

February 16, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Common Council was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM, in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall with President Claudia DeStefano presiding.

Upon roll call there were present: President DeStefano, Aldermen Donahue, Friedman, Garriga, Haddad, Keith, Miah, Moore, Rector and Scalera.

Absent: Alderman O'Hara.

(Alderman O'Hara arrived after roll call)

The Clerk announced there was a quorum present for the meeting as required by Section C12-13 of the City Charter.

On motion of **Alderman Rector**, seconded by **Alderman Moore**, the minutes of the January 11th and January 19th meetings were ordered received and placed on file. Carried.

On motion of **Alderman Haddad**, seconded by **Alderman Miah**, the Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2016 was ordered received and placed on file. Carried.

Committee Reports.

On motion of **Alderman Haddad**, seconded by **Alderman Keith**, the following committee reports were ordered received and placed on file:

DPW COMMITTEE MEETING

The DPW Committee Meeting for January was held on Wednesday January 27th at 5:30 PM.

Present were DPW Supt. Perry, Committee members Chairman Donahue, Garriga, Miah, Scalera, Council President DeStefano, Mayor Hamilton, and Mayor's Assistant Walsh.

Supt. Perry gave the Committee and those in attendance his monthly Superintendents Report and gave a detailed breakdown of the report also included were photographs 37 in number of ongoing activities within the department covered were Sewer Department, Water, 2015 Paving, Foster's, Snow, DPW, Shared Services, Cemetery and Youth Department. See enclosed Superintendents Report for that detailed breakdown.

Committee member Garriga brought a copy of a Resolution passed in 2014 regarding placing of a handicap ramp at Promenade Hill Park and asked Supt. Perry when that would take place. He answered it should be done in March or April. She further stated there were two street lights out of order on Robinson Street the # 2 + 3 lights and requested the lights be replaced as the area is in the dark and a street light on Columbia Street between 2nd and 3rd Street. Supt. Perry stated that those street lights would be replaced in the very near future. He further stated that street lights out on Mill Street had been corrected.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

The next DPW Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday February 24th at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Robert J. Donahue
 DPW Committee Chairman

Superintendent's Report

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

Sewer Department

- Septage Revenue: October \$30,143, November \$26,486, December 19,033. 2015 Total: \$272,673. Actual 2015 Surplus: \$67,674.
- 2015 **Sewage** Overflows into the North Bay (via Overflow Weir (1) & CCT(2)):

17,700,000 Gallons of Combined Stormwater with Partially Treated - SEWAGE into North Bay

- Not in Stormwater: Feminine products, human feces, rags/wipes, toiletries, detergents, grease, etc.
- Inorganic Compounds: Large stones and bricks (3) are captured by the bar screens. These are delivered to the plant by stormwater supercharging the Combined Sewer Mains and ripping them apart, from the inside. Once the stones are removed, the surrounding dirt (or grit) (4) is liquefied, then delivered to the sewer plant.
- CSO 8 – Harry Howard Avenue: capped internally (5) about 10-yrs ago, but no documentation was ever sent to DEC. We documented its abandonment and capped the discharge end (6) of the pipe as well.
- Application filed for an Asset Management Software PILOT.
- CFA Grant award for Green Infrastructure Project on Upper Union Street.
 - Kick-off meeting is next month with EFC.
- Strange flow was detected on Green Street. DPW Foreman suspected a service line leak from street behind 900 Columbia, and commenced a dye-test. Flow was confirmed to be residential sanitary flow from a broken service connection. (7&8)

Water

- Various Water breaks: Parkwood Blvd. (9&10) and Columbia Street below 3rd. (11&12)
- Back-Up generator for Chemical Feed building in Churchtown at "start-up" (13) and final SCADA tie-in. (14)
- Hydrant Winterization completed in November.
- Quotes received for 2016 Water Project materials on Short Street from State to Harry Howard.

2015 Paving

- Paving concluded in November. Example of Milled street (15) and with new asphalt (16)
- What Lies Beneath: Brick Roads (17) and Trolley Rails (18).

Foster's

- Building demolition. (19 A-D)

Snow

- The IMPORTANCE of Alternate Side Parking in the Winter. (20) Snow cannot be pushed "to the curb". (21)

DPW

- Transmission replacement in Truck 10. Old & new (22&23)
- Sanding and stain of municipal garbage can. (24)
- Restoration Grant completed at 10-12 Warren (Hudson Day Care, with close-out meeting on 12/30)

Shared Services

- Clean-out of Rope Alley and assist in removal of illegal garbage on John L property. (25)
- Safe-Routes-to-School Grant for HPD Radar Trailer -> PO issued in December.

