

September 28, 2016

Special Meeting

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Southport held at the Southport Town Hall, 1139 Pennsylvania Avenue on September 28, 2016.

Members Present: Supervisor David Sheen, Council Members Glenn Gunderman, Daniel Hurley, Kathleen Szerszen

Members Absent: Joseph Roman

Others Present: Town Clerk Carolyn Renko, Community Development Specialist Nichola Ostrander

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sheen at 4:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Moment of Silence – Kathleen Szerszen

**PUBLIC HEARING 4:30 P.M.** – for the purpose of hearing any and all public comment in connection with the Restore NY Communities Program grant application.

Supervisor Sheen read the Public Hearing notice that appeared in the Star Gazette and opened the Public Hearing at 4:35 p.m.

No one wished to speak, therefore the Public Hearing was closed at 4:36 p.m.

Nichola Ostrander, Community Development Specialist, gave a presentation on the Restore NY Communities Initiative Grant. She stated the application needs to be mailed by Friday, September 30, 2016.

Charles Collins from 436 Kinner Hill Road asked who would make the determination on the grant award.

Barton Graham from 1678 Pennsylvania Avenue asked if the Town could request a performance bond from the developer of the property.

RESOLUTION NO. 168-2016

FOR THE TOWN OF SOUTHPORT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION UNDER THE RESTORE NEW YORK COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

Resolution by:           Gunderman  
Seconded by:            Hurley

WHEREAS, the Town of Southport was made aware that the Empire State Development Corporation through the Restore New York Communities Initiative is seeking requests for funding proposals for the demolition, deconstruction, rehabilitation or reconstruction of vacant, abandoned, surplus or condemned commercial and/or residential properties;

WHEREAS, a former commercial building and houses located on properties at 1156 Broadway and 985, 987 and 989 Sebring Avenue in the Town of Southport, New York are in need of demolition as they are in a dilapidated condition and unsafe due not having been properly maintained and the buildings are a detriment to the development of the properties at 1156 Broadway and 985, 987 and 989 Sebring Avenue in the Town of Southport, New York;

WHEREAS, the properties at 1156 Broadway and 985, 987 and 989 Sebring Avenue in the Town of Southport, New York would be a potentially prime site for commercial development if the aforementioned buildings were no longer on the properties;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Southport is desirous of having the buildings on the properties at 1156 Broadway and 985, 987 and 989 Sebring Avenue in the Town of Southport, New York demolished and is would aid in the future development of the parcels and the area surrounding the properties at 1156 Broadway and 985, 987 and 989 Sebring Avenue in the Town of Southport, New York, and

WHEREAS, the current owner of the properties at 1156 Broadway and 985, 987 and 989 Sebring Avenue in the Town of Southport, New York is attempting to sell the property to a developer to develop the property but that the aforementioned buildings and the cost of demolishing the same represents an impediment to such development; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Southport is in support of the demolition and reconstruction of the properties at 1156 Broadway and 985, 987 and 989 Sebring Avenue in the Town of Southport, New York and for the Town of Southport to submit an application to the Empire State Development Corporation for a grant for the demolition and reconstruction of the building on properties at 1156 Broadway and 985, 987 and 989 Sebring Avenue in the Town of Southport, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Southport by Resolution No. 143-2016 did authorize the Supervisor for the Town of Southport to submit an the application to the Empire State Development Corporation for a grant for the demolition and reconstruction of properties at 1156 Broadway and 985, 987 and 989 Sebring Avenue in the Town of Southport, New York; and

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Southport for a public hearing to be held by said Town Board on September 28, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at the Southport Town Hall to hear all interested parties regarding the Town of Southport applying to Empire State Development Corporation for a grant under the Restore New York Communities Initiative for the purpose of demolition and reconstruction of properties at 1156 Broadway and 985, 987 and 989 Sebring Avenue in the Town of Southport, New York, and

WHEREAS, a notice of a public hearing was duly published in Star Gazette the official newspaper of the Town of Southport, on September 25, 2016, September 27, 2016 and September 28, 2016, and the notice was posted on the town bulletin board and town website, that the Town Board would be conducting a public hearing for the purpose of hearing all interested parties regarding the Town of Southport applying to Empire State Development Corporation for a grant under the Restore New York Communities Initiative for the purpose of demolition and reconstruction of properties at 1156 Broadway and 985, 987 and 989 Sebring Avenue in the Town of Southport, New York, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held on September 28, 2016 at 4:30 PM at the Southport Town Hall and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition regarding the Town of Southport applying to Empire State Development Corporation for a grant under the Restore New York Communities Initiative for the purpose of demolition and reconstruction of properties at 1156 Broadway and 985, 987 and 989 Sebring Avenue in the Town of Southport, New York; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Southport, after due deliberation, confirms that it in the best interest of the Town of Southport and it's residents for the Town of Southport to apply to Empire State Development Corporation for a grant under the Restore New York Communities Initiative for the purpose of demolishing and reconstruction of buildings on the properties at 1156 Broadway and 985, 987 and 989 Sebring Avenue in the Town of Southport, New York, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Southport affirms its prior decision to authorize the Town Supervisor to submit the application to the Empire State Development Corporation for the Restore New York Communities Initiative for the purpose of demolishing and reconstruction of buildings on the properties at 1156 Broadway and 985, 987 and 989 Sebring Avenue in the Town of Southport, New York.

AYES:                   Gunderman, Hurley, Szerszen, Sheen  
NOES:                   None  
ABSENT:                Roman  
APPROVED.

RESOLUTION NO. 169-2016

SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR A PROPOSED NEW YORK STATE MAIN STREET TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT FUNDING (NYMS-TA)

Resolution by:        Szerszen  
Seconded by:         Gunderman

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Southport approves and endorses the Town of Southport in its application to NYS Homes and Community Renewal for funding under the New York Main Street Technical Assistance Grant.

WHEREAS, the Town of Southport desires to apply for a \$20,000.00 in financial assistance through the 2016 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under the New York Main Street Technical Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes funding to assist property developers in completing building renovations to downtown “main street” buildings on both sides of Broadway between New York State Route 14 and Haskell Street.

WHEREAS, the proposed funding will contribute to ongoing community revitalization efforts; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the applicant obtains the approval and endorsement of the Town Board of the municipality in which the project will be located.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Southport approves and endorses the 2016 New York Main Street Technical Assistance Grant for assistance, prepared and to be submitted by the Town Supervisor.

AYES:                   Gunderman, Hurley, Szerszen, Sheen  
NOES:                   None  
ABSENT:                Roman  
CARRIED.

Council Member Gunderman made a motion, Council Member Szerszen seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Gunderman, Hurley, Szerszen, Sheen  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Roman  
CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn A. Renko  
Town Clerk