Crawford thanked Alderman Andreano for reaching out to the Council and encouraging them to wear pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Witte. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:22 p.m.

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Lens Martial, City Clerk

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Mayor William J. Aiello

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John Crawford, Council President

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*I hereby approve the foregoing minutes*

*Dated:* \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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*I, Lens Martial, City Clerk of the City of Olean, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes of the Common Council of the City of Olean is the true and correct copy of the whole thereof.*

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*Lens Martial, City Clerk*