Cemetery

- "Blow-out" of plastic & galvanized water lines for courtesy spigots. (26)
- Internment in the Slavic Jewish section. (27)
- Roof stringer replacement at Cemetery garage (28&29)
- Academy hill Playground/Gifford Area clean-out. (30 A-D)

Youth Department

- Skate rink construction:
 - Framing (31)
 - Makeshift Liner down (32)
 - Fence/Barrier Install and first lift (33)
 - Partial fill with "crown" exposed. (34)
 - Full lift filled by pumping water from Oakdale (35)
 - Ramp to eliminate trip hazard with skates (36)
 - Finished Product (37)

FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Fire Committee Meeting for January took place on Monday January 25th at 6:45 PM. Present were Chairman Donahue, Committee members Haddad, Moore, and Scalera, Chief Schermerhorn and Commissioner Hutchings.

Chief Schermerhorn gave those in attendance a report of run totals for December 2015 which totaled 41 calls and listed the reason for each call. See the enclosed report for the listings. He also gave a year end report which totaled 353 calls and listed the reason for those calls. See the enclosed report for those listings.

He also submitted a Line Officers Meeting Agenda to be held on January 26th, 2016 which included 18 subjects to be discussed at that meeting. See the enclosed Line Officer Meeting Agenda for those subjects. Commissioner Hutchings gave a detailed report on the LOSAP Program, which is a pension plan for Firefighters who meet the requirements to qualify for the pension plan.

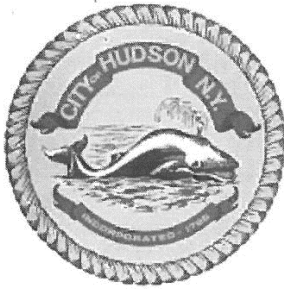
He also reports on the Computer System, LED Lighting Projects, Tower Ladder, Knox Box System and gave a detailed breakdown on those subjects. See the enclosed report for that detailed breakdown. Committee member Haddad asked the Chief and Commissioner if they

would approve to changing the Fire Committee Meeting to 5:30 PM before the Police Committee Meeting as it had been in the past. They stated they would prefer a 5:30 meeting. That being the case the February Fire Committee Meeting will be held at 5:30 PM prior to the Police Committee Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The next Fire Committee Meeting will be held on Monday February 22nd at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert J. Donahue Sr.
Fire Committee Chairman



City of Hudson Department of Fire

City Hall – 520 Warren Street – Hudson, New York 12534

Timothy P. Hutchings, Commissioner
James W. Schermerhorn Jr., Chief
Anthony DeMarco Jr., First Assistant Chief
Shawn Hoffman, Second Assistant Chief

January 25, 2016

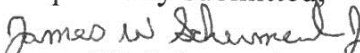
To: Fire Committee Chairman
From: J. Schermerhorn, Chief-Hudson Fire Department
Re: fire committee report-December 2015

Chairman,

The following is the run total for December 2015.

1. Total runs-41
 - A. Alarm activations-14
 - malfunctions-6
 - MFA-2
 - accidental-6
 - B. CO detector activations-1
 - C. Burnt food call-5
 - D. Good intent calls-4
 - E. Electrical fires-1
 - F. Furnace Malfunction Calls-1
 - G. Appliance fires-1
 - H. Natural gas odor calls-4
 - I. Structure fire-1
 - J. AAPI's- 1
 - K. Mutual aid calls-4
 - Catskill-4

- L. Wires Down Calls-4
- 2. Total runs as of 12/31/15- 353

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Schermerhorn Jr.
Chief

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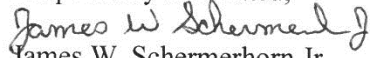
To: Fire Committee Chairman
From: James W. Schermerhorn Jr.- Chief, Hudson Fire Department
Re: 2015 Year End Report

Chairman,

The following is the City of Hudson Fire Department Year End Report.

