

PUBLIC HEARING – APRIL 26, 2011

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

PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor Samuel A. Grimone, Councilmen Earl J. Dakin, Thomas C. Jones, and Paul Woodruff. Town Clerk Cynthia A. Woodson

EXCUSED: Supervisor Joyce W. Morency

GUESTS: Sandy Hayes, and Nancy Heath

Deputy Supervisor Grimone called the Public Hearing to order at 6:15 P.M.

Deputy Grimone asked for motion to waive the reading of the Public Notice from Essex County. Councilman Dakin made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to waive the reading of the notice. The Public Notice is as follow:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Town of St Armand Public Hearing Notice. The Town Board of the Town of St. Armand intends to submit an application on or about May 27, 2011 for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, administered by the New York State Office for Community Renewal (OCR) who has announced the availability of approximately \$40 million in NYS Community Development Block Grant funding for the 2011 Competitive Round. Funding limits for the Towns are \$400,000 for Housing or Public Facilities applications and \$600,000 for Public Infrastructure (Water/Sewer only). At least 70% of the NYS CDBG funds requested must fund activities where at least 51% of the beneficiaries are low-moderate income. The Town is notifying the public so residents can attend the public hearings and 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 NYS CDBG project before the application is submitted. The public hearings will provide an explanation of the NYS CDBG program and an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and make comments. Written questions or comments are welcome and can be directed to the Town Supervisor, Joyce Morency at the address and phone number provided at the end of the Notice. The FIRST Public Hearing will be held on April 26 at the Supervisor's Office, located on 1702 State Route 3, Bloomingdale, NY 12913 at 6:00 p.m. and will provide an overview of the CDBG program and an opportunity for public discussion and comments on overall community needs. The SECOND Public Hearing will be held on May 3, 2011 at the Supervisor's Office, located on 1702 State Route 3, Bloomingdale, NY 12913 at 6:00 p.m. to afford an opportunity to review the details of the proposed projects, related issues and to comment before the OCR CDBG Application is submitted. The Supervisor's Office at the Town Hall is an accessible facility; other accommodations for the persons with disabilities may be made upon advance notice. Written questions or comments may be sent to Joyce W. Morency, Supervisor Town of St. Armand 1702 State Route 3, PO Box 338 Bloomingdale, NY 12913 Phone: 518-891-3189 Fax: 518-891-6092 Pub.: April 22, 2011.

Deputy Supervisor Grimone stated that the surveys have been mailed out and we have received a few of the responses. Nancy Heath asked how soon the undertaking for this is to proceed, and is our possibilities better this time. Deputy Supervisor Grimone stated that he doesn't think anyone is absolutely sure but hoping it will happen. Nancy asked is this doesn't work are there other sources. Deputy Supervisor Grimone stated that he doesn't know of any other, but this one is the current one that is available.

Nancy is concerned that some of the homes that have received the surveys may not respond to it as they don't want to. Nancy stated that it has been at least 25 years and the problem is still the same up at her house on Whiteface Lane. Deputy Supervisor Grimone stated that last time Tom (Councilman Jones) went out door to door getting everyone's surveys. Councilman Jones said he would do it again as it is important to get the surveys.

Nancy stated that shouldn't it be the more dire the situation rather than the income of the houses in order to get something done. Deputy Supervisor Grimone stated that the survey is based on the money and they are in competition with several others; the situation is trying but the income is important. Nancy stated that some people may not

send in the survey as they have new septic and don't want to tie into the sewer line. Deputy Supervisor Grimone stated that with this grant it's important that we see everyone with the income level to qualify for the grant.

Councilman Jones asked if these are the same streets as last time. Deputy Supervisor Grimone said yes, and if it only takes three streets to qualify, instead of five, then we submit only the three to get this best possibility. Sandy Hayes asked if the engineering work ever been done on those streets done. Deputy Supervisor Grimone stated he honestly doesn't know if the engineering plans are done. Councilman Woodruff stated that in prior meetings he was sure there were engineering reports done for those streets.

Sandy stated that the Town needs to be more proactive to do something and not wait for free money; the Town has money. Councilman Jones stated he agrees with Sandy that the Town does have some money, but he never, ever wants Town sewer or water on his properties, as they have great septic systems put in. Nancy asked if one street could be done one at a time to get something done. Sandy stated that the Town needs a Master Plan to get the engineering work done and then maybe do one street at a time. Councilman Woodruff stated that if money is borrowed; those taxpayers will be paying more and we need to think about them. Sandy stated that Basil paid for all his engineering work and the Town could do the same.

Deputy Supervisor Grimone stated that the next Public Hearing is May 3 at 6:00 and Supervisor Morency will have more details regarding the grant money.

END OF PUBLIC HEARING

Deputy Supervisor Grimone adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:57 p.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.

Cynthia A. Woodson
St. Armand Town Clerk