



City Council Minutes  
The City of Cortland  
July 15, 2008

Council Meeting #12  
July 15, 2008  
Regular Session  
City Hall  
7:00 PM

Present: Alderman VanGorder, Benedict, Dye, Tobin, Feiszli and Michales

Staff Present: Director of Administration and Finance Andrew J. Damiano,  
Corporation Counsel Lawrence Knickerbocker and  
City Clerk John O. Reagan

Mayor Gallagher calls the twelfth Common Council meeting of the year to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann Doyle was present to announce that she had received a red oak tree as part of the tree lottery program and was pleased with the individuals who planted it and the tree is beautiful.

Henry Knabe was present to inquire about the status of the one building on one City lot by the land use attorneys. Corporation Counsel Lawrence Knickerbocker stated that it was part of the Zoning revision that is being reviewed. Alderman Benedict noted that he is working on getting that into place prior to the Zoning revision adoption to restrict development to one building on one City lot. Corporation Counsel Knickerbocker noted that the Zoning revisions would have to be received back from the attorneys, have a public hearing, go to the County Planning Department, a SEQR review must be done and then it could be voted on.

Mike Dexter was present to announce that forty (40) tree lottery trees had been planted this week. He is pleased that Ann Doyle is happy with her new tree. He mentioned that the Landscape and Design Commission had worked on this for five (5) years. He noted that this year they had worked hard to get lots of people to apply for these trees. He also noted that unfortunately forty (40) trees would be lost in the City this year. He also noted that at one time the City had planted two (2) trees in front of many houses. He

hoped that funds could be found to plant more trees. He also noted that the maple tree stock will be depleted due to their condition.

He announced the dedication at Dexter Park on July 16, 2008 of the Partigiononi Softball Field. The Old Timers Game would be played at Meldrim Field. The Old Timers Band will be there. It's from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, a dedication ceremony from 7:00 to 7:30 PM and then the Old Timers Game will be played. The Partigiononi Family will be there and they will throw out the first ball.

He also noted that the fountain in the park has been repaired. He thanked the Administration for doing this. He noted that people should not be in the fountain and that citizens should remind abusers that the fountain is not a pool. He noted that there were also no overhead lights over Main Street and Port Watson and Tompkins Street at that intersection. He noted that late at night it was very dark at that intersection. He suggested that perhaps some of the overhead lights that aren't necessary on South Main Street could be moved to that intersection to illuminate it.

#### Minutes of July 1, 2008

**RESOLUTION #77** OF 2008 – Approve the minutes of July 1, 2008 as amended.

By: Alderman Dye  
Seconded: Alderman VanGorder

Approved: Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0

Bills were reviewed and received.

#### Mayor's Report

He was not here for two (2) weeks, but was on the phone daily. He noted that there was a back-up at Yaman Park and a tree split on North Church Street and a fire.

He read a proclamation celebrating the SUNY Cortland Class of 1958 fiftieth class reunion.

Ward 1 – Alderman VanGorder

She had a joint Ward meeting with the second, third and sixth Wards to discuss flooding issues. She thanked Alderman Benedict for organizing it and Aldermen Feiszli and Alderman Dye, Carol Tytler, Amy Bertini and Pat Ready from Soil and Water. She has received several calls and e-mails regarding the FEMA maps and how it is affecting many in her Ward.

She received a couple of complaints regarding the house on Wheeler Avenue and did speak with Chief Glover who went to inspect the complaint. It was noted that there were some cats at that address, but the owner indicated that they were pets. Chief Glover noted that he did not see evidence of things getting out of control. She asked if the Council could vote at their next meeting regarding the number of pets per household. Corporation Counsel Knickerbocker noted that he would get something to present to the Council at the next meeting for review and to refresh their memories. There were also a couple of other Code issues and Chief Glover took care of them.

There have also been some discussions about towing fees. Aldermen Tobin and Feiszli were also called and Alderman Tobin has done some research regarding these and has some good information to share. She also received complaints about trash pick-up and broken lids on trash cans.

#### Ward 2 – Alderman Benedict

He attended the joint Ward meeting with Wards one, two, three and six. Pat Reidy from Soil and Water did a nice job with the presentation on Chris Bistocchi's plans. He noted that he would like Mr. Bistocchi to come in and review those plans with the Council as there appear to be some differences. He noted that Carol Tytler added to the report.