Total Calls-353

Alarm Activations-123	Water problems-25
Natural gas leaks-22	AAPI's-23
Burnt food calls-18	Good Intent Calls-17
CO Detector activations-17	Mutual Aid Calls-16
Wires Down Calls-13	EMS Assist Calls-9
Structure Fires-8	Brush Fires-8
Fuel Spills-7	Illegal Burn Calls-7
AAPD's-6	Elevator Alarm Calls-6
Misc. Calls-5	Appliance Fires-5
Trash/Rubbish Fires-5	HPD Assist Calls-2
Vehicle Fires-2	Water Emergency Calls-2
Animal Rescue Calls-2	Train Fires-1
Propane Leaks-1	Furnace Malfunction Calls-1
Smoke Investigation Calls-1	Electrical Fires-1

Respectfully Submitted,

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Line Officer Meeting Agenda

Tuesday January 26, 2016

1. Accountability- Making progress. Need to keep promoting it.
2. SOG's- Process of revising
3. LOSAP program
4. Firefighter strapping- 30 ft. piece for each Class A firefighter
5. Barbeque Pit
6. 2016 Training- 2 or 3 Dept. Drills and SCBA training will be scheduled out at training tower and/or mezzanine
7. Inspection Day- October 7th and 8th 2016.
8. OSHA requirement update
9. Mezzanine- Will be completed by end of April
10. Public Relations- Commissioner and staff working on increase in this area.
11. Physicals- Scheduled for Feb. 27th, Mar. 5th, and Mar. 19th 2016 8am-12 pm at CMH

12. Photo ID's- Need to establish list of those who have not received and schedule at date to get them done.
13. Knox Box System- Powerpoint on system operation will be presented in near future.
14. County High Band System- VHF pagers are being distributed to OSHA active members. Target date for full system operation is late spring.
15. Meeting with National Grid February 9th 10am at Central Station.
16. SCBA Posi-flow tests completed for 2016. 5 bottles need hydro-testing. 1 SCBA out for repair.
17. Compressor OOS for repair.
18. Information from Battalion meeting held Mon. January 25th 7pm at Taghkanic firehouse.

LOSAP

LOSAP Committee has been meeting and developing criteria for the point system.

The representative from Penflex will do a presentation to the committee or the full council

Referendum will be needed to enact the program, would like to do one separate from the national election.

It is anticipated the program will cost about the same as the 2013 budget cut after the buyback is paid off.

21 Fewer responders making ~~it~~ Computer System 4.5 Fewer members per call

Getting close to completion

Status Monitors installed and operating for messages at Central Station

Text notification system is operational with 50 members and 10 explorers signed up thus far

Yet to be completed is:

Installation of status monitor at Hoysradt

Installation of internet connection, then configuration can be completed

Responder Alerts and response notification by members can begin

Transfer of old data from the old Red Alert program into the RenNMX system

LED Lighting Project

LED Lighting project awaiting final approval by National grid for any changes to the budget for the project.

Lotus and National Grid Estimated savings of 5k – 6k per year

Tower Ladder

\$6,700 was final cost to have repairs made as required by the NFPA Certification vendor

Additional repairs underway for other issues with the outriggers

Local Law Due Now Boxes

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 19, 2016

Finance Committee Members in Attendance:

Claudia DeStefano, Rick Rector, John Friedman, Abdus Miah, Tiffany Garriga

Heather Campbell (Treasurer)

Discussed the January 19, 2016 (2015 Budget/December 2015 Actuals) presented by Treasurer Heather Campbell:

1. Parking Revenue – Online with budget. Complus hopes to receive back ticket money on outstanding tickets. Each ticket carries a 13.5% carrying cost. Question by committee about whether the arrangement with Complus is sensible considering escalations of fees.
2. Sales Tax – Down YTD from 2015 budgeted amount. Note: Heather Campbell reported after this meeting that the last payment from the county for 2015 will be received in February 2016 and the total amount received for 2015 will be \$1,441,482 vs. \$1,327,000 budgeted or up 8%.
3. Mortgage Tax – Heather Campbell will speak with other county treasurers and the Columbia County Board of Realtors.
4. Police & Courts – Bids for the project will be opened on Friday, January 29, 2016 at 10AM. Further financing will be pursued once the bids are in and accepted. Discussion about where the Code Enforcement office will be located once the Police/Court Project is completed (TBD).
5. Foreclosures – Continued work to be done. Retainer with legal council needs to be completed. Final judgments most likely in April/May. Sixty-seven (67) cured, thirty-two (32) remain.
6. City-wide Audit – 2014 audit will be discussed.
7. Continued discussions will take place regarding Capital Reserve Policy, Firefighter Service Award Program and Full-Time/Part-Time Non Union Employee Compensation.

