

PUBLIC HEARING
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 24, 2010

PRESENT:

Deputy Supervisor LaPorta
Councilman Tompkins
Councilwoman Gabaccia
Councilman Sacks

ABSENT:

Supervisor Crowley
Councilman Kiernan

Public Hearing:

Deputy Supervisor opened the hearing at 6:30 P.M. with 20 people present. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit opinions from the citizens of Copake for the pursuit of grant money under the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal.

Councilwoman Gabaccia - there is \$400,000 available for either housing for public facilities, special needs senior, child care. We thought about adding on to park build for senior center and to expand our emergency management capabilities.

George Filipovits – I've been working with Linda on this, an advantage to this grant is our seniors come from three towns, they like towns working together. It works on a point system.

In the next month we will be working with the seniors to see what there needs are. My main thing is even if we get turned downed we will be ready for next year as this is a yearly grant.

Mr. Savarese who is on the Planning Board, is the highest ranking person in HUB, we plan on using he's knowledge for the grant. The due date is April 23rd. Poverty score is very important; the level in the County is 10.5 which is lower than the State.

Councilman Sacks, could we consider using the West Copake building for seniors.

Aldo Biondi, addition to the Park building would be the best way to go as there is kitchen and bathroom facilities already there.

Councilwoman Gabaccia asked the seniors what are their needs

Carmella Biondi, we would need kitchen and bathrooms, usually there is 90 people at a meeting, we meet every month.

Deputy Supervisor would a room the size of our meeting room do.

Carmella Biondi answered yes, we would also need tables and chairs.

Councilman Gabaccia asked what the needs from the Park Commission are.

Ralph Platt, we need more storage space also space for our Christmas, Halloween and etc. parties as it very crowded now.

Councilman Sacks, asked the seniors to put together a team and give us a list of different activities they put on.

Councilman Gabaccia, two specific groups the grant mention are special needs population, such as senior related or youth. It's really geared toward people who need help.

Deputy Supervisor, could you get this information to Councilwoman Gabaccia as soon as possible.

Deputy Supervisor La Porta closed the hearing at 7:00 P.M.

Special Meeting

Deputy Supervisor LaPorta opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

The Town Board went over the insurance bids.

A motion was made by Councilman Sacks seconded by Councilwoman Gabaccia to accept Brad Peck's insurance bid. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gabaccia seconded by Councilman Sacks per recommendation of Mr. Kneller ,we accept Houston Casualty as our insurance carrier. Motion carried.

Deputy Supervisor LaPorta, you need to make a decision tonight with regard to summer park program hours and fees. I would like to see it stay the same as last year fees and hours.

Councilman Sacks, I agree to keep the local residents fees the same as last year, raise the out of town \$25.00, it's not our responsibility to subsidies other people with tax payers money.

A motion was made by Councilman Sacks seconded by Councilman Tompkins to leave the residents fees for the summer program the same and raise the non residents \$25.00 to \$125.00 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Sacks seconded by Councilman Tompkins the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,