

REGULAR SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON JULY 12, 2022 AT VILLAGE HALL 61 FRONT STREET, DEPOSIT NY AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Moore, Trustees Strauss, Price and Warner, C/T Budine, DC/T Shirkey, Historian John O'Connor, Carolyn Price and Mike Musante.

ABSENT: Trustee Durning, DPW Supervisor Steve Evans

Mayor Moore opened the Public Hearing for the CDBG Water and Sewer Infrastructure Evaluation Project.

Clerk Treasurer reported that the Village of Deposit intends to submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for the 2022 program year. The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR), and will make available to eligible local governments approximately \$40 million for the 2022 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 will request \$50,000 for evaluation of the water and sewer infrastructure under the Planning Program. The Village is required to match the CDBG funds at 5% of the grant funds requested.

The funds would be used to contract an engineer to carry out a comprehensive condition assessment of the Village owned Drinking Water Distribution System and the Sanitary Sewer Collection System. The facilities are well past their useful life, and experiencing a variety of shortcomings that could lead to operation and performance issues if left unattended. Although the Village has completed various necessary improvements over time, reactionary improvements tend to be costly. A short- and long-term plan is needed for predicting costs and timing of repairs and replacement, to ensure the health and safety of the community and the surrounding environment, and promote local economic growth. The condition assessment will result in a Preliminary Engineering Reports. The report will describe the recommended improvement alternatives, and outline available funding opportunities to assist the Village in financing the project. It is expected that future improvement projects will be eligible for CDBG and other grant funding and/or low cost financing as the Village is a low-to-moderate income community.

Then CT Budine read comments from Georganna Carson:

Per the legal notice in The Deposit Courier, I am submitting my comments regarding community development needs and use of potential CDBG grant funds.

First, it would be helpful for me to understand why the Board feels that an engineering report on the water/sewer system (and plant?) is necessary. Are there specific problems that need to be addressed? I haven't really seen anything in the paper or heard discussions about issues. Perhaps details could be shared so that there is a common understanding among the community.

Also, I have several thoughts on what future funds could be used for. These are mostly in the area of further enhancing the streetscape work that was done so that visitors can better enjoy the business area, and perhaps attract new businesses and residents, such as:

- Set up benches or tables where the old A to Z shop stood, so that people have a meeting place or place to sit with others (and stay on Front St!)

- Offer incentives and help for some of the current small businesses to enhance their store fronts and entrances
- Have the public parking area paved – and perhaps put in electric car chargers
- Pave/top some areas of Riverside (W Smith) Park so that those with walkers and wheelchairs can access the riverfront more easily

Overall, I think that if we can continue to improve the general business area, and promote the community as one that is focused on attracting new folks, we can continue to revitalize the town.

Regards,

Georganna Carson

Mayor Moore responded to Ms. Carson's questions. The Engineering report is required in order to apply for CDBG funds for water/sewer infrastructure money. It is the first step. DPW Supervisor has a list of wants and needs and the study will help prioritize this list.

Mayor Moore stated that Ms. Carson thoughts on uses for the funds are good ideas; currently we have more pressing infrastructure issues. As a small community we have to prioritize our funding. The A to Z lot the Board intends to sell to recoup some of our losses in having to demolish the building. We have looked into EV chargers and currently the funding from NYSEG is from the pole to the charger. The EV charger is \$50,000 and we would have to apply for a competitive grant for those funds. We are currently spending our allotted Grant Writer funds for the infrastructure grants. Possibly at a later date we could revisit the EV charger idea. As far as paving the Willis Smith Park there are rules that we have to follow given to us by FEMA when they signed it over to us.

Mayor Moore asked if there were any other questions or comments. John O'Connor encouraged the Board to keep going the way they were. The study is the first thing that needs to be done. Mike Musante stated that the Board was on the right track. Ms. Price agreed that the Village is doing everything right to qualify for CDBG funding.

**MOTION#110/22-23**

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Price to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION#111/22-23**

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Warner to approve the following resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION  
ADOPTED JULY 12, 2022**

**Village of Deposit Water and Sewer Infrastructure Evaluation  
INTENT TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)  
FUNDING IN THE PLANNING CATEGORY**

**WHEREAS** New York State Housing and Community Renewal, Office of Community Renewal has announced the availability of New York State Community Development Block Grant 2022 Program funding under the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA); and

**WHEREAS** under the CDBG Program, approximately \$40 million is available to eligible communities within New York State; and

**WHEREAS** the New York State Community Development Block Grant Program is a federally funded program authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community

Development Act of 1974 that is administered by Office of Community Renewal (OCR); and