Heather Campbell has asked the Finance Committee to be involved in the audit process. Information will follow.

Meeting Adjourned 6:45 PM.

Submitted: Claudia DeStefano

YOUTH & AGING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting – January 03, 2016 at 6 PM – City Hall

PRESENT:

Alderman Abdus Miah	Chair
Alderman Tiffany Garriga	
Alderman Alexis Keith	
Alderman Michael O’Hara	
Alderman Lauren Scalera	
Amanda Henry	Aging Commissioner
Ken Hollenbeck	Youth Commissioner
Tyrone Hedgepeth	Recreational Supervisor

ABSENT: Nil

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

The first order of business was an update on Future planning of Aging segment of committee presented by Commissioner Amanda Henry. She mostly focused on community action, collaborations and strengthening social media awareness. Apart from member’s constructive feedback, attendant provided several constructive suggestions, Such as County Supervisor William Hughes suggested committee to collaborate with County Aging Commissioner for several programs and activities.

The second order of business was a report regarding Activities of the Youth and Senior Program presented by Recreational Supervisor, Tyrone Hedgepeth. He have reported daily activities including Circus, Karate, Hip Hop Dance, Soccer, and other recreational activities including Senior Programs. They were in need of several new equipments for games as well as training for staffs who are involved with the team. It is mentionable that Youth Commissioner Ken Hollenbeck is seeking some progressive candidates to hire in his team. Alderman Garriga suggested getting in touch with several health offices for Hygiene Programs.

The Third order of business was a discussion of diversity of youth who are attending in programs conducted by the committee. There should be more engagements of youths in program, for that if possible we can arrange transportation for them for maximum participation.

The fourth order of the meeting was a discussion about CPR training of staffs and Alderman Lauren Scalera suggested that every Staff should have CPR training. Suggestion came that Red Cross is giving CPR training Free of Cost.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Sincerely,

ABDUS MIAH
Abdus Miah, Chair

Bills.

On motion of **Alderman Garriga**, seconded by **Alderman Scalera**, the following bills were audited and ordered paid by the following vote:

2016

General Code Publishers	928.86	Hudson Valley Resource	575.00
Cornerstone Telephone	377.42	Rapport Meyers LLP	822.50
US Bank Equipment Finance	230.03	Verizon Wireless	50.74
Cornerstone Telephone	81.87	AT&T	39.83
Gary Craig's Service Ctr.	89.95	Willard Powell	600.00
Chatham Auto Parts	84.39	Mid Hudson Cablevision	35.95
TGW Consulting Group Inc.	1,458.00	Craig Haigh, CEO	49.00
Ricoh USA Inc	24.39	Crown Plaza Resort	424.00
NYS Conference of Mayors	30.00	Johnson Newspaper Corp	89.41
Global Montello Group	44.43	JV Computers	521.32
Mid Hudson Cablevision	55.95	W.B. Mason Co. Inc.	441.49
Johnny's Ideal Ptg.	124.00		

Northern Adirondack Code Enf. Officials Assoc. 260.00

2015

KVS Information Systems Inc.	330.00
Sickler, Torchia, Allen, & Churchill CPA	905.00
Rapport Meyers LLP	39.00
Johnny's Ideal Ptg	618.70
Trisha Freiermuth	120.00

Police & Courts

Sabir, Richardson & Weisberg Engineers, PLLC 22,612.00

Ayes: President DeStefano, Aldermen Donahue, Friedman, Garriga, Haddad, Keith, Miah, Moore, O'Hara, Rector and Scalera.

Nays: None.

Communications.

On motion of **Alderman Haddad**, seconded by **Alderman Rector**, the following communications were ordered received and placed on file:

- 1) Mayor Hamilton's veto message on the payment of New York Planning Federation for the 2016 Annual Membership Fee.
- 2) Pamela Kungle of 124 Warren Street opposing the installation of parking meters below 3rd Street.
- 3) Animalkind Inc. of 721 Warren Street requesting an increase of support in the spay/neuter fund for 2016.
- 4) Mayor Hamilton suggesting amendments to Hudson City Code Section 325-13 – Residential Special Commercial District to allow for hotels in R-S-C District.
- 5) City Clerk Tracy Delaney submitting the office's financial report for 2015.