He attended a dinner to celebrate the accomplishments of the Tobacco Free Zone Program. He checked out the fire on Pleasant Street and noted that there was a lot of damage there. He went on a number of field trips to the Water Works to see where the proposed dams were going to be. He met with the housing group and Mr. Cheney noted that he had sent Corporation Counsel Knickerbocker the first installment of the Zoning revision. Corporation Counsel Knickerbocker noted that he had not received anything and he would check on that with Cheney and Blair.

#### Ward 3 – Alderman Dye

He thanked Alderman Feiszli for obtaining the flood maps for the joint Ward meeting. He noted that there was a lot of discussion and concerning the new flood map and how the upper end of Hamlin Street and the properties east of there; down to Homer Avenue have never had water due to flooding. He also received five (5) e-mails with questions as to the appeal process and what needs to be done to file an appeal.

He spoke with two (2) property owners on Helen Avenue concerning a tree that had fallen across the creek and damaged their fences. He advised them as to whom they needed to contact and what they needed to do to rectify the problem.

He had received a phone call concerning the "boot" program and how it has seemed to work well in Auburn and Syracuse. He received an e-mail concerning the Rental Program and how they were opposed to the idea of using square footage to determine occupancy allowances.

He also had spoken with three (3) of his neighbors regarding the feral cat problem in the neighborhood. He advised them that the Council currently has a committee that is looking into this and other issues dealing with animals both domestic and exotic.

#### Ward 4 – Alderman Tobin

He attended the meeting of the Housing Committee. More about the rental permit program later this evening. He and Aldermen Benedict and Hamilton had met with Chief Nichols and Deputy Chief Catalano to get an overview of the Police Department and its needs. They discussed the “boot” program and it was very informative.

He also noted that he and Aldermen VanGorder and Feiszli had been contacted by one of the local tow operators. He did a bit of research about towing and the going rate that is charged. He followed up by speaking with Director of Administration and Finance Andrew J. Damiano and Deputy Chief Catalano and one of the tow operators who works for the City. Things should be moving along on this.

He met with Alderman Quail and they discussed the report on consolidation. He noted that they are reaching out to the Mayor and Director of Administration and Finance Damiano as well as contacting Cortlandville, the County and potentially Homer and McGraw, to hopefully begin a dialogue. He noted that with the issue of flooding and the proposed student housing complex on Route 81, he felt that perhaps with the concerns of flooding and pollution to the City that the Council should send a letter advocating that a full SEQR review be done.

Director of Administration and Finance Damiano noted that since the proposed project would be disturbing over an acre of land the developers would have to apply to the DEC for approval and receive a SPDES permit before the project could begin. He noted that was mandatory and that the DEC was coming down really hard on storm water regulation. He also noted that he and Chris Bistocchi had been working very hard on and planned to bring this to the Council, was the City’s efforts to emphasis storm water regulation. Alderman Tobin felt that a letter from the Council should still be sent to Cortlandville expressing their concerns. It was also noted that the Landlord’s Association had also initiated a lawsuit regarding this project, in that no SEQR review had been done in this process on this project. The Mayor noted that a letter should be sent outlining the Council’s concerns and Corporation Counsel Knickerbocker noted that he would draft it. He would outline the Council’s concerns regarding flooding and the impact on the aquifer and send copies to the Cortlandville Town Board, the Cortlandville ZBA and Cortlandville Planning Board.

#### Ward 6 – Alderman Feiszli

She noted that after the heavy downpour on Sunday, she drove around the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward and made note of the areas that had minor flooding. This appeared to be caused by blocked catch basins and she reported them to the DPW along with a request for catch

basin cleanouts on Sampson, Morningside and Cherry Streets. She had also asked Chris Bistocchi to do some test dry wells on Hickory Park near the river and she checked those and the houses in the area. She thanked Alderman Benedict for organizing the informational Ward meetings to address the proposed detention pond at the Water Works and the proposed FEMA flood zone maps. There were also many concerns regarding the aquifer with this proposed retention pond and it didn't appear that the engineers had included that in their study. She noted that John Helgrin from the Department of Health was at this meeting. He informed her that he was writing a response to the City regarding the proposed CNS project.

