

A workshop of the Village Board of Trustees was held on 1/23/12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of Village Hall.

Present: John Barton, Mayor  
Thomas VanAernem, Trustee  
Michael Horrigan, Trustee  
Robert Cook, Trustee  
James Gallagher, Trustee

Four (4) members of the public were present

### **Workshop Summary**

#### **Part I - Community Development**

Bob Murray and Scott LaMountain of Shelter Planning and Development advised the Board of the status of the various grants.

**NY Main Street** – Scout LaMountain reported that they have received preliminary applications and renderings for the building which houses the flower shop on Main Street. This is an opportunity to spend the remaining \$60,000 from the grant award. The proposal is for some exterior renovations and the renovations of 2 upper floor apartments. There are no other projects at this point. Mr. Murray noted that it has been more difficult to give out the grant money than they had anticipated. The Board agreed to move forward in principal with this project. Bob Murray reported that the State has been accommodating with regards to extending the length of the grant award. It was felt that if the final project were to begin prior to the extension deadline (May 2012) the State would continue to be accommodating in allowing the Village to finish out the project.

**Restore NY** – Bob Murray reported that the Mr. Hoffman has recently met with the Mayor to provide the preliminary plans for the bank building on Main Street. Mr. Murray asked that the Planning Board work together with Shelter in order to obtain a SEQRA which meets with the grant requirements and SHPO.

**Rural Development/Rt 4 Water Main** – Bob Murray reported that the Village has applied for an extension on the grant awarded by USDA Rural Development due to delays by NYS DOT. He advised that the next step will be to meet with the Village Attorney in the near future to get moving with the process.

**BOA** – Scott LaMountain advised that the Department of State has released additional BOA money and the Village now has a BOA Step 2 Project on the books. There are some technical issues to attend to with regards to submitting the contract. The Step 2 Project will take a closer look at the areas identified in the BOA – market analysis, etc... will be performed. A work plan is provided and will be customized to meet the Village's needs. Bob Murray advised that the BOA is a planning study. It is another tool that elevates the Village when applying for future grants. The Board agreed to move forward with the BOA.

**Public Facilities** – Scott LaMountain reported that he has been working with Mike Fiorillo to identify areas of the Village which could be eligible for future public facilities grant. They are currently focusing on the John Street area needs. The Board agreed to move forward with exploring fundable situations in terms of public facilities.

**Housing Rehab** - Bob Murray reported that the housing rehab grants (HOME & AHC) are going well and the Village will need to think about applying for additional grants in the future.

**FEMA Grant** – Scott LaMountain reported that the Village was not successful with the FEMA Grant application for the fire truck. He and Assistance Chief Santa Croce have inquired as to why the grant application did not pass the initial criteria.

**Program Income** – Bob Murray advised that M. Ryba has submitted a request to use Program Income for one of the housing rehab projects. This will be on the February agenda.

## **Part II - Consolidation/Dissolution Efficiency Study**

The Mayor asked the Board for their opinion on how to take the 2011 Study. The Mayor feels the Board should thoroughly understand the Study in order to convey the findings to the public. Given the size of the study and the detail provided, the Board agreed to review each topic by subcommittee. The subcommittees will report their findings to the entire Board. After a discussion it was agreed that the Board would begin by working on the following topics:

### **Issues**

Courts  
Buildings  
Water

### **Sub-Committee Members**

Jim Gallagher and Bob Cook  
Tom VanAernem and Mike Horrigan  
Mike Horrigan and Bob Cook

Suggestions from the public included – setting a time-line and devising a vision of what the Board wants their community to be in the future.

Ted Bigelow asked the Board to consider putting the Dissolution of the Village up for a vote. The Board advised that they feel they can better serve the community by reviewing each topic, as a board, to familiarize themselves with the issues before moving forward with any action.

The Mayor advised that he would like to keep these workshops informal and allow public input, unless there comes a time that the number of people present doesn't allow for such.

The workshop was adjourned, the Consolidation/Dissolution Efficiency Study portion of the workshop will be continued on February 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.