Town of Thurston Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing Minutes

Held: Wednesday July 19, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. Location: 7578 County Route 333 Thurston NY

Present: Michael Volino, Attorney Rachael Treichler, Noel Sylvester, Jennifer Hargrave, Daniel Gee, Holly Chase, Diana Dixon, Richard Gauss, Jr., Nick Nolton

Visitors: Mike Volino, Tom Arquiette, Brett Dickson, Rhonda Dickson, Andy Dickson, Mary Rayeski, Larry Schilling, Mary Ruth Schoonover, James Nichols, Connie Nichols, Cal Hoad, Lamora Hoad, Shane McGarvey

Michael Volino opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Brian Toy from Southern Tier Regional Planning and Development Board gave a power point presentation of the Community Development Block Grant program that's available to residents in Steuben and the surrounding counties. Toy explained how the process works from the planning assessment step to the housing rehabilitation step.

Shane McGarvey stated that he works with the CDBG program. McGarvey stated that the program is a good program. McGarvey stated that the paperwork involved is time consuming and from his experience the low to moderate income requirement is usually only met by the elderly. McGarvey asked Toy if the Southern Tier Regional Planning organization distributes the funds. Toy stated that Southern Tier Regional Planning only provides assistance with the initial application and assessment process.

With no further comments motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to close the CDBG public hearing at 6:53 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Dolores Crooker, Thurston Town Clerk