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Mayor Aiello Responds to the Protest in Olean

June 1, 2020—Olean—William J. Aiello, Mayor of the City of Olean, would like to thank the Olean Police Department, Fire Department and DPW crews as well the organizers and those who met to protest on Sunday, May 31, 2020 in Olean.

“I was very pleased with the outcome of the event; a large group of residents was able to peacefully protest the injustice of George Floyd’s death in Minneapolis without the accompanying violence that we have witnessed throughout the nation,” Mayor Aiello said. “I commend the protesters for keeping the focus of the event on the death of Mr. Floyd.”

“I would like to recognize and commend the cooperation between the Olean Police Department, the Olean Fire Department and City’s Department of Public Works, through their teamwork and quick responsiveness, they were able to provide the protesters with a safe venue as the protest moved through the City’s streets,” Mayor Aiello added. “In addition the assistance of the Cattaraugus County Sheriff’s Department, New York State Police, and the Allegany Police department was invaluable. I also want to thank the District 4 Fire Department for being on standby.”

“I have always said that Olean is a great place to live. Like any municipality across the nation we have problems, but Olean is very unique in that we genuinely care about each other’s well-being. We have seen it throughout the past three months as we struggled with the effects of COVID-19 and we saw it last night when altercations that could have escalated, were quickly and quietly resolved,” Mayor Aiello said.

“Peaceful protests are one of the cornerstones of our Republic and I am pleased that Olean residents were able to express their opinions in a safe environment and with respect for public and personal property,” Mayor Aiello said.

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