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TOWN BOARD COUNTY OF ALBANY

TOWN OF COLONIE

THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SUBSEQUENT VOTE IN RELATION TO
TOWN OF COLONIE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATION PLAN ENTITLEMENT ACTION PLAN
AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

THE STENOGRAPHIC MINUTES of the above entitled matter
by NANCY L. STRANG, a Shorthand Reporter commencing on
June 4, 2020 at 7:15 p.m. at Memorial Town Hall, 534
New Loudon Road, Latham, New York

BOARD MEMBERS:

- PAULA MAHAN, SUPERVISOR
- LINDA MURPHY, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
- MELISSA JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN
- RICK FIELD
- JILL PENN
- DAVID GREEN
- DANIELLE FUTIA

ALSO PRESENT:

- Michael C. Magguilli, Esq, Town Attorney
- Julie Gansle, Town Clerk
- Nancy Adriano, Program Manager, Community Development

1 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: This public hearing has a
2 deadline on it for the federal agency, Nancy?

3 MS. ANDRIANO: Yes.

4 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: So, we have to abide by
5 that.

6 MS. GANSLE: This public hearing is be held by
7 order of the Town Board in conjunction with the Villages
8 of Colonie and Menands for the purpose of obtaining the
9 views and comments of citizens on the proposed Town of
10 Colonie Community Development Block Grant five-year
11 consolidation plan Entitlement Action Plan Citizen
12 Participation Plan and analysis of impediments to fair
13 housing choice.

14 Notice of such hearing has been published in
15 the official Town newspaper which is the Spotlight and
16 has been posted on the Town Clerk's bulletin board. I
17 have an affidavit for each. The Town Board will now
18 hear all persons interested in this proposal.

19 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Nancy?

20 MS. ADRIANO: A few procedural notes. I have a
21 very brief presentation. At the conclusion of my
22 presentation, I will entertain questions from the Town
23 Board after which, the Supervisor will take comments
24 from the public. Therefore, I suggest anyone who wishes
25 to comment on this hearing should call the number that

1 appeared in the public notice now and remain on the line
2 until everybody's called.

3 That's my public service announcement.

4 For consideration before the Board this
5 evening is the Town's five-year consolidation plan and
6 Annual Entitlement Action Plan. To receive this annual
7 allocation, the Town must develop and submit its plans
8 to HUD. We are prepared to get to these plans to serve
9 these functions; First, a planning document for the
10 Town; second, is the Town's application for federal
11 funds; third, as a strategy for how the Town will
12 follow and carry out the HUD programs and finally an
13 action plan detailing how we intend to use these funds
14 each year.

15 Additionally, every five years, the Town is
16 to prepare an analysis to the impediments to fair
17 housing choices and update its citizen participation
18 clinic.

19 You can see what I did during the pause time.

20 Resolution 221 tonight on the agenda is cause
21 for the adoption of the citizens participation clinic,
22 so you will see that later on in the agenda.

23 For 2020 the Town received \$356,388 in Block
24 grant funds \$111,770 for Home funds.

25 At the March 4 public hearing, which seems

1 like it was ages ago, the Community development
2 Citizen Advisory Committee voted a unanimous agreement
3 to recommend the following projects in this year's
4 action plan. This was \$20,000 in child care
5 scholarship program; \$3,000 for adult daycare
6 scholarship program; \$262,000 for the Town's
7 residential rehabilitation program and \$71,000 for the
8 program administration. So, the breakdown of the Block
9 grant funding for 2020 is 74% for housing and rehab,
10 6% for public services and 20% for program admin.

11 The Homee funds will again be used for the
12 Towns first-time homebuyer program.

13 In addition to the Block grant home funds,
14 the Town Also received \$2.9 million for its housing
15 choice voucher program which provides rental
16 assistance to Town residents.

17 Do any members of the Town Board have any
18 questions or comments?

19 MR. MAGGUILLI: Nancy, I just have one
20 question.

21 The Town was under a time constraint, were we
22 not, on adopting this Resolution?

23 MS. ADRIANO: Right because we are in a - -
24 actually the original plan was due May 15, but because
25 of all the Covid impact - - we are in a consortium with

1 the Home funds with Troy and Schenectady so we have to
2 submit with them. So, they got a waiver from HUD to
3 submit on June 15. So, we had to have everything ready
4 to go by June 15. So, that's why we had to do it tonight
5 and we had to do the public comment and it's all
6 prescribed by HUD in the new Covid guidelines. Also in
7 the Citizen Participation Plan, when I updated it, I
8 also included now - which who would ever have thought
9 it's been 26 years - that I would have to have a plan
10 for such things as Covid of how we do our public
11 hearings and that's included in the Citizen
12 Participation Plan.

13 MR. MAGGILLI: Thank you, Nancy.

14 MS. ADRIANO: No problem.

15 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I don't have any questions,
16 but I want to thank you under the current circumstances
17 - what we are dealing with. Thank you for all the work
18 you've put into this to modify everything that you've
19 had to do to present this and the work that you did for
20 the consortium because I know that deadline was critical
21 and thank you for meeting it.

22 MS. ADRIANO: I also appreciate the support I
23 have from the Town Clerk's office, the Attorney's
24 office, your office and MIS in pulling this all together
25 because when I approached everybody and said this is how

1 we have to do it, everybody was like - we will do
2 anything you need to do to get it done. I really
3 appreciate the corroborating that the Town has had in
4 getting this all done.

5 Also, I will be back before you not too long
6 from now because the Town is going to get an
7 additional \$209,000 in Covid money. After I finish
8 this, the next step - - they told us what we are
9 getting. They're not telling us the guidelines yet.
10 They have not issued the guidelines. So, I have a few
11 ideas and I have talked to Paula numerous times in the
12 last couple of weeks with the things we might do with
13 the money, but we have to wait till HUD passes the
14 issues of guidance before I can actually proceed and
15 say all right, these are actual viable things that we
16 can do. So, I will be back here before you know it.

17 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Does the Board have any
18 questions?

19 (There was no response.)

20 I don't have any questions on the phone,
21 Nancy.

22 MS. ADRIANO: Perfect.

23 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I think that it's been out
24 there long enough. I think you've done a great job.

25 So, we will close a public hearing.

1 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution adopting the
2 Town of Colonie's 2020 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and
3 Annual Entitlement Action Plan and authorizing the
4 Supervisor to submit said plans to the U.S. Department
5 of Housing and Urban Development and to execute all
6 related documents pertaining to the Community
7 Development Block Grant, HOME and Section 8 Programs.

8 MS. PENN: So moved.

9 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: Second.

10 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye. Clerk,
11 call the roll.

12 (The roll was called.)

13 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam
14 Supervisor.

15 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

16 Thank you, Nancy.

17 (Whereas the above entitled proceeding was
18 concluded at 8:22 p.m.)
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I, NANCY L. STRANG, Shorthand Reporter and
Notary Public in and for the State of New York, hereby
CERTIFY that the record taken by me at the time and
place noted in the heading hereof is a true and
accurate transcript of same, to the best of my ability
and belief.

Dated: _____

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