President DeStefano stated the communication from Mayor Hamilton suggesting zoning amendments would be referred to the Legal Committee for further discussion.

Carried.

Resolutions.

A motion by **Alderman Rector**, seconded by **Alderman Garriga** an executive session to discuss litigation was ordered DEFEATED by the following vote:

Ayes: President DeStefano. (190)

Nays: Aldermen Donahue, Friedman, Garriga, Haddad, Keith, Miah, Moore, O'Hara, Rector and Scalera. (1,838)

On motion of **Alderman O'Hara**, seconded by **Alderman Keith**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 2 February 16, 2016

RESOLVED, that the following be and hereby are appointed Commissioners of Deeds in and for the City of Hudson, County of Columbia, for the following term:

March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2018

Dean A. Rowe 1359 Church St Ghent, NY 12075	(work) 427 Warren Street
James Nero 37 Flower Top Ln Copake, NY 12516	“ “
Jacob R. Hoffman III 276 Lincoln Blvd Hudson, NY 12534	“ “
Melissa R. Finn 20 Columbia Tpk Hudson, NY 12534	520 Warren Street
Gail Grandinetti 11 Riverledge Rd Hudson, NY 12534	20 Columbia Tpk
Mary Ann Oliver 50 Kipp Lane Lot 15 Hudson, NY 12534	560 Warren Street
Bartholomew F. Delaney Jr. 5 Jenkins Pkwy Hudson, NY 12534	

Ayes: President DeStefano, Aldermen Donahue, Friedman, Garriga, Haddad, Keith, Miah, Moore, O’Hara, Rector and Scalera.

Nays: None.

On motion of **Alderman Rector**, seconded by **Alderman Miah**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 3 February 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND THANKING THE FRIENDS OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR RESTORING THE CHURCH’S PRINCIPAL STAINED GLASS WINDOW ON WARREN STREET

WHEREAS, the First Presbyterian Church, established in 1785, is one of Hudson’s oldest congregations of worship, second only to the Quaker Meeting;

WHEREAS, the First Presbyterian Church has been an integral part of life in Hudson throughout the city’s history: the first bell in the city was hung in the tower of the church, and since 1801 the city clock has been located in the tower of the church;

WHEREAS, the First Presbyterian Church is a contributing structure in the National Register- designated Hudson Historic District and is individually designated as a local landmark by the Historic Preservation Commission and the Common Council of the City of Hudson;

WHEREAS, the First Presbyterian Church is an iconic building in the City of Hudson and is a major aspect of the streetscape of Warren Street and the City’s landscape;

WHEREAS, the stained glass window in the church’s north façade is a major element of the building’s Gothic design and a beloved element of the streetscape;

WHEREAS, the Friends of the First Presbyterian Church, a non-denominational group of volunteers dedicated to the church’s preservation, successfully orchestrated the immense effort to raise the funds required to restore the stained glass window;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Hudson officially acknowledges and thanks the Friends of the Presbyterian Church for their ongoing and exemplary work in protecting this major and iconic structure on Hudson's main street.

Ayes: President DeStefano, Aldermen Donahue, Friedman, Garriga, Haddad, Keith, Miah, Moore, O'Hara, Rector and Scalera.

Nays: None.

On motion of **Alderman Garriga**, seconded by **Alderman Moore**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 4 February 16, 2016

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF RAISING THE AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY IN NEW YORK STATE AND URGING ALL DECISION-MAKERS WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO IMMEDIATELY TAKE STEPS TO REDUCE THE INSTANCES IN WHICH YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN ARE GIVEN HARSH ADULT SENTENCES IN ADULT PRISONS

WHEREAS, New York State is one of only two states in the United States which has set the age of criminal responsibility at 16, thereby prosecuting all 16 and 17 year olds as "adults" in adult courts and subject to adult sentences in adult prisons; and

WHEREAS, a state-wide campaign had emerged in the past several years to "raise the age" of criminal responsibility in New York State to 18; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Commission of Youth, Public Safety and Justice issued a comprehensive report in 2014 recommending, among other policy changes, raising the age of criminal responsibility in most instances to 18; and

