

PUBLIC HEARING – APRIL 3, 2009

The Public Hearing meeting of the Town Board of St. Armand was held on the above date at the Town Hall, Bloomingdale, NY

PRESENT: Supervisor Joyce W. Morency, Councilmen Charles Whitson, and Thomas C. Jones. Town Clerk Cynthia A. Woodson, and Water & Sewer Superintendent Bart Crary

EXCUSED: Councilmen Earl J. Dakin, Jr., and Samuel Grimone

GUESTS: Sandy Hayes

Supervisor Morency called the Public Hearing to order at 10:15 A.M.

The reading of the Public Notice was waived by the Town Board.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The Town Board of the Town of St. Armand will submit an application for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the New York State Governor's Office for Small Cities (GOSC), on or before April 24, 2009. The Town is notifying the public in order to give residents the opportunity to attend public hearings that will allow them to identify and comment on the overall needs and priorities of the community, and to allow them to consider the potential benefits and impacts of the proposed CDBG project before the application is submitted. The public hearings will provide an explanation of the overall CDBG program and provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and comment. An application will be developed in accordance with the Town's Citizen Participation process, the Community Development and Displacement Plans. The Essex County Department of Community Development and Planning will prepare the application on behalf of the Town, and any questions regarding the grant can be directed to either the Town Supervisor, Joyce W. Morency, at the address and telephone number provided at the end of this notice, or the Essex County Department of Community Development and Planning (518-873-3750). The first Public Hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 1702 NYS RTE 3, Bloomingdale, on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 10 a.m., affording an overview of the CDBG program and an opportunity to discuss and comment on overall community needs. The second Public Hearing will be held on April 3, 2009 at 10 a.m., to afford the public an opportunity to review the details of the proposed project, related issues and to comment before the Small Cities CDBG application is submitted. Written and verbal comments from both public hearings will be considered and, if appropriate, incorporated into the Community Development Plan and CDBG program design. The Town's Community Development, Displacement, and Citizen Participation Plans will be available for review at the Town Hall, the Public Hearings and at the offices of the Essex County Department of Community Development and Planning. Questions and comments or public requests for copies or documents identified in this notice can be arranged for by writing to: Joyce W. Morency, Supervisor Town of St. Armand, P. O. Box 338, Bloomingdale, NY 12913 518-891-3189.

Supervisor Morency stated that the Consent Order from the Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) for the Sewer Plant has changed the amount of the fine to \$2,500. She will sign and send a check for that amount. Councilman Jones stated that it has reduced to \$12,500 and \$10,000 of that will be forgiven upon completion of the compliance. Bart stated that as long as the composite performance evaluation is done the \$10,000 goes away. Councilman Whitson stated that it needs to be done now instead of postponing it.

Supervisor Morency stated that Vic Putnam told her he needs letters from the people about their septic systems and any problems they are having. She said she will notify the radio station to get the word out as well. Councilman Jones said he would go to some of the residents to ask for a letter. Bart stated that a form letter might make it easier; Joyce said that Vic said not to do a form letter. Councilman Whitson stated that

some people won't write a letter; as some may have problems and don't want to get into trouble for it. They need to know that the letter won't cause problems; it will show how we are trying to get the grant to help them with the sewer problems.

END OF PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Morency adjourned the Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m.

I, Cynthia A. Woodson, Town Clerk for the Town of St. Armand, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct transcript of the Public Hearing meeting minutes held on the above referenced date.

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Cynthia A. Woodson  
St. Armand Town Clerk