

Minutes

Housing Committee
September 23, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Police Training Room
Municipal Building, Jamestown, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilman Reynolds, Councilwoman Brackman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Sheldon

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Jennifer R. John, Kasie Foulk, Council President Tony Dolce

Councilman Reynolds called the meeting to order.

Opportunities for Public Comment

Doug Champ, 225 Bowen Street, appeared to address the committee regarding the Housing Assistance Plan. He explained housing is a critical issue for many. He continued to explain the cost of materials for building has increased. Mr. Champ provided council members with an alternative to salvaging our materials. He expressed the possibility of inspecting each demo beforehand to utilize any preservable materials.

Informational Report

Ms. Foulk, appeared to address the committee regarding the ARPA Roof Applications. She stated, if they were able to fund the full amount of \$25,000 per project the first 28 eligible applicants will be accepted. The rest will be denied. Councilwoman Brackman, expressed what criteria was needed to be approved. Ms. Foulk stated, there is an income guideline and also mentioned pieces of information needed for the application.

President Dolce, stated his concern specifically on the properties on Lakeview Avenue. Ms. Foulk noted that demos are in progress and stated many streets that are currently underway. She also noted they are waiting on sidewalk repairs and cleanup.

Councilman Reynolds asked Ms. Foulk about the public session that occurred and its outcome. Ms. Foulk expressed about 40-50 people were in attendance. Surrounded by ideas and discussion. She also stated they need as much info as possible and would like for everyone to participate in an online survey on the city's website.

Councilwoman Brackman expressed her concerns with a property being occupied when its condemned. She stated the individuals have tents in the backyard. Mr. Dolce also stated individuals living on Prendergast Street in a house that is to be condemned. Ms. Foulk replied

ensuring those situations are to be handled. Ms. Foulk also stated those occupying the vacant properties are offered housing and care. Councilwoman Brackman addressed the house on Lafayette and 10th Street that was boarded several times and people still continue to get through.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer R. Williams City Clerk/Treasurer