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Mayor Aiello Sets Town Hall Meetings

June 25, 2020—Olean—William J. Aiello, Mayor of the City of Olean, has set-up a series of Town Hall Meetings to address the concerns of Olean residents that were discussed at the Common Council Meeting on June 23, 2020 in the discussion of the Black Lives Matter resolution.

“Olean is a great city, its long history is one of tolerance and acceptance. From Olean’s very beginning our city leaders were abolitionists and helped slaves find their way to freedom along the Underground Railroad,” Mayor Aiello said. “Throughout Olean’s history people from all nations, of all races and creeds were welcomed into our community. We should all be very proud of our heritage and work together to continue this fine tradition of good will and compassion.”

“As I sat through the meeting, it became apparent that there is a problem in our community and we must correct it as quickly as possible. The town hall forum will give us a chance to define and get to the root of the problem, and will allow us to work together to devise a strategy to rectify the issues that are causing disruption in our community.”

“Because we are still fighting the COVID-19 virus, we will have to work with the restrictions of social distancing and group sizes of 25 or 50 when Phase IV is instituted. With that in mind I propose a series of meetings for Olean residents to be held on Tuesday June 30, Thursday, July 9, and Thursday, July 16 at the John Ash Community Center from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. My office will take reservations for each night and if necessary, we will add more dates,” Mayor Aiello added. Reservations can be made at (716) 376-5615.

“This is an important time in Olean’s history and I am looking forward to working with our residents to solve the problems that confront us,” Mayor Aiello said.

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