

# **Journal of Proceedings**

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

September 28, 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, September 28, 2021 at 6:55 p.m.*

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

*ABSENT:* *Alderman Barnard*

*OFFICIALS:* *Mayor William Aiello; Lens Martial, City Clerk; Fred Saradin, City Auditor; Bob Ring, Director of Public Works; Ron Richardson, Police Chief, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.*

*At this time a prayer was given by Alderman Crawford, 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 14, 2021 meeting was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Panus. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS & UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS**

*Report from Committee of the Whole on PL #61-21, to approve the following Downtown Property Improvement Program (DPIP) application for financial assistance as recommended by the Revolving Loan Fund Committee: DPIP #71-03, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. Committee recommends approval. Referred to City Attorney for Resolution.*

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

*Special Proclamation for Ovarian Cancer Month*

*Mayor Aiello explained that we have received a second check from Bird Rides, Inc. for \$482, which is 1,928 rides.*

*Mayor Aiello explained that Mr. Ring and the City of Olean received an award for Walkable Olean Phase II from the Institute for Transportation Engineers*

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS**

*None*

**CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS**

*None*

**PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND REFERRALS**

*PL #60-21: (Aiello) To amend the City of Olean Code of Ordinances Chapter 20, Solid Waste Management and Recycling. Referred to Regular Meeting Tuesday, October 12, 2021 for Resolution by Council President.*

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*PL #61-21: (Aiello) To approve the following Downtown Property Improvement Program (DPIP) Application for financial assistance as recommended by the Revolving Loan Fund Committee: DPIP #71-03, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. Referred to Committee of the Whole Tuesday, September 28, 2021 by Council President.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT/INPUT**

*Alderman Witte explained that she has received calls about an upcoming second mosquito spraying in Olean. She explained that the population of mosquitos in the area has decreased and this second spraying is more toxic. She explained that this is through the County, and they should be making people aware because the spray sits on the water and people should not be fishing. She explained that this is also right in the middle of StrOlean this weekend, and she doesn't think this is necessary. She explained that the cost is \$300,000 and half is reimbursed by the State. A horse got sick in the north part of the County, but this isn't something that we asked for and she doesn't feel that we should have to pay for this. Mayor Aiello explained that he will call Dr. Watkins regarding this tomorrow, and explained that we signed on for only one spraying. Alderman Crawford explained that if it is of the utmost necessity that he feels it should be rescheduled when everyone isn't attending StrOlean.*

*Alderman Anastasia explained that he has received complaints about the bumpouts near Boardmanville Park, and he spoke with Mr. Ring who explained to him that this was a request from Alderman George for safety reasons. Mr. Ring explained that this was a part of the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan project that was started at least two years ago. He explained that we applied for over \$1 million of work and the State came back with the list of intersections that they felt improvements should be added to. He explained that this is a transit stop and there is a park, and at the time of the application there was not even a crosswalk. He explained that the purpose of the bumpouts is to shorten crossing distance. He explained that this has also slowed down traffic. Alderman Panus explained that he has had people talk to him about the bumpouts as well, and people will accept it and get used to them, and will learn to pay more attention when they are driving. Alderman Crawford explained that bumpouts are to help create a safer network for people to walk, cycle, scooter and drive.*

*Ty Malone thanked Alderman Robinson and Witte for showing up to the recent school board meeting. He explained that he feels that the Council is moving forward with the Olean Civilian Police Oversight Committee with only one perspective, and this is not something that can be done from one perspective. He invited the Council to sit down with him as a member of the board and a member of the community so that he can share more light on the subjects the Council is talking about. He explained that they are changing a document that they do not fully understand, and although he understands that they are trying to do the best for the City, so is the community. Alderman Crawford asked what he is proposing, and Mr. Malone explained that he would like to explain the legislation that the Council is tearing apart with no clue as to what they are really doing. Alderman Crawford explained that he has given the Council feedback and sent emails, and he is happy to speak to him about this, although he wants to know what he has to further present to the Council. He explained that if within a Council work session they feel that it would be beneficial to invite all members of the committee to make a statement, he is happy to do that, He explained that the Council requested different drafts of policies, and using the two drafts received the Council is now in the process of creating legislation, and that is about negotiation and all seven of the elected members putting their thoughts into the document as well. He explained that he doesn't agree that the Council is making changes that they are not knowledgeable about. He explained that they are not doing this in a malicious manner, and they want to see something that serves all of Olean and that will have enough support to be passed.*

## **FINANCE / BILLS**

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By Alderman Witte, Seconded by Alderman Anastasia

*The Auditor has processed bills and claims against the City of Olean as per list submitted to each Alderman and recommends payment thereof.*

**WHEREAS**, the Auditor has presented to the Common Council, bills and claims against the City of Olean totaling \$1,654,866.16 for the budget and recommends payment thereof.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the same be and are hereby audited and allowed, and the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to draw warrants for the payment thereof at the amounts set opposite each respective claim.

