

# Journal of Proceedings

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

August 10, 2021

**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, August 10, 2021 at 6:35 p.m.*

PRESENT: *Aldermen Crawford, Witte, Gonzalez, Barnard, Robinson, and Anastasia*

ABSENT: *Alderman Panus*

OFFICIALS: *Mayor William Aiello; Lens Martial, City Clerk; Bob Ring, Director of Public Works, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary*

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

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

*A motion to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2021 Regular Meeting was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Robinson. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS & UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS**

*Report from Committee of the Whole on PL #47-21, to approve the following Downtown Property Improvement Program (DPIP) application for financial assistance as recommended by the Revolving Loan Fund Committee: DPIP #70-04, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. Committee recommends approval. Referred to City Attorney for Resolution.*

*Report from Committee of the Whole on PL #48-21, to authorize the transfer of \$5,714.80 from General Fund Balance to line item 1010.441 for costs associated with the 2018-2020 City of Olean Code of Ordinances update. Committee recommends approval. Referred to City Attorney for Resolution.*

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

*Mayor Aiello explained that there is a job fair tomorrow at the William O. Smith Recreation Center from noon to 5 p.m.*

*Mayor Aiello congratulated Della Moore who received the New York State Senate Woman of Distinction designation.*

*Mayor Aiello explained that he received a letter from Linda Edstrom who explained that officers Zambiani and Hatzell did a great job dealing with one of her neighbors.*

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS**

*Liquor License Amendment – American Legion Post 530 – 307 East State Street, Olean*

*Liquor License Renewal – Christopher Columbus Lodge – 540 North Union Street, Olean*

**CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS**

*None*

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## **PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND REFERRALS**

*PL #46-21: (Aiello) To designate a Grass Cutting Fee Schedule. Referred to Regular Meeting Tuesday, August 10, 2021 for Resolution by Council President.*

*PL #47-21: (Aiello) To approve the following Downtown Property Improvement Program (DPIP) Application for financial assistance as recommended by the Revolving Loan Fund Committee: DPIP #70-04, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. Referred to Committee of the Whole Tuesday, August 10, 2021 by Council President.*

*PL #48-21: (Aiello) To authorize the transfer of \$5,714.80 from General Fund Balance to line item 1010.441 for costs associated with the 2018-2020 City of Olean Code of Ordinances Update. Referred to Committee of the Whole Tuesday, August 10, 2021 by Council President.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT/INPUT**

*Alderman Witte explained that she is very excited about the opportunities coming to us to work with Kathy Hochul. She explained that she came to Olean several times and she thinks that this will definitely help our area have a voice in Albany, Alderman Crawford added that he too would like to congratulate her and wish her best of luck moving forward.*

*Alderman Anastasia explained that he has seen DPW paving several streets in North Olean and it will look great when they are done. He explained that Homer Street and Buffalo Street are in desperate need of repair so he is glad those streets are being done as well.*

*Ty Malone of 203 North 11<sup>th</sup> Street explained that he does not feel that the Mayor has been forthright. He explained that he wants to know how the Council will be handling the Civilian Review Board proposal and explained that he feels that everyone's time was wasted over the past months putting it together. He explained that Olean needs new fresh minds involved and explained that he will be sending an email to the Mayor and Aldermen to find out what they plan to do with the Civilian Review Board proposal.*

*Dan Gayton of 794 North Union Street explained that he wants to echo what Mr. Malone said. He explained that he doesn't feel that the Council is taking seriously the proposal that was presented by the Police Reform Committee. He does not feel that the City is trying to move forward. He explained that he felt that that police union contract was passed before the Civilian Review Board plan was worked out so that it could not be put into the contract as the Police Reform Committee had hoped.*

## **FINANCE / BILLS**

None

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION #55-21**

### **PL #46-21**

*By Alderman Anastasia, Seconded by Alderman Barnard*

### **TO DESIGNATE A GRASS CUTTING FEE SCHEDULE**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 16, Section 16-2 of the City of Olean Code of Ordinances authorizes the City of Olean Code Enforcement Office to enforce the abatement of noxious weeds and grass; and

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*WHEREAS, if the owner of a parcel fails to cut, or cause to be cut, noxious weeds and grass from the lot after proper notification by the Code Enforcement Office, a Code Enforcement Officer may arrange for the mowing of the premises and the property owner shall be charged with the cost thereof; and*

*WHEREAS, the Common Council desires to designate a fee schedule for the removal by the City of Olean of such noxious weeds and grass upon failure by the property owner to cut or cause to be cut said nuisance weeds and grass;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Olean designates the following as the fee schedule for the removal of noxious weeds and grass in accordance with Section 16-2 of the City of Olean Code of Ordinances:*

Grass Cutting Fee Schedule

<i>¼ Acre Lot</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<i>½ Acre Lot</i>	<i>\$75</i>
<i>1 Acre Lot</i>	<i>\$100</i>
<i>1 ¼ Acre Lot</i>	<i>\$150</i>
<i>1 ½ Acre Lot</i>	<i>\$175</i>
<i>2 Acre Lot or Greater</i>	<i>Cost equal to reimbursement of contractor cost to cut grass</i>

*RESOLVED, that this Resolution is effective immediately.*

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

**RESOLUTION #56-21**

**PL #47-21**

*By Alderman Witte, Seconded by Alderman Barnard*

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A DOWNTOWN PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM LOAN  
TO A LOCAL BUSINESS**

*WHEREAS, the City of Olean has designated a Downtown Property Improvement Program (DPIP) that provides financial incentives for commercial property owners and businesses to rehabilitate their buildings, reduce downtown commercial vacancy rates, create employment opportunities, and preserve and expand the tax base of the City of Olean; and*

*WHEREAS, assistance to property owners and businesses will be in the form of low interest loans/grants for commercial/business improvement projects; and*

*WHEREAS, the Olean Revolving Loan Fund Committee has reviewed an application for assistance and has recommended the approval of:*

*DPIP #70-04, not to exceed \$30,000;*

*BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council has approved said application for assistance under the Downtown Property Improvement Program.*

*IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is effective immediately.*

**ROLL CALL, AYES ALL EXCEPT ALDERMAN CRAWFORD, WHO ABSTAINED.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION #57-21**

**PL #48-21**

*By Alderman Crawford, Seconded by Alderman Anastasia*

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO LINE ITEM 1010.441, LEGISLATIVE BOARD – PRINTING, FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH UPDATING THE CITY OF OLEAN CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**RESOLVED**, that the following transfer be authorized for costs associated with the 2018-2020 City of Olean Code of Ordinances update:

<i>Account #</i>	<i>Description – General</i>	<i>Transferred From</i>	<i>Transferred to</i>
<i>A-01-3-909.000</i>	<i>General Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$5,714.80</i>	
<i>A-01-5-1010.441</i>	<i>Legislative Board - Printing</i>		<i>\$5,714.80</i>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution is effective immediately.

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

## ADJOURNMENT

*Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 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*

*I hereby approve the foregoing minutes*

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

**STATE OF NEW YORK  
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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*