

April 23, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing for the Orange County Community Development Program (HUD). Said public hearing was held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Sweeton opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Michael Sweeton
Councilman Floyd DeAngelo
Councilman Russell Kowal
Councilman James Gerstner
Councilman Mickey Shuback**

Attorney for the Town, Jay Myrow

Supervisor Sweeton – We have a public hearing tonight continued on the 2016 Community Development Block Grant Program. This is federally funded through HUD and we are part of the Orange County Consortium with the other municipalities and villages in Orange County. Normally, the Town of Warwick itself, unless it has a specific niche that it's trying to serve, is not really eligible generally because of income levels in the town, so traditionally we have supported projects put forth by Winslow Therapeutic Riding and also the Warwick Community Center. They have both submitted projects. The Community Center had submitted several different projects for repairs to the building primarily. That's generally what's been funded in the past. They have several projects that they are near completing or have completed through HUD funding in the past. Their range of request runs from \$60,000 to \$140,000. We are only eligible to submit \$120,000 in total for a single year or \$350,000 for a multi-three year project, so whatever combination of projects we do support would have to be under the \$120,000 limit. Winslow's project that was submitted was for a replacement of a tractor that they have for the maintenance of the facility. They again serve primarily people with disabilities and children primarily. They are requesting \$45,576.00 be submitted. I did get a call from the Village of Greenwood Lake Mayor Jesse Dwyer who asked if the town would be interested in a joint project with the village to create restrooms that would be handicapped accessible at the new Winstanley Park. I continue that discussion with the Mayor and what I suggest we do is we can close this hearing tonight if there are no other projects that have been suggested and I will try to quantify what the Mayor's desire is. We have a plan for handicapped bathrooms that we've used both at Union Corners and at Airport Park, so we wouldn't need any additional engineering we could use those plans. Maybe we could submit a project in the \$50,000 range working with the village and that would allow us to support one or two other projects for the other organizations. Any comments from the Board?

Councilman Gerstner – I think it’s a good idea for the restrooms.

Supervisor Sweeton – We actually can use our collaboration with the village as part of our reduction sharing process that the Governor is asking municipalities to do.

Councilman DeAngelo – The field is heavily used over there, it’s probably a good idea to have them done instead of a port-a-potty we have a regular bathroom especially handicap.

Supervisor Sweeton - Is there anyone in the public that has a project that they want to put forth under HUD; we certainly would entertain them? Seeing no comment I entertain a motion to close the hearing.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Gerstner, that the public hearing be closed. Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) 7:24 p.m. 04-23-15 CP

Marjorie Quackenbush, Town Clerk