

MINUTES

Public Hearing Town Council Meeting, Town of Massena

Date/Time: Wednesday, July 10th, 2019, 5:00 PM

Location: Massena Town Hall

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Supervisor Steve O’Shaughnessy	X	
Councilman Albert Nicola	X	
Councilman Thomas Miller	X	
Councilman Samuel Carbone, Jr.	X	
Councilwoman Melanie Cunningham	X	

ALSO PRESENT:

Pam Catanzarite, Town Clerk; Jim Murphy, BDC Executive Director; Media (Bob Beckstead); Members of the Public (Sue Bellor, Denise Murphy, Rita Curran).

The Supervisor opened the Public Hearing with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Councilman Miller Read aloud the legal notice:

The Town of Massena will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 5:00 PM, local time at the Massena Town Hall, 60 Main Street, Massena, New York in Room 30, for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Town’s community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2019 program year.

The Town of Massena, upon approval of the Town Board, intends to submit an application for funding under the CDBG program to establish a Microenterprise Grant Program. The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR), and will make available to eligible local governments up to \$20 Million for the 2019 program year for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefitting low/moderate income persons. The hearing will provide further information about the CDBG program and will allow for citizen participation in the development of any proposed grant applications and/or to provide technical assistance to develop alternate proposals. Comments on the CDBG program or proposed project(s) will be received at this time. The hearing is being conducted pursuant to Section 570.486, Subpart I of the CFR and in compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

Written statements provided to the Town by close of business on Monday, July 8, 2019 will also become part of the record of the hearing. Written statements should be sent to: Massena Town Clerk, 60 Main Street, Room 3, Massena, New York 13662.

Information on location accessibility for persons with disabilities should contact the Town Clerk at (315) 769-5228.

Jim Murphy, grant writer from BDC explained how the \$200,000 Grant would work. Grant is for (Mom & Pop) businesses of 5 or fewer employees including owner(s). New businesses and established businesses can apply. Applications are available for pick up.

Motion To close Public Hearing at 5:27 and open Special meeting					
Motion by:	Councilman Miller	Vote: Carried 5-0			
Second by:	Councilman Carbone	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	O'Shaughnessy	X			
	Nicola	X			
	Miller	X			
	Carbone, Jr.	X			
	Cunningham	X			

Resolution #	102 - 2019				
AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MICROENTERPRISE PROGRAM					
<p>WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Community Renewal (the “OCR”) has announced availability of funding under the NYS CDBG Microenterprise program to provide resources to support and foster the development of microbusinesses by providing grants in conjunction with capacity building and entrepreneurial assistance; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Town of Massena is interested in applying for a grant for the purpose of making loans to microbusinesses; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Project will result in substantial benefit to the Town in the form of the creation or expansion of small businesses and the creation of jobs; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Town has held a public hearing on July 10th, 2019 to obtain citizens’ views regarding the CDBG program as administered by OCR, now therefore, be it</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to submit a grant application on behalf of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to the OCR to support a Microenterprise Program, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement between the Town and the OCR and all related documents associated with the OCR grant, all such documents to be subject to review and approval by the Town Attorney, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby designated as the Certifying Officer responsible for all activities associated with the federal environmental review process to be completed in conjunction with the Microenterprise Program.</p>					
Motion by:	Councilwoman Cunningham	Vote: Carried 5-0			
Second by:	Councilman Carbone	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	O'Shaughnessy	X			
	Nicola	X			
	Miller	X			
	Carbone, Jr.	X			
	Cunningham	X			

Motion To adjourn the Special Meeting at 5:45 pm					
Motion by:	Councilman Carbone	Vote:			
Second by:	Councilwoman Cunningham	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	O'Shaughnessy	X			
	Nicola	X			
	Miller	X			
	Carbone, Jr.	X			
	Cunningham	X			

Next Town Board Meeting July 17, 2019 @ 5:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela A. Catanzarite
Town Clerk