

CITY OF PORT JERVIS

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CODE COMMITTEE

June 5th, 2024 (Wednesday) 6:30 p.m. Council Chambers

Chairman – Jason Vicchiariello

Members – Jacqueline Dennison

Maria Mann

Stanley Siegel

Also, present: Mr. Hockenberry, Building Official Mr. Rivera, Asst. Building Official Mrs. Powrie, Fire Inspector Mr. Becker.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

A representative from Bucky's taxi service expressed concern regarding other taxi businesses not following city code requirements.

Mr. Siegel stated that the situation wasn't fair for those who have been in business within the city for nearly 60 years.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Dennison, for the approval of the May 1st, 2024, Code Committee meeting minutes.

AYE: 4 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Executive Session: None.

New Business:

1. Update PJCC 415-10 Vacant Registration Fees.

Mrs. Powrie asked the committee to consider amending sections 415-10 & 280-15 regarding vacant building fees. She explained that the fee schedule doesn't surpass 10 years and some vacant properties are approaching that benchmark. The committee discussed fee schedules.

Motion by Mrs. Mann, seconded by Mr. Siegel, to add an additional \$1,000.00 for every year after 10 years that a property remains eligible for the vacant registration fee.

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Old Business:

1. Update Cannabis Dispensary Law -

Mr. Vicchiarello noted the cannabis law is in its final revision stages and a public hearing would be held on June 10th, 2024. He stated a request had been made to extend the East Main St. corridor down from the Neversink Bridge to Ball Street, expanding the zone but not changing regulations or distance requirements. The committee held a lengthy discussion. Topics included off-street parking, traffic control, regulations both state and local and zoning maps were analyzed.

Mr. Vicchiariello asked the committee if they would like to include said area in the proposed local law or leave the law as is.

No motion was made.

2. Short Term Lease Update -

Mr. Vicchiarello stated the topic would be discussed at a later date.

3. Council Complaints/Any items which need to be completed-

Mr. Siegel reported abandoned tires located on E. Main Street and also unregistered vehicles in the 4th ward. Mr. Rivera stated he would investigate both concerns.

Building Official's Report:

Mr. Rivera provided updates on all ongoing projects including the hotel, 24-32 Front St, Ollies, Rumshock, medical offices on Ball St and the new PJVAC Bldg.

Fire Inspector's Report:

Mr. Becker provided updates that included Bon Secours sprinklers, Ollies, Cash for Cans, and The Reserve. He also mentioned that he has been working on organizing annual inspections and updating forms. Mr. Becker stated that he would like to restructure some of the fee schedules and will have more information in the coming months.

Public Comment:

Mr. Kidney, 1st ward, supports the vacant registration fee and was in disbelief that properties still remain vacant after 10 years of receiving such hefty fines.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mrs. Dennison, seconded Mr. Siegel by to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

AYE: 4 ABSENT: 0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

The next scheduled meeting will be held on July 3rd, 2024, at 6:30 PM.