

Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Public Hearing
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
July 24, 2023

Minutes of the public hearings held by the Board of Trustees on July 24, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Susquehanna Room, 105 Main Street, Afton.

Present: Mayor Dedman, Trustee D. Lawrence, Trustee Humphrey, Trustee Winans, Trustee T. Lawrence and Clerk/Treasurer Palmatier.

Visitors: N/A

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Dedman.
- Motion made by Trustee Humphrey to opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 pm, to hear public comments on the Village of Afton’s Community needs and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2023 program year. Seconded by Trustee T. Lawrence. All in favor, motion passed.
- This Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is administered by the New York States Office of Community Renewal (OCR), and will make available to eligible local governments approximately \$35 million in NYS CDBG funds for the 2023 program year for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefitting low/moderate income persons. The Village of Afton is applying for \$1 Million in CDBG funds to complete Public Facilities Improvements to a currently vacant building to be used as a space for community events and possibly for Public Infrastructure for the Village water system. The hearing will provide further information about the CDBG program and will allow for citizen participation in the development of any proposed grant applications and/or to provide technical assistance to develop alternate proposals. Comments on the CDBG program or proposed project(s) will be received at this time. The hearing is being conducted pursuant to Section 570.486, Subpart I of the CFR and in compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.
- A motion make by Trustee Humphrey to adopt the SEQRA Negative Declaration Resolution. Seconded by Trustee D. Lawrence. All in favor, motion passed.

Resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Afton in conjunction with HALOS is undertaking the HALOS

Renovations Project (hereinafter called “the Project”) to make repairs and improvements to the building for use as a community center.

WHEREAS, the Village of Afton is acting as lead agency regarding the SEQR review of the project;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF AFTON AS FOLLOWS:

1. HALOS intends to proceed with the HALOS Renovations Project, and
 2. The Village of Afton hereby determines that the project is a Type II action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation law and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 and pursuant to potential funding program requirements; and
 3. The Village Board hereby declares itself to be the Lead Agency for purposes of coordinated review pursuant to SEQRA; and
 4. The Village Board has determined that this project is considered a maintenance project and will not have any negative impacts. Therefore, it is resolved that the Village Board has determined there is no significant environmental impacts.
 5. The Village Board hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign all environmental review and funding documents for the Project on their behalf.
- Trustee Humphrey informed the Village Board of Trustees that he had spoken with Brendon Becker from Lamont Engineers about possible grants for the 2 yellow houses. At this time there are none available, but Brendon will keep the village updated. Mr. Becker indicated that we may have missed the grants available for the parks at this time, however there was an extensions granted, he'll need to look into this to gather more information.
 - A motion made by Trustee Humphrey to close the public hearing at 6:25 pm, on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR). Seconded by Trustee D. Lawrence. All in favor, motion passed.
 - A motion made by Trustee Humphrey to enter into executive session at 6:26 pm to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment , promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. As well as the proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities or sale or exchange or securities held by the public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof. Seconded by Trustee Winans. All in favor, motion passed.

- A motion made by Trustee T. Lawrence to exit executive session at 6:55 pm. Seconded by Trustee Humphrey. All in favor, motion passed.
- Trustee T. Lawrence informed the Village Board of Trustee that he briefly spoke with the Town Assessor, Caitlyn Brown. She is currently working with the County on the 2 yellow houses.
- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey to accept the resignation of Michael Lawrence as a member of the Village of Afton Zoning Board of Appeals Member. Seconded by Trustee Winans. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made by Trustee D. Lawrence to adjourn at 7:03 pm. Seconded by Trustee T. Lawrence. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Palmatier
Clerk / Treasurer