There had been many requests for FEMA, DEC and the Regional Flood Plain Management representatives to provide another meeting with City residents to answer additional questions regarding the flood maps. The public meeting will be on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The time and place should be determined next week. It will be in the evening.

Even though Cortland County Soil and Water have already been doing a good job of studying FEMA's technical data, it was suggested that the City make a formal request to them to continue this work during the ninety (90) day Appeal Period. More will be discussed about this during the discussion later this evening. She asked that the Council give permission to add an additional item to this evening's agenda which would be a proposed resolution regarding the proposed FEMA flood insurance rate maps. Director of Administration and Finance Damiano noted that this was a good resolution especially if the City didn't need to hire an engineer to work on this.

She also has been concerned with what's going on on Grant Street. She spoke with Jim Place regarding the large number of claims received from pot holes in the City. She feels that better lighting or directional signs would be beneficial and she wondered how long the project would take.

Ward 8 – Alderman Michales

He noted that there was some street flooding in the low lying areas during the recent rainstorm. One was attributed to the drywell being plugged. The other issue in his Ward was the dumping of debris on Franklin Street and he is working to get that resolved.

**RESOLUTION #78** OF 2008 – Consideration of the confirmation of the appointment of Jeff Gambetta to the City Planning Commission to complete the unexpired term of Wes Pettee (tabled on July 1, 2008).

Mayor Gallagher outlined the process that was followed regarding all appointments. Alderman Feiszli noted she would appreciate receiving biographic information on all appointments. Jo Schaffer noted that Planning Commission appointees need to have annual training.

Motion: Alderman VanGorder

Seconded: Alderman Dye

Approved: Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0

**RESOLUTION #79** OF 2008 – Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$3,000 in Community Development Miscellaneous Revenue funds for the partial funding of the cost of a “Welcome to Cortland” gateway sign (to be done in partnership with the Cortland County Chamber of Commerce).

Gary VanGorder was present from the Chamber of Commerce to provide the information regarding this project. It will be located near the new bridge going in on River Street. There is no specific design plan yet, as to what it will look like, but funds are being raised.

Motion: Alderman VanGorder  
Seconded: Alderman Benedict

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0  
Abstained – Alderman VanGorder

**RESOLUTION #80** OF 2008 – Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the closure of Main Street, from Groton/Clinton Avenues to Port Watson Street, on August 9, 2008 from 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P. M. in order to stage the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual National Brockway Truck Show.

Motion: Alderman Benedict  
Seconded: Alderman Michales

Approved: Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0

Item No. 4 - Consideration of Jim Place’s recommendation to suspend garden waste and brush pick-up for the months of August and September so the DPW staff can focus on paving and street repair projects.

Alderman Michales asked if any consideration had been given to outsourcing the pick ups of these debris. The Mayor noted that individuals could take the debris down to Franklin Street themselves, but the City had been doing this for years. It’s expensive and takes a lot of time away from the DPW’s general street repairs which are behind this year. Alderman Feiszli noted that she received a letter from Jim Place and that personnel problems within the DPW what with vacations and medical absences had been resolved. She also noted that she had received information that the County had also offered to assist the DPW with either the street repairs or the brush pick ups. Chris

Bistocchi and Don Chambers will be discussing this. Alderman VanGorder asked that an update on this be given at the next Council meeting.

Item No. 5 – Discussion regarding the recommendation to undertake a capital borrowing in 2008 for the purchase of equipment and the funding of small capital projects.

Director of Administration and Finance Andrew J. Damiano noted that as he stated in his informational memo, the City had been holding all capital issues in abeyance as work has been ongoing with the major capital issues. He doesn't want to lose sight of continuing the functions of the City, such as paving, equipment replacement, minor projects, etc. The City now has an opportunity based on the financial plan he had laid out on phased borrowing to do the fire station and perhaps the police station renovations, but also borrowing this year to handle all of the other things that we have to pay attention to. We can't allow the City to crumble while we await a fire station project. It can be done in a way as to have minimal impact on the taxpayers. Debt service that is retiring can be replaced with new debt for a minimal, if any, impact on the tax rates based upon replacement debt service. He felt that if the Council waited until 2010 or 2011 when the City might have a fire station in the ground, there will be so many projects to do and equipment to replace, so much of a backlog, that they'll never catch up. We have to continue to function. He also asked for a work session at 5:30 P.M. on August 5, 2008, to have the architectural firm who is doing the fire department study, Mitchell Associates will be here to present the work done to date. He will make a recommendation regarding that project. He is looking for the Council's permission to begin working with the departments to form a proposed capital budget, to bring to the Council for a bond issue sometime this year. He intends to ask each department for a priority list of capital projects and equipment that needs to be done or replaced, to come up with a proposed plan along with his financial projections and his recommendations and to come before the Council for review and revision. He needs to get some direction from the Council before he begins work on this. He would like to propose a three (3) year paving program after discussion he has had with Chris Bistocchi so that a number of streets can be dealt with. There is also old equipment that should have been replaced many, many years ago and we have been paying more for repairs and parts costs than we would if we had a debt service payment to buy new equipment. He has reports on that to show the Council.

