PRESS RELEASE

Mayor Amy B. Sherburne

CITY OF OLEAN ANNOUNCES VISIT FROM CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY TO ADVOCATE FOR THE CITY OF OLEAN POLICE DEPARTMENT MODERNIZATION FUNDING

OLEAN, NY - The City of Olean hosted Congressman Nick Langworthy at the Olean Municipal Building for a meeting and tour to address a long-overdue infrastructure improvement facing the Olean Police Department. Local officials are uniting with Congressman Langworthy to advocate for essential federal appropriations to fund a comprehensive structural overhaul, renovation, and footprint reconfiguration of the city's law enforcement facility.

The Olean Police Department operates out of a facility that has not received any significant structural upgrades, footprint expansions or modern renovations since it was originally constructed in 1959. For the last 67 years, the department's physical space has remained completely untouched. The facility has reached a critical tipping point, with failing building systems, outdated safety infrastructure and a spatial layout that no longer complies with modern policing standards or accessibility requirements.

The proposed City of Olean Police Department Modernization Project will completely reconfigure and renovate the existing layout, overhaul operational rooms, replace failing infrastructure and optimize the department's footprint to create an efficient, secure environment for law enforcement personnel.

"Our law enforcement officers dedicate their lives to protecting the Olean community, yet they are working around the clock in a facility frozen in 1959," said Mayor Amy Sherburne. "Securing this funding is not a luxury; it is a critical necessity. We cannot expect our officers to provide top-tier public service while operating within an obsolete, decaying infrastructure. We are incredibly grateful to Congressman Langworthy for stepping up to champion this project in Washington so we can finally give our officers the modern resources they need to keep Olean safe."

The meeting at the Municipal Building underscored a joint commitment to securing the necessary federal backing to see this modernization and ensuring the long-term safety of both Olean's officers and the community they serve.

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