

April 11, 2019

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 11, 2019 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Sweeton opened the public hearing at 7:15 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 April 3, 2019. (Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

Supervisor Sweeton – This is a yearly process where we solicit projects that are eligible for funding by HUD. This can be things generally that benefit low to moderate income folks, folks with disabilities, seniors, special need adults and generally the Town of Warwick does not qualify because of our income levels, though senior projects do, ADA compliance issues do, generally we've supported outside organizations that can meet the criteria. Tonight, we are here to solicit that and I know we have representatives from Winslow and if you would like to come forward and tell us about your project.

Virginia Mazza – Grant Writer, Winslow Therapeutic Riding Center – 1433 State Route 17A, Warwick, NY 10990 - I think what was interesting is we didn't at first qualify at all the people at the Office of Development have been very, very kind and very, very sweet. We have been getting funding from them for things like tractors and our driveway and stuff like that. We found out we no longer qualify for that, but we do qualify for programming for adults and they've been helping us and they are on our side. They are cleaning up the offices and trying to organize things because poor Joanne was trying to do that all by herself. They're a really nice group coming in and I think the future looks bright.

Supervisor Sweeton – Your project is?

Virginia Mazza – A \$25,000 for a program for adults with special needs and that qualifies under the government and I have the definition exactly, so it's going to be good because when kids age out at 21, they need a place that's going to help them.

Supervisor Sweeton – I know I had spoken to Nicole Anderson who is the new director and she felt comfortable with your projects in terms of being eligible. I'm hoping that means it's a good thing.

Virginia Mazza – I'm thrilled.

Supervisor Sweeton – Do you want to tell the Board what's going on at Winslow?

Virginia Mazza – We're busy, busy, busy. How many lessons did we do this year?

Susan Ferro – Executive Director, Winslow Therapeutic Riding Center, 1433 State Route 17A, Warwick, NY 10990 – We did a little over 9,000 last year. We average about 200 lessons a week.

Supervisor Sweeton – That's great.

Susan Ferro – We have a lot of different programs happening. We have a lot of adult with disabilities programs and a lot of the schools are still coming around.

Virginia Mazza – One of the projects that's dear to my heart is the pre-k. The Pre-k Project is for kids who scored low on the dial test for entering kindergarten. We do a remediation program that helps them focus and pay attention, you're on a horse you better focus and pay attention and they get exercise. Harvard University has come out with this research that shows exercising is called miracle growth for the brain and there was an ad in the paper that the school system is starting to do things for these kids as well.

Supervisor Sweeton – How many years have you been doing this Ginny?

Virginia Mazza – 472 years.

Supervisor Sweeton – I know it's a long time, you were there in the beginning.

Virginia Mazza – I was there in the beginning.

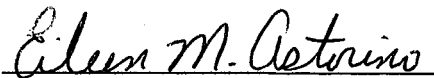
Supervisor Sweeton – That's great, so you're doing good stuff, we appreciate it. Does the Board have any other questions?

There were no questions from the Public or the Town Board.

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

Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) 7:22 p.m.

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Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Warwick will hold a Public Hearing to consider projects to be submitted for HUD funding through Orange County Development. Said Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 7:15p.m. or soon thereafter as the matter may be heard at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Warwick, NY

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

DATED: April 3, 2019

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN
BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WARWICK
Eileen M. Astorino
Town Clerk**