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City of Olean Recognizes Two Residents

March 24, 2022—Olean—During the Olean Common Council Meeting on March 22, 2022, William J. Aiello, Mayor of the City of Olean, recognized Terry Bush and Jason Iacono for their quick, decisive and heroic actions that saved the life of a woman. Both men responded to a distressed individual in the vicinity of the East State Street Bridge on the morning of March 7, 2022.

Mr. Bush was driving along East State Street when he saw a woman sitting on the bridge and thought that she may be in distress. He stopped his car and approached to offer assistance and compassion to the individual. Realizing that professional support was necessary, he called 911 to get the Olean Police and Fire Departments to respond to the situation. As he was on the phone the woman plunged into the water.

Mr. Iacono was walking his dog along the west bank of Olean Creek when he heard a woman screaming and saw her in the water. He secured his dog and ran to get closer to the individual and with great risk to himself jumped into the cold, fast moving water to pull the woman out of Olean Creek before it connected with the Allegheny River.

As he introduced Mr. Bush and Mr. Iacono, Olean Fire Chief Tim Richardson said, “These events are evidence that even in the most turbulent of times the selfless acts of two men helped save the life of a stranger. If one man, Terry Bush did not take time out of his day to see what this individual was doing and if she was okay, no one may have noticed her jump. If the other man was not in the right place at the right time and willing to risk his life to save another; this story may have had a different outcome. On behalf of the City of Olean Fire and Police Departments thank you to both of you men for what you did that day, you are heroes.”

Following the Fire Chief’s introduction, Mayor Aiello presented Certificates of Recognition to Mr. Iacono and Mr. Bush. And on behalf of the Olean Common Council Mayor Aiello commended their heroic actions.

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