

**Public Hearing**

Date: July 17, 2023

**Present** Mayor Brian Johnson, Trustees Doug Cropper, Debra Gitterman, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Christine Speed

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Trustee Gitterman: We are all interested in improving and protecting our housing stock. To qualify for grants in the future, you have to plan in advance. We have decided to apply for a \$50,000 community development block grant for planning purposes. We are hoping to conduct a housing needs assessment and policy framework that will provide a comprehensive view of current conditions, trends, and projected housing needs, lay the foundation for informed policy decisions and actions related to housing, and support the preservation and development of affordable and workforce housing. The analysis of the current conditions will hopefully include demographic metrics, household characteristics, family size, household income, housing stock, housing costs, subsidized housing location numbers, housing for special populations, local regulations and policies, and an inventory of local housing resources. Part of this will be identifying goals and setting up steps that can be taken. We have letters of support from Robin Andrews, representing the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee; Tom Paino, representing the Climate Smart Task Force; Sally Baker, representing PB Inc.; Common Hand Farm; and Spring Sutter and Christopher Russell.

Mayor Johnson: This grant would be written by your neighbors and will help us in the long run. Once we have this grant, the next steps to getting bigger grants are easier.

S. King: Why would it be a problem to make this happen if its for benefit of the Village and Villagers?

R. Andrews: For the Comprehensive Plan Committee this is a really good addition. The comprehensive plan was going to suggest a housing analysis.

P. Johnson: Asks about the study length and suggests more public meetings for progress if we are awarded the grant.

S. Baker: Is pleased with the grant and requests an abstract for PBInc letter of support.

T. Paino: Klocke distillery supports the grant as well. Their employees need housing.

S. Michie: Asks about other residents showing support.

C. Brown: Works at CEDC. It is a 12-month contract to get the grant.

Motion: to close the public hearing; made by Trustee Cropper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Gitterman. All Ayes, No Nays

Motion: to apply for a 2023 \$50,000 NY State CDBG Community Planning grant; made by Trustee Cropper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Gitterman. All Ayes, No Nays

Motion to adjourn: made by Trustee Cropper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Gitterman. All Ayes, No Nays.

Adjournment: 7:19pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Thomas  
Clerk/Treasurer