

Village Board of Trustees

Public Hearing

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

MAYOR TRAVER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:45 PM.

Roll Call	Trustee Boucher	Trustee Carpenter	Trustee Cutler	Trustee Williams
Public	Peter C. Amorosi	Janelle Rose	Jim Thatcher	Jeanie Mullen
Public	Matt Fuller	Steve Davie	Lisa Naughton	Tina & Frank Flanigan

PUBLIC HEARING

- Restore NY – Jim Thatcher from CT Male explains what the intentions are for the Village to apply for this grant. The program encourages community development and neighborhood growth through the elimination and redevelopment of blighted structures. It is open to municipalities to support projects that focus on demolishing, rehabilitating, and restoring residential, commercial, and mixed-use buildings. The program, administered by Empire State Development is designed to help local governments revitalize their communities and encourage commercial investment, improve the local housing stock, put properties back on the tax rolls and increase the local tax base. Grants will be awarded in two rounds this year with \$150 mil in the first round and \$150 mil available in round two.

The Village of Fort Edward is eligible for up to \$2,000,000.00. The focus is on two buildings, 138 and 140 Broadway here in downtown that are vacant and deteriorating. The village board will hold a public hearing to let everyone know where the focus will be moving forward.

Mayor Traver stated that two representatives from Empire State Development paid a visit to the village on Tuesday, September 6th to walk to corridor of the village to look at the structures in mind. It was a very positive visit, and they feel there is much need for funding here. They also walked the Yacht Basin and saw the potential for revitalizing the riverside of Broadway with river front and waterfront apartments and commercial space. Right now, the need is to get investors and developers interested in these two buildings. Investors who will utilize the entire buildings not only filling the upper apartments and leaving the lower commercial space empty, which is what has been happening over the years. The village would also like to get back all the expenses we have put into one of the buildings to restore the back wall that was very unsafe as well as the roof that was leaking. This visit with the representatives from Empire State Development set us up for the next round of funds which is before the end of this year, 2022. The village is working with WWIDA as well as Albert Nolette, Washington County Treasurer to get control of the two buildings so we can move forward.

A motion to close the public hearing at 7:00 PM was made by **Trustee Boucher**, SECONDED by **Trustee Carpenter**. *ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Janelle M Rose, Clerk-Treasurer

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