

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – OLEAN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

IN ATTENDANCE WERE: ALDERMEN CRAWFORD, WITTE, ANDREANO, GONZALEZ, DOUGHERTY, SMITH, AND GEORGE. OTHERS: MAYOR WILLIAM AIELLO; LENS MARTIAL, CITY CLERK; NICHOLAS DICERBO, JR., CITY ATTORNEY; FRED SARADIN, CITY AUDITOR; BOB RING, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS; KERI STEPHEN, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR; BOB BELL, FIRE CHIEF, AND TIFFANY TAYLOR, MANAGERIAL CONFIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY.

Alderman Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked that the record show that all Aldermen were present.

1. PL #52-19: (Aiello) To authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cable Franchise Agreement between the City of Olean and Time Warner Cable Northeast, LLC, locally known as Charter Communications.

Alderman Crawford explained that this was previously discussed in committee. He explained that the agreement has a fifteen year term, and that the City receives the maximum allowed by the FCC, which is 5%. He noted that this is around \$200,000 a year. Alderman Crawford explained that, in addition, free basic cable is provided to the Police Department, the Emergency Operations Center, Dispatch, the City Garage, both Fire Stations, New Life Christian Academy, Walsh, Washington West, Eastview, the Intermediate Middle School and High School, the Senior Center, and the Olean Public Library.

Mayor Aiello noted that this agreement has nothing to do with the internet, and just cable television. Alderman Gonzalez added that the agreement has nothing to do with rates, and only allows for Charter Communications to do business in the City. He explained that the City of Olean has no power over the price and quality of the service.

A motion to approve PL #52-19 was made by Alderman Witte, seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to Regular Meeting for Resolution.

2. PL #54-19: (Aiello) To authorize the conveyance of an easement to the Olean Urban Renewal Agency for a strip of land upon which there is an existing basement exterior staircase located adjacent to the public sidewalk along West State Street on the south side of 101 North Union Street.

Ms. Stephen explained that Savarino Companies, LLC legal counsel received information related to the title instrument for the 101 North Union Street property, as well as the survey map. She explained that they found that there is an iron gate and staircase that encroaches the right-of-way, which the URA does not have deed or an easement to. Ms. Stephen explained that City staff have researched the issue, and it was found that property use such as this was granted prior to the 1920's with a gentlemen's agreement, and nothing formal was done. She explained that the URA needs the easement, and the easement would transfer to future owners of the property.

A motion to approve PL #54-19 was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Dougherty. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to Regular Meeting for Resolution.

3. PL #55-19: (Aiello) To authorize the Mayor to enter into a Coordinating Partner – Public System Funding Agreement between the City of Salamanca and the City of Olean for OATS Bus Service Reimbursement for the Fiscal Year June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020.

Ms. Stephen explained that the OATS partner had a meeting, and prior to the meeting had approached Salamanca with their ridership numbers to see if they were interested in participating in the program. She explained that the current partners, in addition to the City of Olean, are Cattaraugus County, Tandem (previously the Rehabilitation Center), St. Bonaventure University, and the Seneca Nation. She explained that Salamanca went before their Council, who had agreed to contribute \$15,000 annually to the system.

Alderman Crawford asked if the bus had previously gone to Salamanca, and Ms. Kerper explained that it had, but that Salamanca had not been a partner prior to this.

A motion to approve PL #55-19 was made by Alderman Andreano, seconded by Alderman Witte. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to Regular Meeting for Resolution.

4. PL #56-19: (Aiello) TO amend Resolutions #28-17, #53-17, #36-18, and #25-19, retroactively, to replace the word “cents” with “dollars” to reflect the correct water and sewer rates.

Mayor Aiello explained that a clerical error was found that has been following for several years, and he would like to see this be corrected. Alderman Crawford asked if this jumps water and sewer rates, and Mayor Aiello explained that this will only correct the rates as presented, and that the current rates are being correctly charged so no jumps in bills will occur.

A motion to approve PL #56-17 was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to Regular Meeting for Resolution.

5. PL #57-19: (Aiello) To approve the following Olean Homeownership Assistance Program (OHAP) application: OHAP #51-17, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.

Ms. Kerper explained that a woman and her family need \$12,000 for eligible expenses, the down payment and closing costs to purchase a single family home in the City of Olean. She explained that this is the first applicant to receive the maximum allowed amount in assistance.

Alderman Crawford asked what the status of the program is, and Ms. Kerper explained that there are three additional applicants that may possibly close before the program sunsets.

A motion to approve PL #57-19 was made by Alderman George, seconded by Alderman Witte. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to Regular Meeting for Resolution.

6. PL #59-19: (Aiello) To authorize the transfer of \$2,612 from General Fund Contingency to line item 5110.447 to cover costs associated with the City of Olean's Clean-Up Week.

Mayor Aiello explained that the Council had received a memo from Mr. Ring explaining the costs of the cleanup. He explained that the cleanup week was a success, and that 230 residents participated at a cost of \$40 each, which totals \$9,320. HE explained that the total cost is \$11,932.30, in addition to \$1,440 paid by the City for advertising. He noted that 70.19 tons were removed.

Mayor Aiello explained that he is asking that \$2,612 be taken from Contingency to make the account whole in the Department of Public Works where the cost was paid from.

A motion to approve PL #59-19 was made by Alderman Witte, seconded by Alderman Crawford. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

7. Discussion – Naming of Lincoln Square

Mayor Aiello explained that the City is currently constructing the building currently known as the “farmers’ market”, but that a different, more versatile name needed to be found. He explained that several different names were thrown around, the Lincoln Square was decided on. He noted that a Resolution will be introduced during the Regular Meeting to formally name the building in Lincoln Park “Lincoln Square”.

Mayor Aiello noted that he is anticipating a ribbon cutting in mid-July.

Alderman Smith asked if Lincoln Square is the building within the park, and Mayor Aiello responded that it is. He explained that the name of the park is not being changed.

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Andreano. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.