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**BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT  
MEETING MINUTES  
DPW Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall  
Wednesday October 8, 2014**

**Call to Order.** Called to order at 11:28am by Chuck Shager, Comptroller.

**Board Members Present:** Chuck Shager, Comptroller; Gary Holmes, Commissioner of Public Works; Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel

**Board Members Absent:** Richard C. David, Mayor

**Also Present:** Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk; Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

**ITEMS CONSIDERED**

**Permanent Easement for Portion of 70-72 Court Street.** Request to enter into an agreement for a permanent easement for a portion of 72 Court Street, submitted by 33 State Street Associates. Alan Pope, Andrew Urso and Larry Pasquale attended the meeting held January 15, 2014 to discuss the proposal. The Board reviewed this matter, and concluded that any agreement should be limited to the space required for a stairway, but should not include space for a patio. The Board of Contract and Supply approved a Request for Sealed Bids for 70-72 Court Street at a meeting held on February 12, 2014. Such Request for Sealed Bids includes a restriction stating that the sale would be subject to a permanent easement for pedestrian ingress and egress from a basement stairwell at 92 State Street, but that construction above the stairwell would be permitted. Kenneth J. Frank to discuss the details of the permanent easement with Mr. Pope. Item held.

**8 Meadow Street.** Offer to purchase 8 Meadow Street for \$100, submitted by Tonya Dakari on December 23, 2013. Sent to the Assessor's Office, the Office of Building Construction, Zoning & Code Enforcement and the Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development on January 2, 2014. Steve Quinn responded on January 3, 2014, stating that this property is one of several properties that the First Ward Action Council is scheduled to purchase and develop under the City's Restore NY grant application and NYS Tax Credit application. Scott Snyder responded on January 3, 2014, confirming that the property is listed as a Restore NY property. Mayor David met with Jerry Willard from First Ward Action Council, who indicated that they are still slated to receive funding for the development of the property. First Ward Action Council should know the outcome within the next few months. Jerry Willard attended the Board of E&A meeting on 9/17 to provide an update on the property. Ken Frank will develop a contract for FWAC, which will require them to maintain the property up to vacant property standards and include the price of the City demolishing the back porch into the sale price of the property. The City and FWAC signed a contract of sale and FWAC will perform necessary work to ensure that the property meets vacant property standards. The sale price of the property included the cost of demolishing the Front Porch only of the property.

**Item removed from agenda.**

**19 Emma Street.** Request to donate 19 Emma Street to the City of Binghamton. Submitted by Staiman Industries, Inc. on May 7, 2014. Sent to the Assessor's Office, the Office of Building Construction, Zoning & Code Enforcement and the Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development on May 7, 2014. Scott Snyder responded on May 21, 2014, stating that he is not in favor of accepting the donation, noting that the City recently auctioned off surplus properties in the City's inventory. Tom Costello responded on May 23, 2014, agreeing with the Assessor's comments.



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Jennie Skeadas-Sherry responded on May 30, 2014, noting that it is an industrial site, formerly used by a recycling company. She stated that Planning is not in favor of accepting the donation at this time. Ms. Skeadas-Sherry requested a Phase I Environmental Assessment, with the intent to revisit the request to donate the property upon receipt of the results, as Economic Development has expressed interest in the site. E&A referred the matter to Economic Development on June 6, 2014. Ms. Skeadas-Sherry responded on July 2, 2014, stating that the property is within the Endicott-Johnson Industrial Spine BOA, which is a Broome County project. A review of New York State databases shows that there are no recorded spills on the property, but there is a history of keeping storage tanks on site. No environmental information is available. Mr. Murphy will provide an update on the property and will contact the company to determine if they will conduct an environmental study. Bob Murphy visited the property. Bob Murphy reported it to be in good condition, Waste Management was previous tenant and had a Phase II environmental study done in 1994 and the property passed. Bob Murphy will contact the Staiman Industries Inc. to see if they will agree to conduct an environmental study.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of Minutes.** Request to approve the minutes from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment meeting held on September 24, 2014.

Moved by Frank, seconded by Holmes.

**Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-1)**

Ayes: Shager, Frank, Holmes

Nays: None

Absent: David

**Budget Transfer.** Request to transfer various funds within the 2014 budget for street repairs, as outlined in RL 14-144. Submitted by Gary Holmes, Commissioner of Public Works. The request would transfer a total of \$100,000 from various budget lines to budget line A1440.54455 (Street Repairs). The budget lines from which the funds shall be transferred are as follows:

<u>From Budget Line</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A8664.51000 (Personal Services ó Code Inspector ó Rental Registration)	\$11,250.00
A1440.51000 (Personal Services ó Senior Engineer)	\$22,800.00
A1650.51000 (Personal Services ó Master Electrician)	\$23,140.00
A7110.51000 (Personal Services ó MEO)	\$17,639.00
A8160.51000 (Personal Services ó MEO)	\$9,110.00
A5110.51000 (Personal Services ó MEO)	\$8,955.00
A9030.58000B (Social Security)	<u>\$7,106.00</u>
	\$100,000.00

Motion to approve budget transfers.

Moved by Frank, seconded by Holmes.

**Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-1)**

Ayes: Shager, Frank, Holmes



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Nays: None

Absent: David

**Budget Transfer.** Request to transfer various funds within the 2014 budget for demolitions, as outlined in RL 14-145. Submitted by Bob Murphy, Director of Economic Development. The request would transfer a total of \$175,600 from various budget lines to budget line A1440.54410 (Professional Services). The budget lines from which the funds shall be transferred are as follows:

<u>From Budget Line</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A1210.51000 (Personal Services ó Executive Assistant to the Mayor)	\$9,230.00
A1680.51000 (Personal Services ó Hardware/Software Tech)	\$3,845.00
A8664.51000 (Personal Services ó Code Enforcement Officer)	\$13,300.00
A8664.51000 (Personal Services ó Code Inspector)	\$2,400.00
A1310.51000 (Personal Services ó Principal Acct. Clerk/Jr. Acct.)	\$23,030.00
A3410.51000 (Personal Services ó Firefighter Gr1)	\$43,780.00
A3140.51000 (Personal Services ó Firefighter ProbA)	\$9,000.00
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A3140.51000 (Personal Services ó Firefighter ProbA)	\$9,000.00
A6989.51000 (Personal Services ó Director of Economic Development)	\$5,000.00
A6989.51000 (Dev. Spc. Fin. Analyst)	\$9,580.00
A1440.51000 (Personal Services ó City Engineer)	\$9,500.00
A8684.51000 (Personal Services ó Chief Planner)	\$16,465.00
A9030.58000B (Social Security)	<u>\$12,470.00</u>
	\$175,600.00

Motion to approve budget transfers.

Moved by Frank, seconded by Holmes.

**Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-1)**

Ayes: Shager, Frank, Holmes

Nays: None

Absent: David



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**Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn at 11:32am.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Frank.

**Voice vote, none opposed.**