Alderman Feiszli asked how the City stood in its bond rating. Director of Administration and Finance Damiano noted that right now it was stagnant because of our financial issue. A couple of things will be changing soon, such as the foreclosure program. Moody's is really looking for the City to proceed on that, which we are. Moody's concerns were that the City was not aggressive enough in producing revenue ideas. That's why the City has been working diligently on coming up with new ideas, such as the boot program, the sprinkler fee program and the storm water run off program. These are all new fee revenue generating programs. We have been looking at all of these since Moody's suggested them. He noted that the storm water run off fee would be based upon square footage and the percentage of impervious surface on the lot. It would be so much per square foot of impervious surface and would be aimed at larger

properties, not residential properties; like the hospital. It will include parking lots, sidewalks and roofing areas, anything that is not a surface that will absorb water. He and Chris Bistocchi are about seventy-five (75) percent complete with their research project. He felt that if the City could show Moody's that they were enhancing their revenue producing stream, the bond rating will remain stagnant and not go down and hopefully, might even go up. He also noted that the money market right now was good and the City could borrow money very inexpensively. He also noted that this has nothing to do with the budget for 2009. He also hopes to stage it late enough in the year so that they close the borrowing and won't have anything but a minimal interest payment until 2010. He asked for the Council's permission to begin work on this proposal.

The Council indicated their approval to give him the go ahead to begin the work on the proposal.

Item No. 6 – Discussion regarding the issue of City vehicles being driven home by City employees.

Some Department Heads were present to answer questions. Director of Administration and Finance Andrew Damiano noted that he had given the Council all the information that he could come up with regarding this issue. He didn't feel that it was a rampant problem. Alderman Feiszli noted that there were a number of reasons why she brought up this item. She had been questioned by people over the years regarding the City's policy for City vehicle use by employees, especially after hours. She contacted the County Fleet Supervisor where the City obtains their gasoline and asked him about their policy. The County has a policy, but apparently the City doesn't. This led to her talking with the Mayor about gasoline use and the savings the DPW had realized starting in November, by restricting employee use of City vehicles to go home at lunch time. It saved the DPW over \$1,000 in the first month and gas prices have increased since then. Director of Administration and Finance Damiano noted that these comments made the City sound haphazard about how City vehicles were used by employees. He noted that the City knew who was assigned the use of the vehicles and where they were used and mileage used and that was all monitored. Alderman Feiszli noted that there was no actual written policy and she felt that there should be a written policy. Director of Administration and Finance Damiano felt that the real issue was residency rather than vehicle use. Alderman Feiszli noted that some responder employees lived up to twenty (20) miles away and she felt that perhaps they could be reimbursed per incident rather than taking that vehicle home on a daily basis. She noted that there are city-wide, twenty-two (22) or twenty-three (23) City vehicles that are taken home on a daily basis. Director of Administration and Finance Damiano noted that he would try to save every nickel he could and if he was aware of anyone wasting gas, he would speak with them personally.

Alderman Feiszli asked if the Council would like to adopt a policy establishing a city radius limiting the take home of City vehicles and instituting a reimbursement policy when an emergency response is required by those employees living outside of the

radius. She also was concerned about the City's liability for non-employees (family) riding in those vehicles. Director of Administration and Finance Damiano insisted that the City vehicles were not used recreationally and only for response.

