

Minutes

Village Board of Trustees

July 26, 2016

A **Special Meeting** of the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees was held on the above date at 9:00 p.m.

Present were:

Village Board and Staff

Mayor Louise McIntosh
Trustee Brad Lytle
Trustee Pat Gross
Trustee Bill Goodwin

Absent

Trustee Mike Skroskznik

Mayor McIntosh stated that the agenda item for tonight is Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of a grant application for ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Compliance for Horseheads Village Hall, and also for updating the Comprehensive Plan, totaling approximately \$15,000 in grant monies. I have sent you the necessary information prior to this meeting.

The Board reviewed Part 2 of the Short Form SEQR Form, answering No to each question, and finding there to be no negative environmental impacts.

Resolution by Trustee Lytle, seconded Trustee Gross

WHEREAS, the Village of Horseheads intends to develop a strategic blueprint for optimizing the community's economic growth with a focus on five key topics: adaptive reuse of two strip malls with high vacancy rates located at two key I86 interchanges, plan for tenancy and recruitment to fill vacant commercial space in an industrial park at NYS Route 13, adaptive reuse of vacant historic buildings in the Hanover Square downtown core, a downtown revitalization product and positioning plan including mixed use redevelopment and retail mix, and plan to increase access to high-speed internet access by businesses and residents, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Horseheads is a key community located within the I86 Innovation Corridor, because of its strategic location directly on this major interstate highway and nearby Elmira-Corning Regional Airport, as well as the fact that the majority of truck and rail freight

changing hands in the Southern Tier Region occurs at The Center at Horseheads (aka the Holding Point) industrial park, and

WHEREAS, the opportunity for growth within the Holding Point is expected to be increased with the new connector road to be constructed in 2017, and

WHEREAS, there is significant opportunity for industrial growth as well as revitalization of the downtown necessary to respond to the employment growth projected for nearby Elmira, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Horseheads is a lynch pin in the I86 Innovation Corridor Initiative, with its vision to be a destination business development location, distinguished by its concentration of multi- national anchor companies, advanced infrastructure to support innovation and technology, rich educational and research resources, specialized and skilled workforce and vibrant communities, and

WHEREAS, the I86 Innovation Corridor Vibrant Communities Work Group has identified the Village's strategic economic development plan project a top priority because the Village is considered to be essential to support business development and attract talent to the entire I86 Innovation Corridor, and

WHEREAS, this Board is informed and believes that there are grants available for 2016-2017, and

WHEREAS, Elisabeth Corveleyn has been retained by the Village to assist it in the grant research and application process, and

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed the Acting Village Manager's report and recommendation regarding this matter and has concluded that the grant application is in the best interests of the residents and citizens of the Village of Horseheads

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Acting Village Manager Louise McIntosh is authorized and directed to collaborate with Elisabeth Corveleyn and to apply for a grant for the above purposes and to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate this resolution.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor McIntosh	Aye
Trustee Lytle	Aye
Trustee Gross	Aye
Trustee Goodwin	Aye

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

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