

Town of Albion  
Public Hearing (NYSCDBG)  
July 14, 2015

Present: Supervisor Aaron Walter  
Councilman Brad Hilton  
Recording Secretary: Amy J. Ford, Town Clerk

Councilman Thomas Reff  
Councilman Randy Mattison  
Absent: Councilman Lonny Mattison

Proof of Notice having been furnished, the Public Hearing on the NYS Community Development Block Grant (NYSCDBC) was called to order at 6:30pm by Supervisor Walter.

Supervisor Walter yielded the floor to Ms. Katie Malinowski, Director of Natural Resources from the Tug Hill Commission. Ms. Malinowski briefly explained the NYS Consolidated Funding Application. The town would need to pay a 5% percentage of the awarded grant money. Nothing would be started until 2016; then the town would have 14 months to complete the project.

The following person(s) spoke in favor of or against the NYSCDBC:

- 1) Judge Howard Allen Jr. asked Supervisor Walter if the board was aware of the application; and did they give approval. Supervisor Walter stated that at the end of last month's board meeting Mr. Paul Baxter (Tug Hill Circuit Rider) had stated there were grants available. And that he had e-mailed the board regarding the application.
- 2) Mr. Brian Myers stated if the town is 75% poor, then how could 75% pay for water; what the town really needs is a sewer system.
- 3) Mr. & Mrs. Corella (owners of the Scotch Pine Trailer Park) asked if all their tenants would have to pay or was it just a one- time cost to hook up. Ms. Malinowski stated she did not know. They also stated that the majority of their tenants would not be able to afford the cost. Mr. Corella then asked who else was in need of water. Supervisor Walter stated that the NYS Fish Hatchery and the Altmar Volunteer Fire Dept. would like more water available.
- 4) Mr. Richard Corlis stated that it should go to a referendum in November since nothing would be started until 2016. Supervisor Walter stated if they waited, the deadline would pass to file the application; but it could be put on.
- 5) Mr. Steve Cronk, Hwy Supt. asked if the CDBG was a choosable or stoppable grant; could it be stopped at any time. Supervisor Walter stated the CDBG was for up to \$50,000 and was just for the studies. Ms. Malinowski stated the OCR were very strict on where and what the grant money was used for. She did not know if it could be stopped.
- 6) Councilman Randy Mattison stated that years ago studies were done and municipal water was turned down. He also stated that residents would have to pay regardless if they hooked up or not.
- 7) Councilman Brad Hilton asked if the grant would be used for both the Feasibility & Engineering studies. Also how long would the studies be good for? Supervisor Walter stated it could be used for either or both. Ms. Malinowski stated she did not know how long they would be good for, but they could be used as a basis.
- 8) Scotch Pine Trailer Park tenant (red scooter) asked what or who had started all this. Supervisor Walter stated the Tail Water Lodge had contacted him.
- 9) Mr. Craig Stanton asked if it goes to a referendum, who votes on it? Supervisor Walter stated the whole township would.
- 10) Mr. Wayne Dealing stated that if the water line goes by his house he would be the first to sign up for it. This would benefit the Fire Dept. having to haul water.

All person(s) desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Hearing was terminated at 7:29pm.  
Respectfully submitted,