

PUBLIC HEARING – MAY 3, 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: Supervisor Joyce W. Morency, Deputy Supervisor Samuel A. Grimone, Councilmen Earl J. Dakin, and Thomas C. Jones. Town Clerk Cynthia A. Woodson. Code Enforcement Officer Robert Drosdowich and Health Officer Ray Scollins.

ABSENT: Councilman Paul Woodruff

GUESTS: Anna Reynolds and Matt McNamara from Essex County Planning, and Nathan Brown reporter from Adirondack Daily Enterprise.

Supervisor Morency called the second Public Hearing, of the Community Development Block Grant, to order at 6:05 P.M.

Supervisor Morency waived the reading of the Public 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.

Ms. Reynolds stated that 41 income surveys were mailed out to residents on Poplar, Mill, Vine, Maple streets and Whiteface Lane. They are required to receive a 95 percent response rate for the Community Development Block Grant. Supervisor Morency stated that she when she receives a list of those who did not respond, she will telephone them. Ms. Reynolds stated that 51 percent of the income survey requires a low/moderate income. She stated that depending on the income survey rates will also determine what or how many streets for work to be done.

Councilman Jones asked that if 95 percent of returned surveys are required how come only 51 percent of them have to be low/moderate income. Ms. Reynolds stated that the numbers has changed; in 2009 it was 53 percent of the income surveys. Ms. Reynolds suggested that they also get letters of support from the residents. Supervisor Morency stated that she can get more letters.

Councilman Grimone asked if any part of the \$600,000 grant money be used for engineering drawings. Ms. Reynolds stated that we have the engineering reports; Councilman Grimone was asking for the actual work not the application. Ms. Reynolds stated that of the \$600,000 only 20 percent of it can be used for engineering work.

END OF PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Morency closed the Public Hearing at 6:15 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.

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Cynthia A. Woodson  
St. Armand Town Clerk