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

## RESOLUTIONS

*Mr. Ring explained that this Resolution is for restriping traffic patterns, and he submitted a list to the Aldermen regarding this at a previous work session. He explained that the Code was also out of date and he updated some of the signage in the Code based on these roadways. Alderman Witte explained that the residents were contacted regarding the changes on East Spring Street and no one was opposed, and the Senior Center was concerned with people pulling in and out but that has been addressed as well. Mr. Ring explained that door tags will be hung the day before the restriping occurs and the school will notify parents.*

### **RESOLUTION #66-21**

#### **PL #57-21**

By Alderman Panus, Seconded by Alderman Robinson

**TO AMEND THE CITY OF OLEAN CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTIONS 24-134, 24-135, AND 24-151**

**RESOLVED**, that the City of Olean Code of Ordinances Section 24-134 is hereby amended to remove the following:

<b>Street</b>	<b>Side</b>	<b>Extent</b>
Spring Street, East feet east	North	No Parking or Standing for a distance of 25  and west from the existing crosswalk by the main entrance to East View Elementary
Spring Street, East	South	Parking prohibited at all times
Spring Street, East and west	South	No standing for a distance of 50 feet east  from the crosswalk by the main entrance to East View Elementary
Spring Street, East 100 feet east	South	No Parking or Standing for a distance of  and west from the crosswalk by the main entry of East View Elementary
Laurens Street	North	From Union Street to North 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street
Laurens Street	South	From Union Street to North 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street

**RESOLVED**, that the City of Olean Code of Ordinances Section 24-134 is hereby amended to include the following:

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<i>Main Street</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>Parking prohibited at all times</i>
<i>Spring Street, East</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>Parking prohibited at all times</i>
<i>Spring Street, East</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>No Parking, No Standing, No Stopping for a distance</i>
		<i>of 100 feet east and west from the crosswalk to the main entry of East View Elementary</i>
<i>Laurens Street</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>180 feet west of North Union Street, except loading and unloading</i>
<i>Laurens Street</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>135 feet west of North Union Street to western boundary of 413 Laurens Street</i>
<i>State Street, East</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>From the west side of the East State Street Bridge to Front Street</i>

**RESOLVED**, that the City of Olean Code of Ordinances Section 24-135 is hereby amended to include the following:

<i>Spring Street, East</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>No Parking Here to Corner, 165 feet east of its intersection with Front Street</i>
<i>Spring Street, East</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>No Parking Here to Corner. 70 feet west of East View Elementary parking lot driveway</i>

**RESOLVED**, that the City of Olean Code of Ordinances Section 24-151 is hereby amended to include the following:

<i>Main Street</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>Two Hour Limit - Generally</i>
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**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution is hereby effective immediately.

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

*Alderman Crawford explained that this is a test project for Olean, and we are giving a neighborhood a safe multimodal transportation network. He explained that constituents who were against this change didn't have a reason for the opposition, or they felt that riding bikes down Washington would create chaos. He explained that people already bike down Washington Street, and this simply gives them a proper traffic pattern. He explained that it is not a bike lane, it is just a cyclist and driving lane. Mr. Ring explained that everything is happening pretty quickly, but these speed signs do need to be ordered. He explained that it will be a few weeks before they come in, and the striping will take place in the next couple of weeks. Mayor Aiello explained that there will be some public outreach when the speed limit is reduced. Alderman Crawford recommended putting up the speed limit monitor so people are aware of their speeds. Alderman Robinson explained that he is anxious and excited for this change, and Alderman Witte explained that she feels this is a great idea.*

**RESOLUTION #67-21**

**PL #58-21**

By Alderman Crawford, Seconded by Alderman Robinson

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***TO AMEND THE CITY OF OLEAN CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 24-81 TO DESIGNATE A SPEED LIMIT OF 25 MILES PER HOUR ON WASHINGTON STREET FROM NORTH 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO NORTH 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CREATION OF THE WASHINGTON STREET BIKE BOULEVARD***

***RESOLVED***, that the City of Olean Code of Ordinances Section 24-81, subparagraph (c) is hereby amended to include the following:

*Washington Street between North 4<sup>th</sup> Street and North 21<sup>st</sup> Street.*

***RESOLVED***, that this Resolution is hereby effective immediately.

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

**RESOLUTION #68-21**

**PL #61-21**

*By Alderman Witte, Seconded by Alderman Crawford*

***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 #71-03, 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. MOTION CARRIED.***

## ***ADJOURNMENT***

*Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Anastasia. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 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*

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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*