

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, April 23, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – OLEAN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

IN ATTENDANCE WERE: ALDERMEN CRAWFORD, WITTE, GONZALEZ, AND DOUGHERTY. OTHERS: LENS MARTIAL, CITY CLERK; FRED SARADIN, CITY AUDITOR; KERI KERPER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR; BOB RING, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS; JEFF ROWLEY, POLICE CHIEF; BOB BELL, FIRE CHIEF, AND MICHIKO McELFRESH, MAYOR'S SECRETARY.

Alderman Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked that the record show that all Committee members were present with the exception of Alderman Andreano, Alderman Smith and Alderman George.

1. Finance and Bills

Alderman Crawford asked if there were any questions. There were none. A motion to approve Finance and Bills was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded Alderman Witte. Voice vote. Ayes all. Referred to the Regular Meeting for resolution.

2. PL #27-19: (Smith) To order the removal of structures located at 412-R North Thirteenth Street, City of Olean.

Alderman Crawford explained that the City is still waiting for bids on this project. Given that the dollar amount is not known Alderman Crawford made a motion to move it to the next Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Alderman Dougherty. Ayes all. Referred to the next Committee of the Whole.

3. PL #35-19: (Aiello) To authorize the release of a lien and filing of a Discharge of Mortgage in association with a property funded under the 2000 Olean Homeownership Assistance Program.

Ms. Kerper explained that the loan review committee reviewed the financials of loan recipient. She said that the individual is 88 years old and the sale of this home will be used to pay off the mortgage. The owner will move to an assisted living facility which is a better environment for the individual. The dollar value left on the loan was \$7,800. Ms. Kerper said that most likely the \$7,800 would not be returned to the city in any event.

Mr. Crawford said that if the city doesn't forgive this debt and allow the owner to go into assisted living, the city would most likely end-up with a Zombie property following foreclosure.

Alderman Witte asked if the Council has previously forgiven a loan in this same fashion. Ms. Kerper said that last year they did forgive a portion of a loan.

Mr. Crawford asked if this was the recommendation of the Loan Committee. Ms. Kerper said it was the recommendation given the financial information that forward to her from the individual.

There were no other questions.

A motion was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Witte. Voice Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Referred to the Regular Meeting for resolution.

4. PL #36-19: (Aiello) To authorize the Mayor to execute an Engineering Agreement with Watts Engineering for the design portion of the Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements Project.

Mr. Ring explained that they are ready to move into the design phase of the Pedestrian Crossing Enhancement Project Grant that they received. It said that it was a no match grant. He explained the aspects of the project that the company will be involved in.

Alderman Witte asked, for the benefit of the audience, which crossings will be enhanced. Mr. Ring said that there are 4 are signalized and three non-signalized crossings on East and West State street and other streets including the Constitutional Avenue bike path crossing.

Alderman Crawford asked if any of the signals would be the RRRT signs such as the ones that are on North Union.

Mr. Ring said the RRRT were the preferred designed for Constitution Avenue. Mr Ring also confirmed that construction will begin in 2020.

A Motion was made by Alderman Witte seconded by Alderman Crawford. Ayes All. Motioned Carried. Referred to Regular Meeting for resolution.

5. PL #37-19: (Aiello) To authorize the transfer of \$7,858 from line item A-01-5-7110.445, Parks, to Capital Fund #187, Playground Reserve.

Mr. Ring explained that this transfer will transfer money from the DPW account to the Capital fund for the grant match on the Whitney Avenue project.

Alderman Crawford asked when the project will be completed. Ms. Kerper said that the ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for July.

Mr. Crawford said that he spoke to the City Auditor, Mr. Saradin, and said that there is enough money in the account for the transfer.

Alderman Witte asked if it is in this year's budget and Mr. Ring confirmed that it was.

A Motion was made by Alderman Dougherty seconded by Alderman Crawford. Ayes All. Motioned Carried. Referred to Regular Meeting for resolution.

6. PL #38-19: (Aiello) To authorize the creation of Capital Fund #190, Stardust Pump Station Project, and to authorize the transfer of \$200,000 from line item F-06-5-8340.300, Water Fund Capital Outlay, to Capital Fund #190.

Mr. Ring explained that he wanted to move the funds from the water fund capital outlays to capital projects. Similar to the plan during the budget discussion. He would like to use this money as a portion of the \$275,000 match that the City has on the project (40%). He wanted get it into the Capital Fund as the project is in review by DPW.

A Motion was made by Alderman Witte seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Ayes All. Motioned Carried. Referred to Regular Meeting for resolution.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Dougherty. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.