

Minutes

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, February 12, 2024

7:00 P.M.

Police Training Room, Fourth Floor
Municipal Building, Jamestown, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jeff Russell, Councilman William Reynolds III, Councilman Joseph Paterniti

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief Timothy Jackson, Deputy Fire Chief Matt Coon

Councilman Russell called the meeting to order.

Public Safety Committee

Opportunities for Public Comment

No one from the public appeared before the Public Safety to speak.

Resolutions

1. WHEREAS, the County of Chautauqua heretofore applied for State funding under the New York State Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Grant and,

WHEREAS, the County's application has been approved and a portion of the grant funds must be shared with the City of Jamestown Police Department, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Police Chief be and they hereby are authorized and directed to participate in the 2024 New York State Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Grant with funding in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) provided by the State of New York.

The funding will be used to purchase equipment for discovery to be utilized by evidence technicians.

A motion was made by Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Councilman Paterniti.

Carried: 3 – 0

2. RESOLVED, that Police Officer Courtney Schauman, Fire Investigators Corey Ellis, Jesus Garcia, and Luke Ames be hereby authorized to attend the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control – Fire Investigation course, as conducted by the New York State Academy of Fire Science, located at 600 College Avenue, Montour Falls, NY 14865, beginning March 20, 2024 and concluding April 14, 2024, with fees and expenses paid pursuant to Section 77-b of the General Municipal Laws of the State of New York.

Deputy Fire Chief Coon noted that this training will be for four new investigators. He also provided background on the training program.

A motion was made by Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Councilman Paterniti.

Carried: 3 – 0

3. CITY OF JAMESTOWN
LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2024

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER §C-41 OF THE CITY GENERAL LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH AN ASSESSMENT GRIEVANCE DAY AS THE FIRST MONDAY IN JUNE, PURSUANT TO NEW YORK STATE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §512.

BY COUNCIL:	Introduced February 26, 2024	
	Adopted	2024
	Signed	2024

WHEREAS, the City of Jamestown has adopted legislation in accordance with Real Property Tax Law §512 to provide for a Board of Assessment Review; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Jamestown is authorized to determine and fix the day of assessment grievance hearings; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to set the designated day as the first Monday in June;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, by the City Council of the City of Jamestown, New York as follows:

Section 1. Chapter § C-41 entitled “Assessor and Board of Assessment Review.” of General Legislation is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. There shall be a Board of Assessment Review consisting of five members. The Board of Assessment Review shall be constituted as provided for in the Real Property Tax Law and shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties as conferred by the Real Property Tax Law. Pursuant to the authority granted by 512 of the Real Property Tax Law, the City of Jamestown Assessment Grievance Day will hereby be held on the first Monday in June of each year.

Section 2. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder therefore, but shall be confined to its operation in said clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of this Local Law.

Section 3. This Local Law shall become effective immediately in accordance with Municipal Home Rule Law.

A motion was made by Councilman Paterniti, seconded by Councilman Reynolds.

Carried: 3 – 0

Informational Report

Councilman Paterniti expressed concern over the BPU buildings being properly secured. Councilman Russell suggested that Councilman Paterniti speak off the record with Dave Leathers regarding his safety and security concerns.

Councilman Reynolds began a conversation about residents walking in the street on Main Street near the Arcade Building. He would like to see something done, to help direct people away from the street. A possible solution might be the addition of barriers to act as a pathway.

The committee also discussed the addition of safety lighting under the viaduct on Main Street. Temporary lighting has been installed; however, they would like to see the permanent lighting installed.

Councilman Reynolds asked if the Jamestown Police Department is planning to change operations on April 8, 2024 for the eclipse. Chief Jackson thinks that most of the activity will take place outside of the city limits. There have been many planning meetings with county agencies.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer R. Williams