

**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 4, 2015  
7:00 P.M.**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Salute to the Flag
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Proclamations
- VI. Communications and Presentations:
- VII. Public Participation
- VIII. Controller's Report
- IX. Old Business: Res.
- X. New Business:
  - (a) Resolutions
  - (b) Ordinances:
  - (c) Local Laws:
  - (d) Introduction of Ordinances:
  - (e) Introduction of Local Laws:
  - (f) Committee Reports
  - (g) Scheduling of Committee Meetings
  - (h) Other
- XI. Executive Session
- XII: Adjournment

**4:00 p.m. Public Works Committee**

**5:15 p.m. Transportation Committee**

**6:30 p.m. COW – Discussion of Graffiti Ordinance**

**6:45 p.m. COW – discussion on agenda items**

**RESOLUTIONS**  
*Old Business*

*New Business*

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| <b>27. RESOLUTION ADOPTING MINUTES</b>                     | <b>BEEKMAN</b>      |
| <b>28. RESOLUTION APPROVING AUDIT</b>                      | <b>HATZENBUHLER</b> |
| <b>29. RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGET – TRANSPORTATION</b>     | <b>RUSSO</b>        |
| <b>30. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT – DEPT OF STATE</b> | <b>MAYOR</b>        |
| <b>31. RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGET – ENGINEERING</b>        | <b>LEGGIERO</b>     |
| <b>32. RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONTRACT</b>                   | <b>LEGGIERO</b>     |

*Ordinances*

*Local Laws*

**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NY  
COMMON COUNCIL  
JULY 21, 2015**

**RESOLUTION #15/16-23**

**AMENDED**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS**

**BY: MAYOR THANE**

**RESOLVED**, Kelly L Pickerll, 350 Rte 32 South, Schuylerville, NY 12871, employed by Hardies Electric Service Company, Inc. a city business, and Michael Ciotto, 15 Stanford Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010 ~~are is~~ hereby appointed Commission of Deeds for the City of Amsterdam for two years ~~from this date~~ term from 8/4/2015- 8/3/2015, and

**MOTION TO TABLE** by Alderman Barone passed with Aye. (7/21/15)

(**MOTION TO AMEND** by Alderman Russo, in the RESOLVED clause, add text underlined and delete text struck through. )

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City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
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Alderman Russo		
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Alderwoman Beekman		
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Alderman Barone		
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Alderwoman Hatzenbuhler		
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Alderman Leggiero		

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ANN M. THANE, MAYOR

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**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NY  
COMMON COUNCIL  
JULY 21, 2015**

**RESOLUTION #15/16-25**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGET – ENGINEERING**

**BY: ALDERMAN LEGGIERO**

**WHEREAS**, the 2015-2016 budget did not account for the additional hours approved during budget discussion for an employee in the Engineering Office,

**RESOLVED**, the Controller is authorized to adjust the following line items for the additional hours approved by the Council, as follows:

A-3610-1000	\$1,450.00
F-8310-1000.17	\$1,450.00
G-8130-1020.17	\$1,450.00
CL-8160-1021.17	\$1,450.00

**MOTION TO TABLE** by Alderman Barone passed with Aye. (7/21/15)

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	Aye	Nay
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Alderman Russo		
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Alderwoman Beekman		
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Alderman Barone		
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Alderwoman Hatzenbuhler		
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Alderman Leggiero		

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**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NY  
COMMON COUNCIL  
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**RESOLUTION #15/16-26**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH DARRYL PURITAN**

**BY: ALDERWOMAN HATZENBUHLER**

**RESOLVED**, the Mayor is authorized to sign an agreement with Darryl Puritan to review the Request for proposal for External Auditing Services for the City of Amsterdam including review of proposals, sitting in on interviews and recommendations to the Common Council.

**MOTION TO TABLE** by Alderwoman Hatzenbuhler passed with Aye. Alderman Russo and Alderwoman Beekman voted nay. (7/21/15)

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	Aye	Nay
Alderman Russo		
Alderwoman Beekman		
Alderman Barone		
Alderwoman Hatzenbuhler		
Alderman Leggiero		

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CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NY  
COMMON COUNCIL  
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**RESOLUTION #15/16-27**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

**BY: ALDERWOMAN BEEKMAN**

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the Common Council meeting of July 21, 2015 are hereby adopted.

COMMON COUNCIL  
City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderman Russo		
Alderwoman Beekman		
Alderman Barone		
Alderwoman Hatzenbuhler		
Alderman Leggiero		

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**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NY  
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**RESOLUTION #15/16-28**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AUDIT**

**BY: ALDERWOMAN HATZENBUHLER**

**RESOLVED**, the bills examined by the Common Council and reported herewith as correct and they are, allowed and ordered paid and the City Clerk is authorized and empowered to issue warrants in payment of same.

