

The Town of Moriah Town Board held a Public Hearing on Thursday July 18, 2024 at 5:45pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY for the purpose of hearing public comments on Moriah's CDBG application for 2024.

Present:	Matthew Brassard	Supervisor
	Paul Salerno	Councilman
	Tom Anderson	Councilman
	Nathan Gilbo	Councilman

Others Present: Bill Trybendis, Thomas Cowin, Sharon O'Connor, Mark Lashway, George Clark, Eric Wilhelmson, Carol and Joe Chiarella, Jim Curran, Robert Stevenson, Rich Lapier, Billy Allen, Jennifer Smith, Jamie Wilson, Joe Cooke, Jackie Baker, Chip Perry, Tom Cowin, Paul Reese, Kevin Kavanaugh, Susan Johnson, Cheryl Hayes and Rose French-Town Clerk

Supervisor Brassard called the public hearing to order at 5:45pm; he then read the legal notice calling for the public hearing.

The Supervisor introduced Jennifer Smith from Adirondack Roots; she gave an overview on the CDBG grant application. This grant would help low to moderate income families in the Town of Moriah. It is for people of any age; own their own home/land. This grant would help families with any rehabilitation projects, wells or septic's.

The Supervisor asked if the grant was successful who would get it and Ms. Smith stated there is a waiting list; you need to submit an application to get on the waiting list; if you are accepted/approved you will get a letter and then an assessment will be done. Councilman Anderson asked what the qualifications were and Ms. Smith stated it is based on health and safety items; based on need. Councilman Gilbo asked if this grant has been awarded and Ms. Smith said no, not yet; need public comments first. Councilman Gilbo asked if this was just for the Town of Moriah and Ms. Smith said no; other Towns in Essex County as well. Councilman Gilbo asked if this Public Hearing was strictly for public comments and Ms. Smith stated yes and there are 2 resolutions that need to be passed; then submit all with the application. Councilman Salerno asked if it was based on the total income of the household and Ms. Smith said yes, anyone over 18 years old. The Supervisor asked if it was for a single family dwelling and Ms. Smith said no, it could be multiple unit dwelling and would be based on all incomes. Ms. Smith stated we won't know if we are awarded the grant until December or January; have to follow HUD guidelines. The Supervisor asked if it was 80% of the area median income and Ms. Smith said yes; \$46,000. Joe Chiarella asked if it was a fixed amount grant and Ms. Smith stated the grant is for \$500,000; he then asked if they would be splitting up the \$500,000 and Ms. Smith stated it goes to the first applicants. Ms. Smith stated they accept applications all year long; the Supervisor stated there is a waiting list. Councilman Gilbo asked where the \$500,000 figure came from and Ms. Smith stated it is an appropriate amount based on past years grants; submit 3 homes on average. Councilman Gilbo asked what the average amount for this application is and Ms. Smith stated she does not have that right now. The Supervisor asked if \$750,000 was the max you could ask for and Ms. Smith said yes; should be able to accomplish this within 2 years; \$500,000 is a doable number. Councilman Salerno asked if this goes through and a homeowner is selected, can they sell and Ms. Smith said yes, after a certain amount of time. Councilman Salerno asked how much money would be spent on each household and Ms. Smith said it depends on what the house is worth; have to take in to consideration asbestos, lead, rayon, etc. Councilman Salerno asked if they have done other houses for \$50,000-\$60,000 and Ms. Smith said yes. The Supervisor asked if they use local contractors and Ms. Smith said yes. Councilman Salerno asked if they have a list of contractors and Ms. Smith said yes. Jim Curran asked if the homeowner has to pay anything and Ms. Smith said no. Jackie Baker asked if somebody with life lease is eligible and Ms. Smith said yes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59pm.

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Town Clerk