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City of Olean Municipal Building to Reopen

June 17, 2020—Olean—William J. Aiello, Mayor of the City of Olean, is pleased to announce that the Olean Municipal Building will reopen to the public on Thursday, June 18, 2020, office hours will return to 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. In addition the Common Council Meetings, starting on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., will be open to the public.

“We are very excited to reopen and have made a number of physical changes to our offices to protect the health of our residents and city employees,” Mayor Aiello said. “I ask visitors to the building and Common Council Meetings to follow the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, which includes wearing masks, maintaining social distances and keeping hands clean, by washing them or using hand sanitizer.”

“There are a number of signs in the building that remind visitors that masks are required; City employees will wear masks when serving residents and entering common areas in the building. Floor decals have been mounted throughout the building to remind visitors of social distancing when waiting in line.”

“I am glad the Municipal Building will be open, the closure unfortunately put the hold on many of our spring initiatives, including the litter control program run by Lila Ervay and the garden volunteer weeding program. The opened doors will help us get supplies to all of our dedicated volunteers in a timely manner,” Mayor Aiello added.

“In addition residents needing permits or licenses from the City Clerk, Department of Public Works and Code Enforcement will be able to complete their business without the time constraints. I thank our residents and our employees for being very resilient over the past three months. It has been a challenge, but with compromise and ingenuity the City continued with a *business as usual* attitude, despite the restrictions,” said Mayor Aiello.

“The last thing we want is to be required to close again. And, as the City is adhering to all the necessary precautions to stop the spread of COVID-19, I ask visitors to the municipal building to do the same,” Mayor Aiello said.

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