

# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

*TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.*

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS – OLEAN MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

IN ATTENDANCE WERE: ALDERMEN ANDREANO, GONZALEZ, DOUGHERTY, SMITH, AND GEORGE. OTHERS: MAYOR WILLIAM AIELLO; LENS MARTIAL, CITY CLERK; NICHOLAS DICERBO, JR., CITY ATTORNEY; 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.

Alderman Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked that the record show that all Aldermen were present except Aldermen Witte and Crawford, who were excused.

1. PL #41-19: (Aiello) To approve the following Olean Homeownership Assistance Program (OHAP) application: OHAP #50-17, in an amount not to exceed \$8,496.

Ms. Kerper explained that this is the amount that a family needs to cover the down payment and closing cost expenses, as well as other eligible items, to purchase a single family home in the City of Olean.

A motion to approve PL #41-19 was made by Alderman Andreano, seconded by Alderman Dougherty. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to Regular Meeting for Resolution.

2. PL #44-19: (Aiello) To authorize the Mayor to execute a Third Party Operator Agreement for the Olean Area Transit System (OATS) extending the existing contract between the City and First Transit, Inc.

Ms. Kerper explained that in 2016, her office released a Request for Proposals for a third party operator for the OATS bus system. She explained that there was an option to renew the awarded contract for up to three one year extensions. This is the final year that the contract can be renewed with First Transit, and as the City is extremely pleased with their services, she recommends that the Council authorize the Mayor to execute the extension agreement. She noted that late this year, her office will begin preparing an RFP for release the beginning of next year, and that the Department of Transportation will need to review and approve the RFP prior to release.

A motion to approve PL #44-19 was made by Alderman Andreano, seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to Regular Meeting for Resolution.

3. Article 7 Tax Certiorari

Mr. DiCerbo explained that he sent an email to the Council earlier in the day regarding a proposed settlement for an Article 7 Tax Certiorari. He noted that if the Council has any questions regarding the case, that an executive session could be held to discuss details further. He explained that the settlement would cover from the 18-19 tax season to the 21-22 tax season, and the next opportunity for the entity to file a grievance against the City would be 2023. He explained that the settlement also waives any refund on the 2018-2019 tax season, which is estimated to be around \$20,000. He explained that the City, school, and City Assessor, as well as himself, are on board with this, and a voice vote is required of the Council to authorize the settlement agreement.

A motion to authorize the City to enter into a settlement agreement for an Article 7 Tax Certiorari as explained to the Council via email by the City Attorney was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman George. Voice vote, ayes all except Alderman Smith, who voted nay. Motion carried.

#### 4. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Andreano. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m.