

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – OLEAN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

IN ATTENDANCE WERE: ALDERMEN GONZALEZ, WITTE, DOUGHERTY, SMITH, AND GEORGE. OTHERS: AL UTECHT, CITY CLERK; NICHOLAS DICERBO, JR., CITY ATTORNEY; MARY GEORGE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR; BOB BELL, FIRE CHIEF; 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 Andreano and Alderman Crawford, who were excused.

1. Discussion – Little Free Library, Magnano Park (Gonzalez)

Alderman Gonzalez stated that this item is similar to the Rotary Club's Silent Policeman, where the Council is required to give permission prior to the placement in the park. He stated that a neighbor of his, Jessica Smith, brought the idea to his attention, and her husband, Mike Smith, constructed the structure to be used. He provided a photo to the Council to show what the structure looks like. He stated that he feels like this is a great idea.

Ms. Smith stated that these are becoming more and more popular throughout the community. There have been more than \$50,000 put into place since 2009. She stated that you can register the structure online so that anyone can look up the "Little Free Libraries" in their area. The idea is that you can take a book or leave a book, or both, without the obligation to return the book that you have borrowed initially. She wants to share her love of reading with the neighborhood.

Alderman Gonzalez questioned if this was recently done in Franklinville, and she stated that it was. She worked with the school board to place one on the playground. She stated that she is always looking to see what she can do to better our community, and she doesn't believe that there is anything like this currently in Olean. She stated that it is not just for kids books, either, as adult books can be left and taken as well. She described seeing one in Ellicottville that gave her the idea.

Alderman Witte stated that she thinks that this is a wonderful idea, and that she hopes that we can see these spring up in parks throughout the City. Alderman George added that he feels this is an outstanding idea, and the structure is well done. He feels that the craftsmanship is outstanding.

Alderman Gonzalez stated that he has spoken with the Mayor regarding this, and he is very eager to make this happen. He proposes that we not only allow the placement of the structure, but to also have DPW plant a 4x4 post that Mr. Smith can attach it to in the park.

Ms. Smith stated that she is willing to cover the registration cost, which is around \$100, for this first Little Free Library.

Alderman Dougherty stated that this is an amazing idea, and he feels that we should do this in all of the City parks.

A motion to approve the placement of the Little Free Library constructed by the Smith's in Magnano Park on York Street was made by Alderman Smith. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

2. PL #61-17: (Aiello) To approve the following Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) application: RLF #21-06, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

Ms. George stated that the Revolving Loan Fund Committee met recently, and recommended approval of this application. The applicant will be using the funds to aid in the purchase and rehabilitation of the 1115 West State Street property.

A motion to approve PL #61-17 was made by Alderman Witte, seconded by Alderman George. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to Regular Meeting for Resolution.

3. PL #62-17: (Aiello) To award the Cattaraugus County – Olean Airport Perimeter Fence Replacement – Phase II to New York State Fence Co., Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, for an amount of \$240,450.00.

Alderman Gonzalez stated that this has been in the works for a while. The project is funded primarily through the FAA, and the small local match required comes from the proceeds of the logging operations on the airport property. He stated that all of the Aldermen have been to the airport and have seen the condition of the fence currently in place. This is very much needed.

A motion to approve PL #62-17 was made by Alderman George, seconded by Alderman Dougherty. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to Regular Meeting for Resolution.

4. Adjournment

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