

City of Derby
Board of Aldermen / Alderwomen
VARCA Building Future Use Ad-Hoc Committee

Carmen DiCenso, Stephen Iacuone, Carlo Sarmiento, Ronald Sill, and Judy Szewczyk

BOA VARCA Building Future Use Ad-Hoc Committee Special Meeting Minutes
Derby City Hall
1 Elizabeth Street, Derby, CT
January 10, 2019 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Mr. DiCenso, Mr. Iacuone, Mr. Sill and Ms. Szewczyk, Also present was Mr. Coppola.

4. Public Portion

Mr. Lionetti - asked if contractors did estimates for the needed repairs. Mr. DiCenso said yes. Mr. Lionetti would like the seniors to be in the VARCA building. Then the current center could be sold. He said that if the city does sell it, the city should put the funds into a separate account and not just into the general fund.

5. VARCA building recommendation to Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen Operations & Procedures Committee

Johnson's Control went through the building and provided recommendations and estimates. \$3.5 million in repairs would need to be made.

This committee is to make a recommendation to the Operations & Procedures Committee. This committee does not make the decision for the city. The city is going to incur a lot of expenses with the new Payden Field House. Mr. DiCenso does not want to put this on the backs of the residents. It would have been great to combine the Derby and Ansonia senior centers, but it is too costly.

Mr. DiCenso motioned that his recommendation to the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen Operations & Procedures Committee would be to vote to sell the building.

Mr. Sill asked the value of the building. Mr. DiCenso said it's approximately \$475,000 because of the work needed. Ms. Szewczyk said year after year they (the Board Apportionment and Taxation) crunch the numbers and it would be very hard to pay for this. She would like the city to continue searching for a more suitable location for the senior center. Mr. Iacuone said he doesn't think this is a great location for the senior center either. Mr. Iacuone asked why they can't make room at the new field house for the seniors. Mr. DiCenso said that they could look into it.

Mr. Iacuone seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Sill motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. DiCenso and the motion carried at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Kuskowski

These minutes are subject to the Committee's approval at their next scheduled meeting.