

July 13, 2020

Board of Trustees

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Proceedings by Authority

State of New York  
Village of Celoron  
Community Center

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A Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Celoron, New York was held on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 5:45 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Schrecengost, Trustees Mattison and Moss

Members Absent: Trustee Burnett

Others Present: Village Clerk-Treasurer Shirley A. Sanfilippo, Village Attorney John D. Vanstrom and Carol Rasmussen of Chautauqua County IDA

Mayor Schrecengost called the Public Hearing to order and asked the Clerk to read the legal notice.

**LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
VILLAGE OF CELORON**

**NYS OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL  
GRANT PROGRAM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a public hearing will be held on July 13, 2020 at 5:45 p.m. at the Community Center, 47 Dunham Avenue, Celoron, NY to obtain citizens' views regarding eligible New York State Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) activities and to hear citizen comments regarding the community development, economic development, and housing needs of the Village of Celoron and the Village's potential submission of an application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal for Community Development Block Grant funding to support the development of a food processing and distribution facility within the Village. A summary of the CDBG program will be presented at the public hearing as well as detail regarding the proposed project and application. The Community Center has ADA compliant access. If special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing impairments, or those in need of translation from English, those individuals should contact Shirley Sanfilippo, Village Clerk at 716-487-4175 at least one week in advance of the hearing date to allow for necessary arrangements. The Village encourages public comment and participation in the identification of needs and in the preparation of the grant application. Written comments are invited and will be accepted upon delivery by 5:00 p.m. on July 13, 2020 to the Celoron Village Hall, 21 Boulevard Ave., P.O. Box 577, Celoron, NY 14720-0577. If, due to the COVID-19 emergency, the Village is prohibited from holding the public hearing in person, such Public Hearing will be conducted via teleconference. In that event, the public may listen to the hearing and meeting at phone number: 716/338-9773 Conference ID#: 71286. Any person wishing to address the public hearing or meeting should call 716/487-4175 or email [clerk@celoronny.org](mailto:clerk@celoronny.org) giving their name, address and contact information.

By order of the Board of Trustees  
Dated: June 29, 2020  
Shirley A. Sanfilippo, MMC/CMFO  
Village Clerk-Treasurer

Publication Date: July 2, 2020

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Mayor Schrecengost asked if there was anyone present who wished to address this public hearing.

Carol Rasmussen of the Chautauqua County IDA spoke.

Good evening. My name is Carol Rasmussen and I am the Business Development Manager of the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation. This public hearing is being held pursuant to the requirements of the Community Development Block Grant program. It is today July 13, 2020 and the time right now is 5:53 p.m. here at 47 Dunham Avenue in the Community Center of Celoron, New York.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is a federally funded program authorized by Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Funds are provided directly by HUD to large municipalities (generally over 50,000 in population for cities, villages, and towns and 200,000 for counties) through the Formula Entitlement program. For all other municipalities, the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) is New York State's designated agency for distributing CDBG funds through the Small Cities program. The CDBG program provides grants to municipalities in order to ensure safe, decent, and affordable housing; assist businesses and activities that will create and retain employment opportunities; and provide improved public facilities and services. The OCR generally only funds projects or activities where at least 51% of the activity beneficiaries are low- to moderate-income persons (LMI). A low- or moderate-income person is one who is a member of a family whose income is at or below 80% of the area median income established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Municipalities intending to apply for CDBG funding are required to hold a public hearing prior to submitting the application. The hearing is for the purpose of (1) soliciting public input regarding community development and housing needs in the municipality; and (2) soliciting public comment regarding any specific activities proposed for submission.

If funding is awarded, a second public hearing will be required during the implementation phase of the project or activity the CDBG funds are supporting.

The Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation has asked the Village of Celoron to apply for a grant from the OCR for an amount not expected to exceed \$500,000 that will be provided as a grant to the CREDC, which will use the funds to provide financing to Brigiotta's Farmland Produce and Garden Center, Inc. to assist in financing a project within the Village. Brigiotta's Farmland Produce and Garden Center, Inc. is proposing to construct and equip a refrigerated food processing and distribution facility on Livingston Avenue in the Village of Celoron just west of its existing nursery facilities. The total project cost is expected to be \$3-4 million. The project is expected to create 20-30 full-time-equivalent jobs, the majority of which will be made available to low- and moderate-income persons.

Any person wishing to make comments regarding community needs or the proposed project is now invited to do so. Please state your name prior to making your comments.

No correspondence was received.

Mayor Schrecengost asked three times if there was anyone present who wished to address this public hearing.

Mayor Schrecengost adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:57 p.m.

Shirley A. Sanfilippo, MMC/CMFO  
Village Clerk-Treasurer