**WHEREAS** the Office of Community Renewal CDBG Program provides funding to eligible communities under the Public Infrastructure and Planning categories; and

**WHEREAS** the Village of Deposit, Broome and Delaware Counties, New York (hereinafter the "Village") has established the public benefit to the Village residents of water and waste water systems, and intends to apply for funding for a study of these systems which will result in an Engineering Report (hereinafter the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS** the Village has solicited for public comments to determine the amount of public support or opposition to the proposed planning project as well as conducted a public hearing on July 14, 2022, where a preliminary plan was presented; and

**WHEREAS** the application requires that the governing body of the Applicant adopt or pass, as an official act, a resolution, motion or similar action authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the Applicant to submit the subject application and all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directs and authorizes the person identified as the official representative of the Applicant to act in connection with the submission of the application and to provide such additional information as may be required; now

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,**

The Village Board Authorizes the Mayor, Bryan Moore, to submit an application to the Office of Community Renewal CDBG Planning program for a maximum of \$50,000, and shall leave a copy of the application materials at Village Hall for inspection by Village residents. For this grant program, a match of a maximum of \$2,500 will be required of the Village (grant 95% and match 5% of total project cost).

The Mayor shall act as the official representative of the Village to act in connection with the submission of the application and to provide such additional information as may be required; and

The application requires that the governing body of the Applicant provide for and encourage citizen participation through a minimum of two public hearings, one at the time of application and one during the grant administration process, for the purpose of obtaining citizens' views and responding to proposes and questions; and

Environmental review procedures contained in 24 CFR Part 58 applies to this program; and that the Village Board will assume all of the responsibilities for environmental review, decision making, and action pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

This resolution will take effect immediately.

Motion offered by: Trustee Strauss

Motion seconded by: Trustee Warner

Vote of the Board of Trustees

Trustee Strauss     Aye

Trustee Warner     Aye

Trustee Price     Aye

**MOTION#112/22-23**

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Strauss to waive the reading of the June 14, 2022 Regular Session, June 28, 2022 Work Session minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION#113/22-23**

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Strauss to accept for filing of the June 14, , 2022 Regular Session and the June 28,, 2022, Work Session minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#114/22-23

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Strauss to accept for filing the monthly Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

STREETS

Mayor Moore reported that DPW Supervisor was not present due to a water dig on Front Street.

Mayor Moore went on to report that there had been some concern about the new Local Law regarding the changes to the Solid waste chapter in the Code book. He wanted to assure everyone that nothing has changed about leaf and lawn debris pick up except for the bags that you use. Instead of plastic bags you will now need to use paper bags. This is just a cost saving measure since it takes the DPW Crew a considerable amount of time to remove the leaves and lawn debris from each and every plastic bag.

Mayor Moore stated the Village was getting ready for Lumberjack Festival and hoped that everyone would get out and enjoy it. This is the first fully geared up one since Covid.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Moore reported that there were 2 applications for the Fire Department and asked for a moment in Executive Session. The Board received the June 2022 Operational Update from EBS.

TRUSTEES

Trustee Warner asked if there were bids for the two Fire Department trucks yet. Mayor Moore stated that they still needed to get pictures and then list them. He also stated that the new fire truck went out on a fire and did a really good job.

PRESIDENT

Mayor stated that he had been approached about the mess on lower Church Street with garbage in the road and on the Village lot. It has been an issue for some time. Mr. Moore stated that he would speak to Code and see if he could address the issue with the landlord.

Mayor Moore reported that the A-Z property had been offered to the owner of the adjoin property. They counter offered with \$5000. The Board cannot accept this offer since it is below the assessed value. It has been decided to have the property listed for sale and revisit the issue in August.

FINANCE

MOTION#115/22-23

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Warner to approve for payment vouchers on Abstract #5 as listed:

General Fund	\$ 37,307.50
Water Fund	\$ 3,725.55
Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 6,149.80</u>
	\$ 47,182.85

Motion passed unanimously.

CT Budine reported that the second half of the CARES money should be arriving soon. We will receive \$78,051.04. There was some discussion about how to best utilize the money. CT Budine stated that DPW Supervisor had many projects in mind for it. She went on to state that there are guidelines that we have to follow when we spend it.

MOTION#116/22-23

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Strauss to go into Executive Session for specific personnel. Motion passed unanimously

MOTION#117/22-23

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Warner to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#118/22-23

A motion was made by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Strauss to approve the Fire Department applications of Emma Snell and Elenya Hempstead. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#119/22-23

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Price to adjourn at 7:44 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen L. Budine  
Clerk Treasurer