

**ONEONTA, NEW YORK –AUGUST 1, 2013 - 4:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE PG. 1**

PRESENT: Chair Margery K. Merzig
Commissioner Louis Tisenchek
Commissioner David Hayes
ABSENT: Commissioner Joseph Temming
Commissioner Barry Warren

Chair Merzig called the regular meeting to order and asked the Clerk to call the roll.

PETITIONERS

Chair Merzig noted that no petitioners had appeared but that Code Enforcement Officer Chiappisi was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board approved the minutes of the regular meetings held July 11, 2013 without benefit of a motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Merzig recognized Code Enforcement Officer Chiappisi who discussed two newly identified vacant properties that are not being maintained at 9 Hickory Street and 6-8 Washington Street.

After a discussion with the board and the Code Enforcement Officer, the board considered the following motion.

MOTION, made by Commissioner Hayes and seconded by Commissioner Tisenchek, that based on testimony heard from the Code Enforcement Officer under Chapter 92, Unsafe Buildings, of the Code of the City of Oneonta, directs the Code Enforcement Officer to secure 9 Hickory Street and 6-8 Washington Street from entry and schedule Unsafe Building hearings for both properties at the next meeting of the Board:

Voting Ayes: Chair Merzig
Commissioner Tisenchek
Commissioner Hayes
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner Warren
Commissioner Temming

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Tisenchek then discussed concerns from neighbors with 102 River Street to see whether the Board can be of further assistance. Chair Merzig stated that she would speak with the Code Enforcement Officer prior to the next meeting and place discussion on the agenda for that meeting.

Chair Merzig then asked the Code Enforcement Officer about the Unsafe Building Hearing on the agenda for 50 Clinton Street. Code Enforcement Officer Chiappisi reported that the local manager for this building has taken over maintenance and that they have made sufficient progress to make an Unsafe Building declaration unnecessary.

The board then considered the request to schedule an Unsafe Building Hearing for 91 Main Street (Alan Rubin).

MOTION, made by Commissioner Hayes and seconded by Commissioner Tisenchek that the board schedule an Unsafe Building Hearing for 91 Main Street.

Voting Ayes: Chair Merzig

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Commissioner Tisenchek
Commissioner Hayes
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner Warren
Commissioner Temming

MOTION CARRIED

Chair Merzig asked Code Enforcement Officer Chiappisi if he had further matters to discuss. He reported that the Code Enforcement Office is implementing new software that will allow Board members to access information on unsafe buildings, certificates of compliance and other property details.

Chair Merzig then moved to consider the water bill appeals before the board, as follows:

David Benjamin, 26 West Street

The board considered the appeal, noted that the appellant had chosen not to have the meter tested, and determined that the documentation did not support an adjustment of the bill and the board then considered the following motion:

MOTION, made by Commissioner Hayes and seconded by Commissioner Tisenchek, that the board deny the water bill appeal for 26 West Street and that the bill be paid within 30 days.

Voting Ayes: Chair Merzig
Commissioner Tisenchek
Commissioner Hayes
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner Warren
Commissioner Temming

MOTION CARRIED

Nancy Chapin: 60 Miller Street

Chair Merzig noted that property owner has had the meter removed for testing but that the meter tester was on vacation and has not reported results. The Board considered the following motion:

MOTION, made by Commissioner Hayes and seconded by Commissioner Merzig, that the board table discussion of the water bill appeal for 60 Miller Street until the September meeting to allow for test results to be reported.

Voting Ayes: Chair Merzig
Commissioner Hayes
Commissioner Tisenchek
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner Temming
Commissioner Warren

MOTION CARRIED

Hanna Kaoud: 55 Hudson Street

The board reviewed the data related to the Kaoud bill and considered the following motion:

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MOTION, made by Commissioner Merzig and seconded by Commissioner Tisenchek, that the board had no basis to adjust the bill and that the board deny the water bill appeal for the property located at 55 Hudson Street.

Voting Ayes: Chair Merzig
Commissioner Tisenchek
Commissioner Hayes

Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner Warren
Commissioner Temming

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION, made by Commissioner Merzig and seconded by Commissioner Hayes that the Board direct Finance Director Hungerford that Steven Feuer be charged the minimum for the water bill at his law office at 23 Ford Avenue based on the fact that Silver Creek runs under his front yard and he essentially runs his water as a service to the City so that the pipes do not freeze.

Chair Merzig entered into the record a copy of the agreement between the City and John Caiola for payment of Water Account #51-91109690.

There being no further business to come before the board, Chair Merzig adjourned the regular meeting at approximately 4:29 p.m.

DOUGLAS KENDALL, City Clerk

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