

VILLAGE OF SHERMAN
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD,
MUNICIPAL ZONING BOARD
and PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020 at 6:00pm

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and NYS Executive Order #202.1 the meeting was held remotely by videoconference. Mayor Meeder welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 6:00pm by leading everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Board members Colleen Meeder, Isaac Gratto, Donna Higginbotham, Kirk Ayers and Ryan Sanders, Clerk-Treasurer Jeanette Ramm, Chief Operator Jay Irwin, Gary Emory, and the press were in attendance.

RES 2020-06-03.1: PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion to accept the previous minutes of the Annual Reorganizational Meeting, Public Hearing of the 2020 Proposed Laws, Regular Board Meeting and the meeting of the Municipal Zoning Board held May 6th, 2020.

Moved by Trustee Higginbotham Seconded by Trustee Gratto

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

Motion to suspend the regular meeting and enter into the Public Hearing.

Moved by Trustee Gratto Seconded by Trustee Higginbotham

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

PUBLIC HEARING – 2020 CDBG GRANT APPLICATIONS:

Community Development Block Grants are estimated to total \$49 million for 2020 program grants for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities.

CDBG PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT:

We had a public hearing previously for our CDBG Public Infrastructure Grant which we believed to be \$1,000,000. This is the new official public hearing on the official updated information. We are now eligible for \$1,250,000 in this co-funded application for our Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Improvement Project. The mayor reminded everyone that this is applied to through the NY Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). Applications are usually due in July, but due to the pandemic, applications are not yet open. Typically, July applications are awarded in December, and available in the following January. It is funded through NYS Department of Homes and Community Renewal. This award is co-funded with USDA-RD (Rural Development) and WIIA to further reduce the cost of the \$6,2m WWTP project. Both these funding agencies have requirements that need to be met. CDBG looks at the 1.5% - 2% HMI (household median income) which we are working towards. USDA looks at the cost of similar systems on a community. Both of these amounts are fixed.

Our Present Grants:

- USDA RD \$2,265,000 36.6%
- WIIA \$ 980,000 15.8% (25% of net cost)
- TOTAL \$3,245,500 52.4%

With CDBG \$1,250,000 Grant:

- USDA RD \$2,265,000 36.6%
- CDBG \$1,250,000 20.2%
- WIIA \$ 668,000 11.0% (25% of net cost)
- TOTAL \$4,183,000 67.6%

Project Budget = \$6,187,000

Local Cost/Loan = \$2,004,000 Over 38 years

The loan rate with the USDA-RD is set at 2.125% (or lower, dependent on the rate at time of closing). The loan is also dependent on the average sewer cost per EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit). This amount was \$787 but the additional \$250,000 from this CDBG grant reduces the average to \$767 total estimated average per sewer user (annual sewer use and base charge).

CDBG COMMUNITY PLANNING GRANT:

Mayor Meeder reviewed this Community Planning Grant, saying it is a \$50,000 grant which requires a 5% Village match of \$2,500 making it a \$52,500 project. The Village would apply through NY Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) in July 2020. If awarded the grant, we would find out in December 2020 and it would be available in January 2021. This is dependent on any Covid-19 delays. This CDBG grant is funded through NYS Department of Homes & Community Renewal and would be used to evaluate the four municipally owned properties on Main Street.

- 130 West Main Street (Old Ford Garage)
- 129 West Main Street (Miss Laura's)
- 123 West Main Street (Classy Clippers)
- 121 West Main Street (Vacant)

The grant would be used to study the condition of each building, do preliminary engineering and architectural plans, and complete the second phase of the environmental survey of the 130 West Main Street property. This would help us determine the best use of each building and make us shovel ready for future CDBG and LGE (Local Government Efficiency) Grants. We will use the findings and recommendations of this study grant to apply for future CDBG Public Facilities Grants (up to \$300,000) for either the 130 West Main Street building or the three row buildings.

NYMS (NEW YORK MAIN STREET) GRANT:

This NY Main Street Grant is a NYMS-TA (Technical Assistance) Grant to evaluate non-municipally owned properties along Main Street. Although this grant does not require a public hearing, the mayor wanted everyone to know that this NYMS Grant will be done in conjunction with the CDBG Community Planning Grant (on our municipal properties). This means we will be doing all of Main Street. The NYMS Grant, which is done through the NYS Department of Homes & Community Renewal program, is for \$20,000 with a local match of 5% (\$1,053). We would apply in July through the NY Consolidated Funding Application and, if awarded the grant, we would find out in December. These dates are dependent on any Covid-19 delays.

CDBG – CDOL (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ONLINE) GRANT:

This Community Development Block Grant is a housing rehabilitation grant for \$500,000 which is awarded to 9 or 10 single family residents per grant cycle. This translates into \$40,000 - \$50,000 per qualifying household. CDOL is administered by CHRIC (Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation and Improvement Corporation), a non-profit organization that works in conjunction with CDBG. Mayor

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

WATER AND STREETS REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Crane has been busy with various projects, including working on a stormwater problem on Miller Street, installing service lines to a property and completing First Street. The stormwater issues on Miller Street should be completed in the next week, after that First Street will be the priority. We will have a motion regarding the Bond Resolution for the USDA RD Community Facility Program Grant application at the next meeting. Monroe Tractor informed us that sales of their used loaders have increased, which is good - it tells us that there is value in our used loader which we will sell once the bond resolution is approved.

WATER PROJECT

The Covid-19 restrictions and the stormwater problem on Miller delayed our access to properties, but with the good weather ahead we plan to return to First Street to complete this project.

STORMWATER PROJECT

Although the stormwater SEQRA does not require a public hearing, it does require action which we will get to later in the meeting.

SEWER REPORT FROM CHIEF SEWER OPERATOR

Mr. Irwin said that he is setting up several site visits with our engineer, Matt Zarbo, to look at the various equipment items we are considering including in our WWTP upgrades. He said they are assisting Mr. Crane with the drainage along Miller Street, the service line to the George property and First Street.

SEWER PROJECT

Mr. Irwin is working with the surveyor and looking into different ways to work with other local sewer plants to see what efficiencies can be built into our project or what can be done cooperatively to ease the debt portion part of this sewer project.

MAYORAL ADDRESS:

TREE “Beautification” COMMITTEE (Parks & Recreation Subcommittee) - The tree committee is meeting tomorrow night and have a request which will be discussed and voted on under motion #3.

TRAIL COMMITTEE - The mayor is meeting with Jim Fincher to discuss what the next step is to expand the trail.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Donna Higginbotham thanked Gary Emory for the great job his is doing maintaining the ground, especially around the monument and Yorker Museum.

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM CLERK-TREASURER

General Checking Account: Balance (06/03/2020) is \$86,525.91 & book balance \$65,562.92

NYS Fund Bank Account: Balance (06/03/2020) is \$0

Sewer Project Bank Account: Balance (06/03/2020) is \$227,349.52

Water Project Bank Account: Balance (06/03/2020) is \$0

CD Account: Balance (06/03/2020) is A\$150,065.03, B\$0