Corporation Counsel Knickerbocker noted that he had read the Department Head responses and he had spoken with Chief Nichols. He noted that if those employees who lived out of the radius area were to respond to an emergency in their private vehicles, they would not be taking their private vehicles directly to the response scene, because those vehicles were not equipped to arrive directly at the scene. They would have to come into the City, pick up their City response vehicle and then go to the scene. This could result in extra time responding that might threaten someone's life, health or property and might also result in extra cost. Alderman Michales related an incident where a quick response far outweighed a savings of a few dollars in gas. Alderman Benedict noted that the City might want to reward employees for living within the City. Alderman Michales felt that they should look at fuel efficient vehicles as opposed to compromising safety. Alderman Feiszli still felt that a policy should be in place. Director of Administration and Finance Damiano noted that most city departments had a single vehicle, driven by the Department Head. He felt that they could institute a policy of no family members riding in a City vehicle to reduce the City's liability as opposed to taking away that City employee's ability to respond to an emergency situation as quickly as possible thereby compromising emergency response. Alderman Feiszli was concerned about the total number of cars going home with employees.

Alderman Benedict felt they should contact Jim Place as to how to limit the City's insurance liability on the use of all of these City vehicles by non-employee family members. Alderman Tobin noted that the cost of gas was part of the consideration, as well as maintenance. He also felt that safety was an important issue and that perhaps they could consider having individuals share a vehicle. He questioned whether twenty-three (23) vehicles were needed on an on-call basis, every day. Director of Administration and Finance Damiano felt that they weren't talking about a lot of money being saved.

Alderman Feiszli asked Police Chief Nichols about his take home vehicle policy. Chief Nichols noted that his department was a small department and unlike privately owned vehicles, his staff took home emergency equipped vehicles, which gave the department the capability of bringing law enforcement officers back to the community in an emergency situation, giving his department the capability of having more officers out on the streets as they travel to and from work. He noted that last Saturday night there was a serious house fire in the City. Police detectives responded to that. The Police Department's contract pays an overtime rate from the moment the officer receives the phone call to respond. If they had to drive from their home, to the Police Department to pick up a vehicle and then back to the emergency scene, then after they're done at the scene, they'd have to drive back to the Police Department, drop off the response vehicle and then drive back home; that would be ridiculous. He noted that last Saturday night was very busy for his department. He has not had a problem with take home vehicles and his department in all of the years he has been here. He related a number of

incidents where this had proven very beneficial in fighting crime or responding to emergencies over the years. He also noted that his Department had a residence policy that all employees must live within fifteen (15) miles of the City, not twenty (20) or twenty-five (25) miles and that has been in place since 1975. He also noted that the police response vehicles were not for personal use and could not be used to transport family members unless they were participating in the special family or special public ride along programs. He stated that City police officers are not using their City cars for personal business. He noted that having these cars immediately available for response when his small force is having a major crime situation is a major bonus to the City. He noted that the average cost of gas over the past 10 years was about \$1.20. His fleet used about seventeen hundred (1,700) gallons a month resulting in nineteen thousand three hundred ninety-seven (19,397) gallons a year and their monthly mileage is eighteen thousand (18,000) miles. Now the gas is costing \$3.00 a gallon, but that doesn't come close to what the overtime would cost. If you're talking about abuse on his department's part, there isn't one. He felt that having seven (7) or eight (8) additional armed officers able to respond quickly to a situation, that was a good deal. He noted that the City needed its department heads and vital employees readily available to respond to the emergencies of this community because they didn't have large numbers of employees on duty. He gave some more examples of how his employees recently responded to various situations and how take-home vehicle use by police officers was very practical. Alderman Tobin felt they should reward people who could respond more quickly to an emergency by establishing a policy regarding emergency response employees living within the City or within a fifteen (15) mile limit. Director of Administration and Finance Damiano noted that he didn't believe there was anyone living outside of the fifteen (15) mile limit. Alderman Tobin then felt that if they established the policy now, then it wouldn't be a problem and that it would prevent future potential problems. Director of Administration and Finance Damiano felt that it would create future problems. Alderman Michales agreed. Alderman Tobin felt that this was a financial issue. Director of Administration and Finance Damiano felt that it wasn't a financial issue, but it would serve to limit the pool of employees eligible for promotions.

Alderman Feiszli asked that this item be placed on the agenda for future discussion while she conducted more research on how other municipalities handled this situation. Alderman Benedict noted that he supported Alderman Feiszli's efforts to look into saving money.

