

Minutes

Human Services Committee

March 20, 2019, 5:15 pm, Room 331

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Wilfong, Rankin, Whitford, O'Connell, Pavlock

Others: Tampio, Ames, Stow, Gates, Brinkman

Chairman Wilfong called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (02/20/19)

MOVED by Legislator Whitford, SECONDED by Legislator Rankin

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

No one chose to speak at this time

Proposed Resolution- Confirm Appointment - Chautauqua County Youth Board

Chairman Whitford: Anyone to speak to this resolution? All in favor of this appointment please say aye? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Authorizing Public Hearing Regarding a Potential Application for 2019 Community Development Block Grant Funding through the New York State Homes and Community Renewal Housing Trust Fund Corporation's Office of Community Renewal and the Uses of Said Funding

Mr. Stow: We're desirous of having a public hearing. It's a requirement to apply for these funds through the Office of Community Renewal. We're hoping to partner with CHRIC to develop a grant application of approximately \$200,000 to fund well and septic replacements for low and moderate income county residents. It's a very good program. It helps out when we have sewage violations. Some of these folks can't afford to fix that and as opposed to condemning their homes, this is a good alternative to helping them fix that and it certainly increases property values and those kinds of things.

This is just a resolution to have a public hearing at the April meeting.

Legislator Pavlock: Are these properties are current, or is this money for new people coming in to apply?

Mr. Stow: Well, it's not for new constructions; it's for existing dwellings with problems.

Legislator Pavlock: Correct, but are there people that already have applied?

Mr. Stow: I believe there are a few people on the waiting list from our past grants. This is nothing new to the Health Department. I think this is our fifth go-around. So, yes, there might be a few people on the waiting list that didn't get funded last time. Some of these are enhancement of their water wells, so it's not just septic systems.

Legislator Rankin: Does the money always get spent?

Mr. Stow: Absolutely. Down to the nickel.

Legislator Whitford: There's never enough money. The CDBG home funds have really taken a nosedive in the last fifteen years. It's just tough to get those funds.

Legislator Rankin: People apply through the Department of Health?

Mr. Stow: Actually, CHRIC is our sub-recipient, so they manage the program for us. So, they apply for CHRIC. CHRIC also maintains contractors with the appropriate insurances and whatever qualifications they need through CDBG programs. So, they kind of handle all that for us. Our role is that we go out and evaluate septic systems and water wells and issue violation notices or determine if the quality of the water is not adequate. Those are the kinds of things that this would address.

Legislator O'Connell: Does this provide assistance for people that have wells and septic's that may have the opportunity to join a water or sewer district that is not a district customer?

Mr. Stow: That's a good question. Yes, it would allow for a property that wasn't hooked or say that there was a (*inaudible*) that was collapsed in a public sewer area, yes we have connected people to the public districts.

Chairman Wilfong: Any questions? All in favor of this resolution please say aye. Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Discussion- Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Services Provided at Chautauqua County Jail- Patricia Brinkman and Tammy Gates

MOVED by Legislator Pavlock, SECONDED by Legislator Whitford to adjourn.

Unanimously Carried (5:36 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
Olivia L. Ames, Deputy Clerk/Secretary to the Legislature