WHEREAS, extensive research has demonstrated that the incarceration of adolescents in adult jails and prisons result in higher suicide rates, higher rates of sexual abuse, higher rates of recidivism and cause significant and long-term mental and emotional trauma to such young people; and

WHEREAS, processing all 16 and 17 year olds as "adults" in the criminal justice system disproportionately impacts young men of color who are substantially over represented among youth who are arrested at 16 and 17 and who end up incarcerated; and

WHEREAS, this over-representation of youth of color in our adult jails and prisons has far-reaching negative ramifications for the individual youths incarcerated as well as for their families and communities and, therefore, for our entire community; and

WHEREAS, youth prosecuted as “adults” can end up permanently marked as “felons”, with a host of legal and extra-legal consequences, including limitations on the right to vote, and restrictions regarding access to higher education, housing and jobs; and

WHEREAS, as has been recognized by the U.S. Supreme Court, scientific research into brain development has revealed that portions of our brains, including those governing impulse control, develop far later than previously thoughts, not until the early to mid-20s; and

WHEREAS, adolescence is a time of mental and social development and adolescents respond more fruitfully to rehabilitation efforts rather than harsh punishments; and

WHEREAS, despite the recommendations in 2014 of the Governor’s Commission of Youth, Public Safety and Justice, New York has yet to enact any significant changes in the manner which 16 and 17 year olds are treated in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the failure on the part of New York State to enact needed changes in the treatment of 16 and 17 year olds has an impact on many young people and families in the City of Hudson as many such young people are processed as “adults” in our courts and are exposed to harsh sentences including lengthy jail or prison sentences in adult jails or prisons.

WHEREAS, even in the absence of state legislative action, local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and courts could take cognizance of the need for change in regard to the treatment of 16 and 17 year olds in the legal system and could exercise greater discretion, compassion and leniency in the place of imposing harsh adult prison sentences on our young people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hudson Common Council express our collective belief in the inherent value and potential of all our young people and, further, our commitment to ensuring that all young people are provided all possible opportunities to succeed as adults, including educational resources, recreational opportunities, counseling and rehabilitation (if needed), and love.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hudson Common Council call upon the New York State legislature to promptly enact “raise the age” legislation raising the age of criminal responsibility in New York to 18.

RESOLVED, that the Hudson Common Council calls upon all local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and courts to immediately take cognizance of the need for change in regard to the treatment of 16 and 17 year olds in the legal system and to immediately begin exercising greater discretion, compassion and leniency in the place of imposing harsh adult prison sentences on our young people.

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution, suitable engrossed, be transmitted to the City of Hudson’s elected representatives in state government and to all local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and courts.

Ayes: President DeStefano, Aldermen Donahue, Friedman, Garriga, Haddad, Keith, Miah, Moore, O’Hara, Rector and Scalera.

Nays: None.

On motion of **Alderman Keith**, seconded by **Alderman Haddad**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 5 February 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT COLUMBIA COUNTY DWI GRANT

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson Police Department has been awarded funds from Columbia County DWI grant in the additional amount of \$3000.00 to be dispersed in quarterly payments of \$750.00 from Columbia County DWI, State of New York, Effective date 01/01/2016 – 12/31/2016.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hudson Police Department Police Chief is hereby authorized to take all steps reasonable and necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution and accept and distribute these funds, and that the City Treasurer is authorized to amend the budget as follows:

Revenue: \$3000.00 to A.0000.3331.0010 – GRANT – DWI
Expense: \$3000.00 to A.3120.0250.0100 – Grant – DWI

Ayes: President DeStefano, Aldermen Donahue, Friedman, Garriga, Haddad, Keith, Miah, Moore, O’Hara, Rector and Scalera.

Nays: None.

On motion of **Alderman Garriga**, seconded by **Alderman Moore**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 6 February 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FOR 2016, FOR THE CITY OF HUDSON TREASURER’S OFFICE, PETTY CASH FOR THE WATER & SEWER COLLECTION DRAWER

WHEREAS, as a convenience to the city’s residents, the City Treasurer’s office accepts in-person water and sewer payment, and

WHEREAS, having petty cash assigned and available to the Treasurer’s Water & Sewer collection drawer would make it considerably easier to conduct cash transactions, make change, and better serve the citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to create a Petty Cash Fund for the Treasurer's Office – Water & Sewer Drawer in the amount of \$50.00.

Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Ayes: President DeStefano, Aldermen Donahue, Friedman, Garriga, Haddad, Keith, Miah, Moore, O'Hara, Rector and Scalera.

Nays: None.

On motion of **Alderman Donahue**, seconded by **Alderman Keith**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 7 February 16, 2016

RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to transfer funds to the following 2015 budget accounts as follows for the Public Works Department:

WATER

\$400	From: 2015 8330.1 F – Water Purification – Personnel Services
\$400	To: 2015 8330.4 F – Water Purification – Materials & Supplies

SEWER

\$1,000	From: 2015 8120.2 G – Sanitary Sewers – Equipment
\$1,000	To: 2015 8130.4 G – Sewage Treatment – Materials & Supplies

Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Ayes: President DeStefano, Aldermen Donahue, Friedman, Garriga, Haddad, Keith, Miah, Moore, O'Hara, Rector and Scalera.

Nays: None.

On motion of **Alderman Garriga**, seconded by **Alderman Moore**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 8 February 16, 2016

RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to encumber funds dedicated to various City Projects OR for outstanding 2015 Purchase Orders for the General, Water, and Sewer accounts:

DPW

A.1620.0470 – Fosters Refrigeration - \$95,060 remaining.

A.5110.0460 – Bike Path & Sidewalk project - \$31,499.23 remaining.

A.7110.0500 – Dunn Building Project - \$39,181.73 remaining.

A.7110.0510 – Promenade Park Ramp - \$20,000 remaining.

A.7110.0490 –Kayak Project - \$7,720.31 remaining.

A.5110.0200 – Stalker Technologies - \$17,445

A.8160.0200 – Navistar, Inc. - \$150,000

A.8160.0460 – Interboro Packaging - \$5,800.00

WATER

F.8330.0400 – Coyne Chemical - \$1,800

F.8320.0200 – General Controls - \$4,232.00

F.8330.0200 – General Controls - \$10,660.20

SEWER

G.8130.0400 – ERA - \$191.00

G.8130.0400 – General Controls - \$1,760.00

Approved by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Ayes: President DeStefano, Aldermen Donahue, Garriga, Haddad, Keith, Miah, Moore, O’Hara, Rector and Scalera. (1848)

Nays: Alderman Friedman. (180)

In reference to Proposed Resolution No. 9 which would authorize the construction of a handicapped-accessible ramp for Promenade Hill Park, **Legal Advisor Ken Dow** stated the project might be subject to SEQRA review. He stated under SEQRA, any action would include projects with any physical activities that may affect the environment, change in appearance, use, etcetera and he said “this would be subject within that”. Legal Advisor Dow stated due to the size of the ramp, the project may fall within a Type II classification and not need to be reviewed

under construction and accessory of pertinent non-residential structure which would involve less than 4,000 square feet.

Alderman Miah questioned the need for Proposed Resolution No. 9 and he stated the money had been allocated previously.

Alderman Rector asked “was there a design that is agreed to, of this ramp”?

Alderman Garriga said “the original design that was brought to the Council, no it was not agreed to” and she said “from the terminology now it is, from my understanding, it can be done through DPW”.

Alderman Rector asked “do we know what we’re getting for twenty thousand dollars”?

Alderman Friedman said “it’s a wooden.....”

Alderman Garriga said “it’s a temporary ramp”.

Alderman Rector said “nothing stipulates its temporary, is one of the issues that I have”. He said “this could be a permanent thing for the City in our gateway to the river” and he asked “is it something the City could be proud of”? **Alderman Rector** said “I think we need a ramp” and he said “I’m not nodding that but I also think the City could do things better sometimes”.

Alderman Friedman said “SHPO shot down the design that at the time the Council wanted which was a hybrid of a, it was like a ramp built into a set of stairs actually but they said it was not consistent with the history of this space”.

Alderman Rector asked “would they shoot down this design”?

Alderman Friedman said “no, they were ok with this design”.

Carole Osterink of 209 Allen Street said “they never saw this design”.

Alderman Friedman said “it’s temporary because it’s made of wood.....”

Alderman Rector said “that doesn’t make something temporary”.

Alderman Friedman said “I don’t disagree with you but that’s how it was presented to this Council”.

Alderman Rector asked “is this just built and designed by DPW”?

Alderman Garriga said “yes”.

Alderman Miah stated he would like to see a better ramp and he stated this project had been discussed since 2010. He questioned how long the residents had to wait for the project to be completed and he said “something is better than nothing”.

