

JULY 12, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING - DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE  
SUBMISSION OF ONE OR MORE COMMUNITY BLOCK  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATIONS  
FOR THE 2023 PROGRAM YEAR.

RESOLUTION #6 OF 2023 - RESOLUTION FOR THE 2023  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
- ACTIVITY TITLE: HOUSING REHABILITATION  
PROGRAM APPROVED.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF JAMES GAUNTT AS  
MEMBER TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR THE  
TERM 08/01/23 TO 07/31/30.

The Town Board of the Town of Middletown, Delaware County, New York, held their Public Hearing and regular monthly Meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at the Town Hall, located at #42339 State Route 28, Margaretville, NY.

The following Board Members were present:

Supervisor.....Carl P. Davis

Council Members.....Brian Sweeney, Christopher Dabritz, Nelson  
Delameter and Robin Williams

Also present were: Jesse Hilson-The Reporter, Connie Spielman Gebert, John Gebert, Gabriel Riggle, Peg Ellsworth, Glen Faulkner, Annie Pevear, Errol Griffiths, Joan Nealon, Janet Foreman, Lew Foreman, and Trish Griffiths.

ATTACHED Agenda prepared by Supervisor Davis and Town Clerk.

Supervisor Davis opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. The Deputy Town Clerk read the ATTACHED legal notice advertising the Public Hearing. MARK Project Executive Director Peg Ellsworth gave an update of the CDBG funding program, which would be sought for repairs to Middletown homes for health and safety issues, not for beautification. No one wished to comment. Supervisor Davis closed the Hearing at 6:09 p.m.

Supervisor Davis called the Town Board Meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Minutes of 06/14/23-Town Board Meeting and 06/20/23-Special Meeting were approved as submitted, by a motion made by C. Dabritz, seconded by B. Sweeney. **(5) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) Nays.**

Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report; Town Clerk's Monthly Report; Building & Zoning Monthly Report; Justice Court Monthly Report; Arkville and Halcottsville Monthly Water Report for 05/2023; 2022 Annual Water Reports and Quarterly Reports 04/01/23-06/30/23 for Arkville and Halcottsville Water were approved as submitted, by a motion made by N. Delameter, seconded by R. Williams. **(5) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) Nays.**

Councilperson Sweeney requested for a Special Meeting to be scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. for authorization to seek bids for the Arkville Well Test Project.

Deputy Town Clerk opened the bids for the Equipment and Installation of a Network Camera Security System for the Highway Department, Town Hall and Transfer Station. ZB Solutions submitted a bid totaling \$25,896.91 and Country Home Security bid for \$20,360. No bids were awarded as the Town Board requested further review.

Motion was made by C. Dabritz, seconded by R. Williams to approve the ATTACHED Resolution #6 of 2023 - Resolution for the 2023 Community Development Block Grant Program - Activity Title: Housing Rehabilitation Program. **(5) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) - Nays.**


Motion was made by B. Sweeney, seconded by R. Williams to re-appoint James Gauntt as Member to the Planning Board for the term of 08/01/23 to 07/31/30. **(5) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) Nays.**

Supervisor Davis opened the floor to the public. John and Connie Gebert voiced their continued objection to the proposed housing development due to the increased traffic on Route 38, anticipated unsightliness of a construction site and it being in the Scenic Mountains Scenic Byway. They also commented that they would consider moving away if the planned housing continues and stated "You'd be losing two important volunteers". Councilperson Delameter acknowledged the Geberts leaving would be a great loss but there is a great need for housing and we need people to come to the Town. Councilperson Sweeney said a major contributing factor to the decision to site the housing development in Arkville was the need to find workforce living space. Councilperson Williams said that even though Route 38 is considered part of the Catskill Mountain Scenic Byway, this should not be taken to mean that the "scenic" designation has the power to halt the progress of development on Route 38. She also stated that other properties had been looked at, and that efforts will be made to try to limit the visual impact of the new housing development when built. Errol Griffiths commented his concerns about the housing project and stated "I have a little bit of skepticism about promises" explaining that as a person living on Route 38, he had felt pushed aside when the Catskill Recreation Center (CRC) was built in 2014. He said the lights of cars leaving the CRC shine directly into his house. Joan Nealon questioned why the housing development needed to be in Arkville and Supervisor Davis said it was due to the available municipal water and sewer hookups that could be found at Route 38 site.

The monthly vouchers were audited and ordered paid by a motion made by B. Sweeney, seconded by R. Williams. **(5) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) Nays.** Vouchers approved were #s 374-421, totaling \$355,112.81.

Motion for adjournment was made by C. Davis, seconded by B. Sweeney. **(5) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Brian Sweeney; Christopher Dabritz; Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams - (0) Nays.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

DATED: July 25, 2023

  
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PATRICIA F. KELLY  
TOWN CLERK