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City of Olean Appoints Residents to the Equity and Inclusion Committee

September 23, 2020—Olean—William J. Aiello, Mayor of the City of Olean, is pleased to announce the following appointments to the Equity and Inclusion Committee that was established by the Olean Common Council on August 11, 2020 in Resolution #62-20 to pursue diversity, inclusion and equity among Olean’s Community members.

The Community Committee members include:

Christopher Brown, Executive Director of the Student Success Center at St. Bonaventure University;

Sharlene Daniels, Personnel and Safety Trainer in Human Resources/Risk Management at Cattaraugus County;

Daniel Gayton, Chairperson of the Office of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Council for Cattaraugus County;

Michelle Robinson, Kindergarten Teacher, Olean City School District.

The Alternate Committee Members include:

Gary Harvey, Staff Pastor at a local ministry in Olean;

Richard Snyder, Retired Music Teacher, Olean City School District.

Members from the Olean Common Council include:

Linda Witte, Alderman Ward 1 who will serve as Chairman of the Committee;

John Crawford, Alderman Ward 5.

The Committee will be an advisory committee under section 2-44 of the City Code and will make recommendations on City policy, practice, and procedure in order to ensure fair and equitable treatment for all Olean residents and City employees. The Committee will promote inclusion, and engagement for all community members with respect to city policies and practices. And the Committee will identify and address inequalities facing under represented populations in the Olean community.

“I am pleased that we had a number of residents who were willing to volunteer their time, talents and energy to the Equity and Inclusion Committee. Members of the Common Council and I worked together to choose the committee members and it was a difficult task as all the candidates were highly qualified,” Mayor Aiello said. “I look forward to the reviewing this committee’s recommendations.”

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