

Public Hearing  
September 2, 2015

A public hearing on a proposed application in 2015 to the New York State Office of Community Renewal for funding for a housing rehabilitation grant under the federal Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program held on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, in the board room of the Town Hall building was called to order by Supervisor Frederick J. Forbes, Sr., at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Frederick J. Forbes, Sr., Supervisor  
Barry E. Warren, Councilman  
Dan A. Weddle, Councilman  
Kevin M. Williams, Councilman  
Brian D. Young, Councilman  
Patrick M. Snyder, Attorney for the Town  
Anita W. Jebbett, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT

Ann Hotchkin, Thoma Development Consultants  
Linda Jones, County Legislator  
Gordon Wheelock, County Legislator  
Larry Jones, resident  
Tyrone Heppard, reporter, Cortland Standard

Supervisor Forbes waived the reading of the legal notice (attached) due to the lack of public attendance.

Ann Hotchkin of Thoma Development explained the process of applying for a Community Development Block Grant for Housing Rehabilitation. Due to changes in the program, the funding round has been scheduled for this fall instead of 2016 as originally thought. The maximum that can be applied for has been raised from \$400,000 to \$500,000.

The public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

There was discussion about the funding availability and the lack of grant awards to the Town of Homer in the past. Hotchkin explained that her suggestion to include properties in both the Town and Village of Homer could help towards a grant award this year. A survey was conducted which resulted in a waiting list of 27 low-to-moderate income households in the Town who live in sub-standard housing. Nine households in the Village were added to the list totaling 36 eligible households.

Hotchkin also explained that if the resident dies or moves within 60 months, the amount of the housing rehab grant is pro-rated and is then paid back to the Town.

She answered questions from Supervisor Forbes regarding the Citizen Participation Plan prepared by Thoma on behalf of the Town. Hotchkin also stated that Thoma's fee would be around \$5,000 and could be paid one-half in 2015 and the balance in 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Anita W. Jebbett  
Town Clerk