

# Minutes

Housing Committee  
Monday, February 14, 2022  
6:45 p.m.  
Police Training Room  
Municipal Building, Jamestown, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilwoman Carrubba, Councilman Sheldon, Councilman Brackman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Williams, Director of Development Crystal Surdyk, Assistant Corporation Counsel Benjamin Haskin.

Councilwoman Carrubba called the meeting to order.

## **Public Comment:**

Benjamin Haskin Assistant Corporation Counsel provided updates to Code Enforcement Court. Currently ten to fifteen cases are able to be heard by the judge each week. Generally, four to five of the cases scheduled tend to appear on any given court date. The focus is currently on the most severe cases. The Department of Development has seen some cases move in a positive direction and hope to continue on that path with the help of the housing court. In addition to court, if the department is made aware of utilities that have been shut off in a specific property, they are able to issue a notice to vacate. If a payment plan has not been made or help has been sought within five days, they must vacate the property. A few demolition orders have been granted by granted by the judge since court reopened.

Of the original fourteen 19-A's, the department is moving forward with dine. Three of the five that the department is no longer moving forward on have had the taxes paid, thus not allowing the city to take title of the property. The fourth has transferred ownership and the new owner has begun renovations and the fifth is most likely going to be demolished.

Zombie law properties are another priority for the department and they continue to move forward with those.

Inspections have begun on properties that are potentially slated for a second round of 19-A properties.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer R. Williams  
City Clerk/Treasurer