

Town of Callicoon
PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, July 12, 2021

The Town Board, Town of Callicoon, County of Sullivan, State of New York at the Town Hall, Jeffersonville, NY, held a Public Hearing on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7:55pm with the following present:
Supervisor T. Bose, Councilman D. Kuebler, Councilman C. Schadt, Councilman C. Hubert, and Councilman S. Gaebel.

Also Present:

Kim Klein, Town Clerk

Christine Olsen, Bookkeeper

Kevin Zieres, Code Enforcement Officer

Marvin Newberg, Town Attorney

Audience: Mark Blauer, Tanya Hahn, Andrew Hahn, Donna Abplanalp, Bruce Ferguson, Peter Lorenzo, Anne Hart, Barb VanBenschoten, Sheriff Mike Schiff, Undersheriff Eric Chaboty, Susan Schadt, Jerry Niemand, John Goodfriend, and Nour Teresa Goodfriend.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Gaebel to open the Public Hearing at 7:45PM. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

The Published Legal Notice was presented.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to give the public a chance to comment regarding the 2021 CFA Application for Office of Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant Program Funds.

Mark Blauer, the principal of Blauer Associates was present and discussed the project, the sign in sheet, how the Small Cities Program benefits low/moderate income which was found in the outcome of the Income Survey done through RCAP for the Town of Callicoon. Mr. Blauer explained that the Town of Callicoon applied in March for the 2020 round and out of 63 applicants there were only 17 grants that were approved. Mr. Blauer also noted that the projects that have a consent order and projects with other funding sources or co-funded projects scored well. Mark stated that the Town of Callicoon is looking for the grant to cover the whole cost and that the application is due by July 30, 2021. Mark urged the Town to commit a percentage of the ARPA stimulus money of about 4-5 percent, which would amount to \$45,000.00. Mr. Blauer noted that the State would announce the results of the Grant Awards in December and explained that if the Town were not to receive the grant, the committed stimulus funds would not be spent.

Supervisor Bose stated that the Town did receive conformation from the State that the Town will be receiving the ARPA funds in the amount of \$263,641.00 which will be distributed half in 2021 and the other half will be distributed in 2022.

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Mr. Blauer explained that the town is meeting the requirements by holding this public hearing.

Mr. Blauer discussed the current water rates and the fact that they are low and the current debt service, and increasing fund balance once the debt service is paid off.

Mr. Blauer suggested that the Town Board open the meeting to public comments.

Public Comment

Public Comments included a question of whether or not a letter of support from REAP would help and a resident thanked the Town for applying for the Grant.

On a motion by Councilman Kuebler, seconded by Councilman Schadt to close the Public Hearing at 8:23pm. Motion Passed – 5 Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Klein
Town Clerk