Mexico Town Board Minutes of Public Hearing on WSA #6 CDBG & WIIA/IMG Applications Held July 21, 2025, at the Town Hall 64 S Jefferson St. Mexico Commencing at 5:30 P.M.

Present: Eric Behling, Supervisor

Hadwin Fravor, Councilor Russell Partrick, Councilor Nicole Wild, Town Clerk

Absent: Jeanne Revette, Councilor

vacancy, Councilor

Graham Seiter, Town Attorney

And 3 in the audience.

Supervisor Behling opened public hearing at 5:30 p.m. and read the corresponding legal notices for the 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant Application and 2025-2026 WIIA/IMG Grant Applications.

Resident 1 asked if the project was going to cost more than the grant monies for which the town is applying. Supervisor Behling said that it is a possibility. Councilor Partrick added that this information is based on recent calculations from our engineering firm, C2AE. Behling said that the town is trying to protect the town's progress on WSA6 to ensure that we have the funds to proceed. Behling added that the town is proactively seeking funds in anticipation that the actual project cost may be higher than the original estimation.

Resident 2 asked what department or municipality funds the grant money. Wild said that the WIIA/IMG application is through the NYS Environmental Facilities Corp, which would be state level. Patrick added that United States Department of Agricultural- Rural Development would be federally funded. Resident 2 asked for an updated timeline for the project. Wild explained that grant applications are due July and September, respectively, but will not be awarded until the first quarter of 2026; the town is planning on concurrently seeking bids and obtaining extra funding. Behling added that a tentative construction start date would be Spring of 2026. Resident 2 asked if the project layout or boundaries have been changed. Wild explained that none of those portions of the project can be changed and that the vote has taken place and that the EDU charges determined at that time cannot change, so an anticipated increase in project cost is what is prompting these grant applications for additional funding.

Upon hearing no further public comments, Supervisor Behling closed the public hearing at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Wild Town Clerk