

December 4, 2017 Minutes

Present: Mayor Byerts, Trustee Ippolito Jr., Trustee Laurer, Trustee Lancy, Matt Chatfield
Absent: Trustee Balcaen

The meeting formally opened at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Byerts welcomed everyone in attendance and gave a brief explanation of the purpose of the Public Hearing.

Mayor Byerts introduced Matt Chatfield, Executive Director, of the Webster Economic Development Alliance, to speak on the Restore New York project the Village hopes to complete for East Main Street.

Presentation

Matt Chatfield gave a brief overview on the project.

In September of this year, Empire State Development opened an application period for the Restore New York Program. The program would provide funds up to \$1 million for the revitalization, renovation, reconstruction or demolition of vacant, condemned or surplus properties. This is an economic development enhancement program with the main objective being to create jobs in the community.

The application must be submitted by December 15, 2017, properties can be removed but none can be added as the specific properties are preapproved by the State. The Village of Webster will be the applicant however, it merely serves a pass through for the grant money. The property owners themselves enter into a Contract and are in turn reimbursed by the Village. The Village will then seek reimbursement from the State of New York.

The application will need Zoning Board approval to ensure that the priorities set forth for this project fall in line with the specifications of the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

Going forward there will be other meetings for public input as the program progresses, the public will be notified.

Following Public Comment, the Board will make a decision at the Special meeting Tuesday, December 5, 2017.

Public Comment

A public forum was conducted to allow speakers to address the board.
The following individuals addressed the board:

Bill Stata: 121 Fuller Avenue, Webster, NY 14580 – How will this program help bring store fronts to the vacant properties

Matt Chatfield: The grant money will help property owners by offsetting some of the costs associated with getting the buildings ready for businesses.

Jody Laurer: 88 Dunning Avenue, Webster, NY 14580 – Is there a timeline for the project.

Matt Chatfield: The award will be announced February 2018 and the State has mandated that the money be spent within 24 months of that date. The project will be underway and close to completion within the 24-month period.

Reimbursement will occur upon completion of the project.

Peter Elder: 59 Dunning Avenue, Webster, NY 14580 – A joint meeting would be very helpful

Mayor Byerts: This is a great opportunity for the Village.

Bill Stata: 121 Fuller Avenue, Webster, NY 14580 - Could 15-21 E. Main Street be differed?

Matt Chatfield: No, an affidavit must be signed by the owner.

Jody Laurer: 88 Dunning Avenue, Webster, NY 14580 – Does anything change if property is condemned?

Matt Chatfield: It's a title issue.

Mayor Byerts: If there are only two properties, will the application be affected?

Matt Chatfield: No, if both properties are ready the State can award money for the two properties.

The Board thanked Matt Chatfield for his efforts in getting this application underway.

Mayor Byerts closed the Public Forum.

Public Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

Village Board Workshop (a combined meeting with the Town Board to discuss Waste Water Treatment Plant studies) – 12/05/2017

Village Board Meeting – 12/14/2017

Village Board Meeting – 12/28/2017

Adjournment

Motion: The Motion was **Moved** by Trustee Ippolito, Jr., and **Seconded** by Trustee Lancy to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. All were in favor and carried.

Heather Halstead, Village Clerk

Darrell Byerts, Mayor