

A Public Hearing of the Village of Margaretville Board of Trustees was opened by Mayor Hubbell at 5:00 pm on February 23, 2021 in the Village Offices, 773 Main Street, Margaretville, New York. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear comment on the Village of Margaretville's community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2020 program year for upgrades to the village water system. The following members were in attendance:

John C. Hubbell	Mayor
Dave Budin	Trustee
Iris Mead	Trustee
Sarah Scully	Trustee

Also in attendance via a virtual Zoom call were Fred Woller, Larry Rielly, and Winifred Zubin.

Mayor Hubbell read aloud the public notice

Mayor Hubbell asked for public comment.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Hubbell: We initially reached out to try and apply for a grant for replacement of our water tank and we also need a new control system for the entire water system. They felt we weren't far enough along to get that specific grant and suggested that we start out by getting their community development grant which will map out the entire water system and figure out everything that we need so we can do everything all at once rather than do it piece by piece. Does anyone have any questions or comments?

Trustee Mead: Will you be getting the paperwork? What is the next step?

Mayor Hubbell: We have to do this. We need to have a quick special meeting so the board can authorize me to sign the grant and have it submitted. And again this is for the 2020 money. There may be another grant for this year.

Trustee Mead: This is money that never got spent?

Mayor Hubbell: It was never issued because of the pandemic. If we miss this time we may be able to apply again.

Trustee Budin: Can we go for both grants?

Mayor Hubbell: No we need to do this one first. They are due on the same day.

Trustee Budin: I did not know if there were any other aspects of the water system that could be dealt with at the same time.

Mayor Hubbell: We have old laterals on the back streets that need replacing. The water tank has outlived its usefulness. The control system is on its last legs so we want to get that done first. They want us to do it all at once.

Trustee Budin: Gotcha

Trustee Mead: which in the long run will be easier because we will not be piecemealing this out. If we can get the money for both grants.

Mayor Hubbell: Instead of doing a Four or Five hundred-thousand-dollar job now it will be more around 6 or 7 million. That is our guess anyway. It could be more than that.

Trustee Mead: Who is doing the paperwork? Is the MARK Project doing this?

Mayor Hubbell: No. Diana is.

Trustee Mead: Do you have any questions Winifred?

Winifred Zubin: Nope. No questions.

Fred Woller: I don't have any either.

Trustee Budin: It's incomprehensible to do something like this with out a grant.

Mayor Hubbell: Almost Impossible.

Dave Budin: You would have to raise taxes

Mayor Hubbell: Once you get into several million divided by 296 connections. If you divide that by even a million dollars that is a lot of money.

Dave Budin: Yes, that's what I'm saying. Just that one thing you would bankrupt the whole.

Mayor Hubbell: We will wait a few more minutes to see if anyone else joins us.

Mayor Hubbell asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing at 5:09 PM. It was so moved by Iris Mead and seconded by Dave Budin.

Mayor Hubbell asked for a motion to open a special meeting at 5:10 PM to authorize the signing of the Consolidated Funding Application spoken about in the recent public hearing that happened moments ago. The motion was made by Trustee Scully and seconded by Trustee Budin. All were in favor.

Motion for adjournment at 5:11pm by Dave Budin. Seconded by Sarah Scully. All were in favor.