

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WATERVLIET
THURSDAY, MARCH 24th, 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricelli at 6:00 P.M.

Roll call showed that Mayor Patricelli, Councilman Torncello and Councilwoman Diamond were present.

Also present from City Administration were City Manager Joe LaCivita, Brian Kremer of Goldberger & Kremer, Director of Finance Amanda Austin, and Deputy City Clerk Dave Wheatley

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Patricelli.

Councilwoman Diamond made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 3-3-2022 Council Meeting which was seconded by Councilman Torncello. A vote was taken to approve the meeting minutes which passed 3-0.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

City Manager Joe LaCivita spoke to the council on the following issues:

- Wee-Doo boats should be delivered to the city in 2-3 weeks.
- Received email from Alpha Boats. They are finalizing the pricing for the barge and conveyor that the city will use for harvesting of the chestnuts at the reservoir.
- City received bids from three companies for the work to be done on the windows at City Hall. Price ranges were from \$317,000 to \$450,000. It is anticipated that this will be brought before the council for approval at the next meeting.
- Denoyer Chevrolet won the bid for two chevy dump trucks at a cost of \$139,400. The trucks will be equipped salting and plowing.
- Mr. LaCivita spoke with DEC and USDA regarding the city's 5-year program to deal with an issue the city is having with geese. Watervliet is also working with the City of Troy in regard to the problem with the crows in the city
- Bids were received for trees at the filtration plant and the low bid was for \$22,500. This will be brought before the council for approval next week.
- Updated the council on the projects the city is working on with National Grid.
- Advised that bulk pick-up is schedule for April 22nd. The Citywide Cleanup is scheduled for April 23rd and the bulk drop off day will be held on May 20th at Hudson Shores Park from 6:00AM to 2:00PM. The electronic drop off day is scheduled for the same day. There will be a charge for electronic drop offs this year.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – Repair Reserve

Mayor Patricelli called the public hearing to order at 6:08PM

Director of Finance Amanda Austin explained the city will need to transfer funds from the repair reserve to repair a light fixture at Hudson Shores Park.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Patricelli closed the public hearing at 6:09PM

RESOLUTION No. 25 for 2022 – A Resolution expressing support for the people of Ukraine.

Upon a motion by Councilman Torncello, which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond this Resolution passed 3-0

RESOLUTION No. 26 for 2022 – A Resolution authorizing and approving the transfer of up to \$6,000 from the repair reserve to repair a light fixture at Hudson Shores Park.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Diamond, which was seconded by Councilman Torncello this Resolution passed 3-0

RESOLUTION No 27 for 2022 – A Resolution appointing and/or reappointing members to the Board of Assessment Review.

Upon a motion by Councilman Torncello, which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond this Resolution passed 3-0

RESOLUTION No 28 for 2022 – A Resolution approving an agreement and release between the City of Watervliet and certain litigants and further authorizing and directing Mayor Charles V. Patricelli to execute same.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Diamond, which was seconded by Councilman Torncello this Resolution passed 3-0

APPROPRIATIONS AND ACCOUNTING

NONE

Mayor Patricelli spoke to the council on the following issues:

- The city has placed a purchased order for two playground sets which were donated to by the Watervliet Charitable Foundation. The cost of the two units was approximately \$81,000 and the sets will be placed in Clinton Park and 15th Street Park.
- The city is working on the policies for the pool for the upcoming season. Mayor Patricelli also provided an update on the work being done on the splashpad being installed in the pool area.
- The mayor pointed out the new podium that was designed and built by Watervliet High School student Daniel Vaughn
- RPI crew team cleaned up the Hudson Shores boathouse last Saturday.
- Docks should be installed at the park in the next couple of weeks.

Mayor Patricelli announced that Watervliet City Court Judge Sue Reinfurt announced her retirement in April and that he has appointed Councilman Peter Torncello to fill the vacancy.

Councilman Torncello thanked the mayor for the appointment.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Kathy Dean – 1868 9th Avenue

Councilman Torncello made a motion to adjourn the council meeting which was seconded by Councilwoman Diamond. The motion passed 3-0 and the council meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM

**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 7th, 2022, 6:00 P.M.
The meeting will be held at the Watervliet Senior Center**

Respectfully Submitted,
David C. Wheatley
Deputy City Clerk