

# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

*TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.*

## COUNCIL CHAMBERS – OLEAN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

IN ATTENDANCE WERE: ALDERMEN GONZALEZ, WITTE, ANDREANO, DOUGHERTY, CRAWFORD, AND SMITH. OTHERS: MAYOR WILLIAM AIELLO; AL UTECHT, CITY CLERK; FRED SARADIN, CITY AUDITOR; JEFF ROWLEY, POLICE CHIEF, AND TIFFANY TAYLOR, MANAGERIAL CONFIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY.

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

### 1. Finance & Bills

A motion to approve Finance & Bills was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Dougherty. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to Regular Meeting for Resolution.

### 2. PL #02-17: (Dougherty) To amend the City of Olean Code of Ordinances Section 21-5, Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks.

Alderman Gonzalez stated that this was discussed last week in committee, and the Council should have received documents outlining the changes to the Code.

Alderman Smith stated that he is hopeful that this will work. It may not be the end of the story, but it is worth a try. In a nutshell, the current ordinance states that you need to clear the entire width of the sidewalk from snow and ice, and snow cannot be piled in the roadway. He is unsure why there haven't been problems regarding this for the past 30 years, but it's possible that businesses were piling snow around meter posts, which are now gone. The new ordinance will state that eight feet of sidewalk need to be cleared when there is no subway on which to place the excess snow. We may have to tweak this down the road, but he does support the change and hopes that it works.

Alderman Dougherty stated that Alderman Smith really hit the nail on the head, and he hopes that this change will, as well.

Mayor Aiello added that he hopes that businesses remain conscious to the needs of their customers, and continue to keep a safe passage from the street to the business by shoveling a path in intervals along the walkway where the snow doesn't need to be cleared (according to the changed ordinance).

A motion to approve PL #02-17 was made by Alderman Dougherty, seconded by Alderman Smith. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 14, 2017 for Resolution.

### 3. Adjournment

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