

A Special Meeting called by the Supervisor for the Town Board of the Town of Orchard Park, Erie County, New York, held at the Orchard Park Municipal Center, S4295 South Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, New York on the 26th day of October 2005 at 6:00 PM, (local time). The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor and there were:

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| PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: | Toni M. Cudney | Supervisor |
| | Nancy W. Ackerman | Councilwoman |
| | Stanley A. Jemiolo | Councilman |
| | David M. Kaczor | Councilman |
| | John J. Mills | Councilman |
| | Janis Colarusso | Town Clerk |
| | Leonard Berkowitz | Town Attorney |
| | Frederick Piasecki, Jr. | Highway Superintendent |
| | Wayne Bieler | Town Engineer |
| ABSENT: | Andy Geist | Building Inspector |
| | Sam McCune | Chief of Police |

The Supervisor read into the record the following: *“If anyone appearing before the Town Board has a family, financial or business relationship with any member of the Board, it is incumbent upon that person to make it known under State Law and the Town Code of Ethics.”*

PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:00 PM (local time), the Supervisor called for the Public Hearing to hear all interested parties regarding the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) in the Town of Orchard Park.

Affidavits of Publication and Posting of the Legal Notice of the Public Hearing were presented, read aloud and filed with the Town Board by the Town Clerk.

Town Engineer Wayne Bieler gave a brief overview of the Community Development Block Grant program: The Town of Orchard Park may be eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 2006 Program Year. The purpose of this a public hearing is to provide an opportunity for citizens to discuss the needs of the community

To be eligible for CDBG funding, the proposed project must satisfy one or more of the following national objectives: 1) Benefit Low and Moderate Income Persons, [41.9% of residents of the targeted area must be at or below the criteria of the income eligibility schedule] 2) Correct Slums and Blight, and 3) Meet an urgent community need.

The Town of Orchard Park belongs to a consortium of 34 municipalities. There will be a cap of \$90,000 per project with a maximum of three projects funded per municipality. The grant will be divided into four spending categories: 27% for Community Projects; 27% for Housing; 27% for Economic Development; and 19 % for Administration and Planning.

It is estimated that the 2006 allotment for the Erie County CDBG Consortium Community’s projects will be \$1,000,000. Funds will be granted on a competitive basis to those municipalities whose projects best meet the HUD goals described above. Applications for this year’s Community Development Block Grant funds must be submitted by October 31, 2005.

Some suggested projects recommended for the Town of Orchard Park which may qualify for funding are:

- Oakwood Street Reconstruction – estimated cost is \$372,000.00
- Iroquois Drive Drainage - estimated cost is \$185,000.00
- Iroquois Drive Reconstruction – estimated cost is \$395,000.00
- Rural Transit Service Program – estimated cost is \$90,000.00

Last year the Town submitted applications for the Iroquois Drive Reconstruction, Oakwood-Glen-Allen Reconstruction, and the Rural Transit Service Program. It is likely that the Town will again submit an application for funding to continue our participation in the Rural Transit Service Program. This program provides van transportation for eligible citizens. Trips can be for any reason but are prioritized for medical and health concerns.

At the October 19, 2005 Town Board meeting:

Nick Taneff – 279 Summit: Mr. Taneff stated that he thought the Oakwood Street Reconstruction should be given priority

Supervisor Cudney opened the Public Hearing for public input.

Barbara Little – 37 Diller Drive: Ms. Little asked if the Rural Transit Service program was \$90,000.00 because the Town participates in this with 24 other Towns. Supervisor Cudney stated that was not correct. The maximum for Rural Transit is budgeted not to exceed \$250,000. That cost is spread across all participating Towns and Villages as their grant amount. Then Ms. Little made a recommendation that the Town continue its participation in the Rural Transit Service Program.

Councilman Jemiolo stated that he would like to see a wheel chair accessible van for the Town.

1) THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMAN JEMIOLO, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN ACKERMAN, TO WIT:

RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing in the matter of the Community Development Block Grant Funds for the Year 2006 is hereby closed at 6:10PM (local time).

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

2) THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR CUDNEY, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JEMIOLO, TO WIT:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign, submit and execute a contract with the Erie County Community Development Block Grant Consortium requesting \$90,000.00 per each of the following projects:

- Reconstruction of Oakwood Street, the Town of Orchard Park will contribute \$282,000. in cash and in-kind goods and services or 76% of the total project cost of \$372,000, and this has been ranked as the Town's first priority.
- Improve a natural drainage channel along Iroquois Drive, the Town of Orchard Park will contribute \$95,000.00 in cash and in-kind goods and services or 51% of the total project cost of \$185,000.00, and this project has been ranked as the Town's second priority.
- Rural Transit Service (participation in existing program with 12 towns and 7 villages), which has been rated as the Town's third priority.

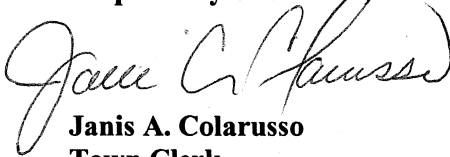
Councilwoman Ackerman wanted to know that even though the Rural Transit Service is ranked number three in the Town's requests, that it will receive funding. Supervisor Cudney stated that the Rural Transit Service Funding is a guaranteed funding, as per the agreement with the consortium.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Supervisor Cudney introduced two high school seniors, who are interning with her at this time, Josh Mackey and Lawrence Seivert.

There being no more business from the floor, on motion by Supervisor Cudney, seconded by Councilman Jemiolo to wit; the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 PM (local time).

Respectfully Submitted;



**Janis A. Colarusso
Town Clerk**

