

Center Square Association Meeting Minutes October 15, 2015

I. Meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Jackie Ring

II. Introductions were made

Natalie Warner, Owner and Chef of Tapasia, 227 Lark Street, spoke regarding the opening of Tapasia in late November 2015. The restaurant will serve small plates of Asian cuisine. Natalie has been doing improvements to the building with hope to purchase the property. Hours will be Monday – Thursday 11am – 9pm / Friday – Saturday 11am – 11pm / Sunday 11am-9pm.

Treasurers Report – John Quinn - CSA balance as of October 15, 2015 is \$14,395.73.

The minutes of the Sept. 17, 2015 business meeting were approved.

City Report – Councilman Richard Conti spoke regarding Mayor’s budget infusion of \$12.5 million in new State aid next year has not been committed. The budget of \$180.6 million will hold the line on taxes, but includes new trash fees for 2-4 family homes. The trash fee would produce an estimated \$1.5 million in new revenue. The proposed \$196 million project to rebuild Albany High will be voted on November 3rd and 3 vacancies on the School Board are up for election.

County Report – Christ Higgins reported legislators passed a new County Law mandating the alert of any oil spin within 30 minutes to Emergency Management, failure to do so will result in a fine of \$10,000. Local Law introduced the restriction of recreational use of drones and to raise the age to 21 to purchase cigarettes.

Police Report – Officer Bret Phillips is out on paternity leave; he and his wife just had a new baby.

Jenny Quinn, Nominating Committee chair, conducted the election of officers for the 2015- 2017 term. The membership unanimously approved, by written ballot, the following slate of candidates:

Jackie Ring – President; Ben Chi Vice - President; John Quinn – Treasurer; Maureen Kruger – Recording Secretary; Michelle Bruck – Corresponding Secretary; Chris Burke – Director of Community Outreach; Demi McGuire – Director of Beautification.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM