

**PUBLIC HEARING-JUNE 22, 2022 AT 7:00PM**

A Public Hearing was held at the Hopewell Town Hall on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 7:00PM, with Supervisor Namestnik presiding, this Public Hearing is in regard to **Community Development Block Grant Applications for Farmworker Housing Improvements 2022.**

**Present:**

	Supervisor	William Namestnik
	Council Member	Erin Everson
	Council Member	Jeff Trickey
<b>Necessarily Absent</b>	Council Member	Adam Sanford
<b>Necessarily Absent</b>	Council Member	Andrew Faust

Others Present: John B. Mueller, John Davies, and Town Clerk Denise Hood

Supervisor Namestnik opened the Public Hearing in regard to the Community Development Block Grant Applications for Farmworker Housing Improvement. He asked if there was anyone who would like to comment on the Grant.

John B. Mueller and John Davies of Spring Hope Dairy/ Willow Bend Farms attended the Public Hearing as they are the farm that is interested in using the grant to build better housing for their workers. Supervisor Namestnik indicated to them that he wanted to summarize what the grant covers, so both parties were on the same page. He explained the grant is to better the housing for the farmer workers to the point if a worker were to become sick, the housing would enable the workers to have their own rooms and more than one bathroom available. The Office of Community Renewal (OCR) is the government agency the Cornell Cooperative Extension is working with to receive the grant. From what Supervisor Namestnik understands, the farmers would have to pay for the new housing and then OCR comes in to inspect the property to make sure the house was built according to their requirements. The Town is the grantee and the grant funds are provided from the Town to the farmer. Then, the farmer is given the monies to cover the cost of the improvement.

John Mueller explained to the Town Board the grant money comes from the Federal Government to the State which is a “Covid type” relief fund specifically for Farmworker Housing. There are qualifications the Farmers have to meet in order to consider the grant, and they do. John Mueller stated a new house was in the plans to be built-regardless of the grant. Supervisor Namestnik explained that from what he understood, the grant only allows the farmers to replace the housing that they have in place and not to build new. John Mueller stated that he wasn’t told that information from the cooperative Extension. The Town of Hopewell has to administer the grant and potentially get reimbursed for expended time. From what John Mueller was last informed, the Towns will not need to be involved and the farmers would be working directly with the Consultant Grant Administrator. Town and liability mitigation instruments will need to be in place between the farmer and the Town to protect the Town.

Council Member Trickey asked where the structure will be built. John Mueller indicated it will be going on the Route 488 property where the old “Shoemaker house” is. He also asked who is taking care of making sure the paperwork is being properly done. Supervisor Namestnik stated Julie Barry from Ontario County and Kaitlyn Lutz from the Cooperative Extension, are the individuals who are handling the grant submission packet.

Supervisor Namestnik closed the Public Hearing at 7:22PM.

Respectfully Submitted, *Denise L Hood, Hopewell Town Clerk*

**HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 22, 2022 7:23PM**

Present:	Supervisor	William Namestnik
	Council Member	Erin Everson
	Council Member	Jeff Trickey
<b>Necessarily Absent</b>	Council Member	Adam Sanford
<b>Necessarily Absent</b>	Council Member	Andrew Faust

Others Present: Town Clerk Denise Hood

**HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 22, 2022 II**

**Resolution #15-2022- Budget Modification from SW231 Special Reserve Machine Fund to SW8340.2 Transmission and Distribution Equipment-** The amount of \$150,498.30 has been allocated to purchase the 2022 Ford F-350 XLT Super Cab 4x4 & Service Body and 2022 Ford F-750 Regular Cab Diesel, Dump Truck for the Water Department. The resolution has the proper information per the Town Attorney Jeff Graff.

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Everson to approve Resolution #15-2022-Budget Modification Resolution from SW231 Special Reserve Machine Fund to SW8340.2 Transmission and Distribution Equipment. The amount of \$150,498.30 has been allocated to purchase the 2022 Ford F-350 XLT Super Cab 4x4 & Service Body and 2022 Ford F-750 Regular Cab Diesel Dump Truck for the Water Department.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Everson to go into Executive Session for personnel matters at 7:27PM.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Everson to return to the Special Meeting at 8:27PM.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Everson to adjourn the meeting at 8:28PM.

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 3 Nays 0

Respectfully submitted, *Denise L Hood - Town Clerk, June 23, 2022.*  
*Next Town Board Meeting, July 6, 2022 at 7:00 PM*