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, February 27, 2020 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Sweeton opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Michael Sweeton

Councilman Floyd DeAngelo Councilman Russell Kowal Councilman James Gerstner Councilman Mickey Shuback

Attorney for the Town, Jay Myrow

LEGAL NOTICE: The Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on February 19, 2020. (Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

Supervisor Sweeton – HUD has revamped a lot of its rules and regulations, a lot of projects in Orange County that used to eligible for HUD funding, now are no longer eligible. They tightened up a lot of rules and regulations. We are part of the County Consortium with all of the other municipalities with the exception of one village and the cities. Generally, Warwick has not been eligible itself for funding because it generally has to benefit low to moderate income folks and we don't have census blocks that indicate that here. In the past we have historically supported the Community Center because it does serve low to moderate income population to some extent and Winslow Therapeutic Riding which provides services to people with disabilities. A few years back the Community Center switched into being supported by the Village of Warwick and that worked out okay. They still have some eligibility issues going forward, Winslow however does not because Winslow does have an adult program for people with disabilities, so they have a fairly confident level that they can be eligible for funding. They have submitted a project and I have their letter requesting \$25,000 to allow them the continuation of the Therapeutic Riding Program for adults with severe disabilities. The adult day program promotes development of employable skills. We offer participant's training and support that they require to succeed. The program has provided a much-needed benefit to the community. Other eligible activities are the prevention or elimination of blight and again, it has to be tied to the benefit to low- or moderate-income people. I will open it up to the public if anyone has projects, an interest or questions. I would assume the Board is supportive of the Winslow submission, so we will have a resolution for that at our next meeting.

There were no comments for or against this public hearing from the public.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Councilman Gerstner, seconded Councilman DeAngelo that the public hearing be closed.

Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) 7:34 p.m.
02-27-20 CP

<u>(Llun M. Usturus</u> Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Warwick will hold a Public Hearing to consider projects submitted for HUD funding through Orange County Community Development. Said Public Hearing to be held on February 27, 2020 at 7:30pm at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Warwick, New York or soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

DATED: February 19, 2020

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WARWICK EILEEN M. ASTORINO TOWN CLERK 2-19-2020