COMMON COUNCIL  
City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderman Russo		
Alderman Beekman		
Alderman Barone		
Alderman Hatzenbuhler		
Alderman Leggiero		

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**RESOLUTION #15/16-29**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGET - TRANSPORTATION**

**BY: ALDERMAN RUSSO**

**RESOLVED**, the Controller is authorized to amend the 2015-2016 budget for receipt of insurance recovery, as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

CT-2680	Ins. Recovery	\$1,748.60
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**INCREASE EXPENSE:**

CT-5630-4070	Vehicle Repairs	\$1,748.68
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Alderman Russo		
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Alderman Leggiero		

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**RESOLUTION #15/16-30**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT- NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**BY: MAYOR THANE**

**WHEREAS**, as the City of Amsterdam has been awarded at \$325,000 grant from the New York State Department of State under the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program to make improvements and cultural enhancements to the Mohawk Valley Gateway Overlook; and,

**WHEREAS**, a contract between City of Amsterdam and the Department of State is required for the utilization and disbursement of said grant funds;

**RESOLVED**, the Mayor of the City of Amsterdam is hereby authorized to sign contract and related documents with the New York State Department of State for said funding.

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Alderman Russo		
Alderman Beekman		
Alderman Barone		
Alderman Hatzenbuehler		
Alderman Leggiero		

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**RESOLUTION #15/16-31**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGET - ENGINEER**

**BY: ALDERMAN LEGGIERO**

**RESOLVED**, the Controller is authorized to amend the 2015-2016 budget for receipt of money from National Grid for MVA as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

F-2680	Ins. Recovery	\$209.16
G-2680	Ins. Recovery	\$189.15

**INCREASE EXPENSE:**

F-8340-1001	Overtime	\$173.46
F-8340-4000	Contractual	\$ .30
F-8340-4070	Veh. Repair	\$ 35.40
G-8130-1001	Overtime	\$165.81
G-8310-4000	Contractual	\$ .30
G-8130-4070	Veh. Repair	\$ 23.04

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Alderman Russo		
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Alderman Leggiero		

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**RESOLUTION #15/16-32**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT EXTENSION – LUIZZI**

**BY: ALDERMAN LEGGIERO**

**RESOLVED**, the Mayor is authorized to sign a contract extension with Peter Luizzi & Bros. Construction Inc. for street resurfacing and sidewalk reconstruction project -2014 until December 31, 2015.

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Alderman Beekman		
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**RESOLUTION #15/16-33**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT – WATER LINE REPAIRS**

**BY: ALDERMAN LEGGIERO**

WHEREAS, bids were requested from six firms for water line repairs to certain City streets which resulted in two bids being received,

**RESOLVED**, the Mayor is authorized to sign an agreement with Pollard Construction the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$92,729 for water line repairs to Cedar Street, Florida Avenue, Division Street and West Main Street.

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Alderman Barone		
Alderman Hatzenbuhler		
Alderman Leggiero		

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## **Basis for Emergency Repair Declaration**

As a result of New York Leak Detection (NYLD) investigation it was discovered that numerous leaks were occurring along what was once considered as Cedar Street which is now part of the Amsterdam Housing Project. The main in Cedar Street is a 4-inch line and serves Vern's Auto Body Shop, the maintenance building for the Housing Authority and the only hydrant on the south side of the Housing Authority property. As a result of the leaks found, the Fire Department was requested to evaluate the flow from this hydrant and it was found to be drastically inadequate. This is very similar to the water flow issues on Mechanic Street that resulted in major issues with trying to fight a large fire several years ago. Therefore based on a life safety requirement the City needs to replace this 4-inch water main with a new 6-inch water main and a new hydrant immediately.

In addition three other leaks were detected in main water lines in the City streets resulting in a total estimated leakage of 425,000 gallons per day. The contractor hired to fix Cedar Street will also perform these repairs as the DPW does not have the necessary equipment or manpower to dedicate to these projects.

Also, because of these major leaks in the City, the treatment plant is being operated at higher capacity than necessary and putting further stress on the equipment and materials needed to treat the water. Steele's Reservoir level is at a low point requiring the plant to blend Ireland Vly water along with Steele's water to prevent Steele's from becoming critically low. This blending of the two waters is not optimal for the Treatment Plant as Ireland Vly water is high in color therefore making it more costly to treat.