

Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
October 25, 2021

Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees held October 25, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Susquehanna Room, 105 Main Street, Afton.

Present: Mayor Nickerson, Trustee Humphrey, Trustee Simonds, Trustee Dedman and Clerk/Treasurer Palmatier.

Absent: Trustee Lawrence.

Visitors: Nate Greene, Joyce Humphrey, Melanie Mueller and Brendon Becker, Lamont Engineers, P.C.

- Meeting called to order at 6:12 pm.
- Motion made by Trustee Simonds to open the Public Hearing at 6: 13 pm, to hear comments on grant funding for the Village of Afton's Community Development needs from the public. Seconded by Trustee Humphrey. All in favor motion passed.
- Lamont Engineer Brendon Becker explained to those in attendance the grant process. He stated because the Village was able to obtain income surveys, the Village meets the requirements to apply for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). There would be a required 10% cash contribution towards whatever the grant requires, for prospective businesses. The Village would not be responsible. It would be the responsibility of those who receive the grant funds to come up with the required 10%. The grant requires that the businesses hire low income employees. Whether this be a full time 40 hour a week position or a part time. At least 1 full time position with 40 hours a week or 2 part time at 20 hours each employees has to have low income. Or the business owners need to show proof of low income for their selves, through tax records. Any grant funds that are awarded must be expended within 1 year of receipt.
- Mr. Becker answered questions and concerns from those interested in the grant submission.
- Mayor Nickerson expressed an interest in the possible purchase of properties that have continued to be placed on back tax sale. Mr. Becker said that this should not be done until the village knows it will receive grant funds allowing them to do so.
- Mayor Nickerson stated that she has spoken with the County about the possibility of the village purchasing these locations. Two of the three properties will be available, once the unpaid back tax sale list is released by the County. The County suggested that the village reach out to the other property owner to discuss a possible sale. Mr. Becker suggested that perhaps the village attorney could be of assistance with this process. Mr. Becker stated that just because an offer is submitted does not mean that the village will have to comply.

- Mayor Nickerson asked for a motion allowing her to contact the Village Attorney to submit a request of a written proposal of purchase for one of the property's that privately owned.
- Motion make by Trustee Humphrey to allow for Mayor Nickerson to ask Attorney VanWhy to come up with a written proposal of a purchase of a property on Main Street. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Motion made by Trustee Humphrey to close public hearing at 6:33 pm for public comments on grant funding for the Village of Afton's Community Development needs. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor motion passed.
- Motion made by Trustee Humphrey to submit for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding under the Federal Cares Act. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey to adjourn at 6:35 pm. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Palmatier
Clerk / Treasurer