On a petition of **Aldermen Garriga, Miah and Donahue**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 9 February 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HANDICAPPED-ACCESSIBLE RAMP FOR PROMENADE HILL PARK

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated July 15, 2014, the Common Council authorized the development of a proposal for a handicapped- accessible ramp for Promenade Hill Park; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated November 18, 2014, the Common Council resolved to develop a grant proposal for such ramp; and

WHEREAS, by the same Resolution dated November 18, 2014, the Common Council resolved to set aside up to \$20,000 for such handicapped-accessible ramp in the event that the grant proposal is not awarded; and

WHEREAS, the grant sought to be obtained pursuant to such Resolution was not awarded; and

WHEREAS, a proposal for the construction of such ramp within such \$20,000 budget has been developed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the construction of such handicapped-accessible ramp is authorized and requested to be undertaken as soon as reasonable feasible, in accordance with the developed plans and within the budgeted amount of \$20,000.

Ayes: President DeStefano, Aldermen Donahue, Garriga, Haddad, Keith, Miah, Moore, O’Hara, and Scalera. (1753)

Nays: Aldermen Friedman and Rector. (275)

Richard Scalera, Supervisor of the Fifth Ward questioned if there would be a vote taken after the executive session.

President DeStefano stated a vote would be taken on the topic of the executive session.

Ms. Osterink questioned the subject of the executive session.

President DeStefano said “litigation”.

Ms. Osterink asked “beyond litigation”?

President DeStefano said “that’s all I can give you at this time”.

Legal Advisor Dow stated the matter could be provided.

President DeStefano said “the name of the case is VonRitter versus the City of Hudson”.

On a motion by **Alderman Rector**, seconded by **Alderman O’Hara**, an executive session to discuss litigation was ordered approved by the following vote:

Ayes: President DeStefano, Aldermen Donahue, Garriga, Haddad, Keith, Miah, Moore, O’Hara, Rector and Scalera. (1848)

Nays: Alderman Friedman. (180)

(Following the executive session, all council members were present.)

President DeStefano requested Victor Meyers of Rapport Meyers to provide a summary of Proposed Resolution No. 1 which would approve a settlement agreement and order in the matter of Heinrich R. Von Ritter against the City of Hudson.

Mr. Meyers stated he had presented the council members with a settlement agreement and order to settle the VonRitter litigation. He stated the first lawsuit had been ongoing since 2003 and he stated there had been a settlement previously which fell apart. Mr. Meyers stated a second lawsuit had started in 2012. He stated a settlement agreement had been reached and signed by Judge Mott last week. Mr. Meyers reviewed the settlement agreement with the council members and he said “it gives you a pretty solid settlement and I recommend that the City Council approve the settlement”.

On motion of **Alderman Rector**, seconded by **Alderman Moore**, the following resolution was adopted by the following vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 1 February 16, 2016

RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER IN THE MATTER OF HEINRICH R. VON RITTER AGAINST THE CITY OF HUDSON

WHEREAS, Heinrich R. Von Ritter brought an action in 2012 against the City of Hudson for trespass and related causes of action for his property on Tanners Lane; and

WHEREAS, the litigation has been ongoing since 2012; and

WHEREAS, a prior lawsuit commenced by Heinrich R. Von Ritter in 2003 and terminated in 2010 concerned the same property and similar claims; and

WHEREAS, the case was scheduled for trial on February 10, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the parties entered into a Settlement Agreement and Order, a copy of which is annexed hereto, subject to the approval of the Common Council of the City of Hudson;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Settlement Agreement and Order in the matter of Heinrich R. Von Ritter against the City of Hudson, Index No. 4914-12, dated February 10, 2016, is hereby approved, and the Mayor is authorized and directed to take all steps reasonable and necessary to implement the terms and conditions of said Settlement Agreement and Order.

Ayes: President DeStefano, Aldermen Donahue, Friedman, Garriga, Haddad, Keith, Moore, O'Hara, Rector and Scalera. (1843)

Nays: Alderman Miah. (185)

Alderman Miah, prior to voting "no" on the resolution, stated the case had cost the City a lot of money and he said "our lawyers should have figured it out before 2002, not now".

On motion of **Alderman Haddad**, seconded by **Alderman Moore**, the meeting was adjourned.

City Clerk