#### Item No. 7 – Discussion regarding FEMA's proposed changes to the Flood Zone Maps.

Alderman Feiszli noted that the proposed resolution regarding the FEMA was not part of this agenda item. Alderman Benedict stated that they should continue on to the resolution.

**RESOLUTION #81** OF 2008 – Consideration of a Resolution whereby the City of Cortland requests the Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District to study the technical basis behind the proposed new 2008 FEMA flood hazard maps and to present

findings to the City Council. The report will be used for a formal technical challenge to the proposed FEMA maps if there is sufficient reason to believe that significant changes to the flood boundaries will result from a revised or more accurate analysis.

Alderman Feiszli proposed that the City website provide links to various other websites where residents could obtain information and answer questions. Alderman Benedict agreed. Amy Bertini gave a phone number where she could be reached to provide additional information.

Director of Administration and Finance Andrew J. Damiano noted that this resolution would put all the ability of handling the City's FEMA flood hazard map appeal to the Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District. He felt that was a good idea and Alderman Michales agreed.

Alderman VanGorder noted that people needed to contact Amy Bertini, City Zoning Officer, because this was not the answer for all of the people. She spoke of the MOMA letter being a chance for some people to remove their homes or structures from the flood zone. Alderman Benedict noted that Amy Bertini had packets of materials available upon request regarding how to appeal themselves.

There was some discussion regarding the various cost basis of flood insurance.

Motion:	Alderman Feiszli
Seconded:	Alderman Michales
Approved:	Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

Item No. 8 – Continuation of discussion regarding the proposed Rental Housing Permit Law.

Alderman Tobin noted that the Housing Committee had met with Attorney Cheney to discuss the proposed Rental Housing Permit Law and some of the rationale behind various aspects of the law. They met for about three (3) hours. The end result was that the issues were narrowed down and the document was tightened down. The biggest issue discussed was square footage versus three (3) unrelated and how this would affect current rental properties. The Committee felt that they needed to have a better grasp on how many rental units there were out there and how many people were looking to rent and how this will impact rental housing in the City. Because if it is too restrictive, people may not have a place to live and if it was too loose, then they would have a lot of houses being converted with an over abundance of rental properties. The document is getting close to being finalized. The decision needed to be made regarding which way they were going to go, either with square footage or three (3) unrelated. Perhaps this needed to be put before the Zoning Board or the Planning Commission, perhaps the decision needed to be made about rezoning various parts of the City because things have changed over time.

Alderman Feiszli noted that the Comprehensive Plan Committee would be addressing the zoning issue within the next three weeks. The Mayor noted that Ann Hotchkin of Thoma Development, had contacted SUNY students, but had not been able to reach TCCC students to get a better grasp on this issue. She is continuing to work on this and will be announcing some of their findings. She will be working with SUNY Cortland to get more useful information. Corporation Counsel Knickerbocker noted that the selling housing values are also an indicator of how many students are living in a house. This along with the code revision and the rental housing permit proposal will all work together to get this under control.

Director of Administration and Finance Andrew J. Damiano asked how close they were to finalizing the rental housing permit proposal. Alderman Benedict felt that the wording was pretty much finalized and that they were down to deciding which way they wanted to go; either the three (3) unrelated or the square footage. Alderman Benedict stated that the general consensus of the Council, the Committee members and the community was that the three (3) unrelated was the preferable way to go as well as the different zones. Alderman Michales noted that perhaps they could do a combination of both, the three (3) unrelated and the square footage.

**RESOLUTION #82** OF 2008 – Consideration of the confirmation of the appointment of Al Stauber an appointment by the Village of McGraw to the City Cable Commission.

Motion: Alderman Benedict  
Seconded: Alderman VanGorder

Approved: Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0

**Adjournment**

By: Alderman Benedict  
Seconded: Alderman Tobin

Approved: Ayes - 6  
Nays - 0

**I, JOHN O. REAGAN, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, NEW YORK DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT SAID RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, HELD ON THE 15th DAY OF JULY 2008. I FURTHER CERTIFY THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR IN THE TIME REQUIRED.**

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**JOHN O. REAGAN – CITY CLERK**

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**MAYOR THOMAS GALLAGHER**