

JANUARY 18, 2023

Public Hearing-4:00 PM

Present: Mayor Grimshaw, Trustees: Harter, Emery and Hotchkiss, Gary Toth, Tim Heagerty, Karen Heagerty, Christal Watters, Rebekah Watters, Caleb Gardner, Samantha Gardner
Absent: Trustee Linerode

Mayor Grimshaw called the Public Hearing to order at 4:00 pm, The purpose of the hearing is to obtain citizen's views and comments relative to the submission of an application to Empire State Development for financial assistance under the Restore NY Communities Initiative. This project includes rehabilitation and restoration of the former Beck's Hotel to restore the inside structure of the building such as basement, electrical, plumbing, floors, walls throughout the 3 stories of the building and outside courtyard area. The following property will be submitted for consideration:

3302 Main Street, Mexico, New York, 12,056 square feet, commercial property formerly known as Beck's Hotel to be rehabilitated and restored with intent to re-open as a commercial property with a Cafe, Restaurant/Bar, Banquet/Wedding Venue and Hotel.

The Village of Mexico intends to seek grant funding under the Restore NY Communities Initiative to facilitate revitalizing urban and rural areas, disadvantaged communities, and stabilizing neighborhoods.

Mayor Grimshaw introduced Christal Watters as the new owner of Beck's Hotel. Christal in turn introduced her daughter and sister who will both be involved in the operations of the business; she explained her intent with the hopes of everything being completed within two years. James Hotchkiss asked the dollar value that they are asking for from the Restore NY grant. Christal responded that they are applying for \$1,000,000. Karen and Tim Heagerty asked that once she is open could concrete barriers be placed along the property line to prevent people from damaging their fence. Christal stated she would definitely look into this situation with Terry Jenkins because that part of the parking lot she is leasing from him.

The public hearing was closed on motion of Trustee Emery, seconded Trustee Harter, all aye at 4:15pm.

On motion of Trustee Harter, seconded Trustee Emery, all aye, the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS The Governor Kathy Hochul and the State of New York recently announced round 7 of the "Restore NY Communities Initiative", where, in partnership with the Empire State Development Corporation, the initiative seeks to provide assistance to municipalities to finance ongoing efforts to demolish, deconstruct, rehabilitate and/or reconstruct vacant, abandoned, condemned and surplus properties to revitalize urban areas and attract individuals, families, industry and commercial enterprises to the municipality, and

WHEREAS the Village of Mexico is applying for one project with a maximum grant allowed in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00, and

WHEREAS the Village of Mexico deems the proposed "John Beck's Hotel Renovation" project located on 3302 Main Street Mexico, New York 13114 to be consistent with the existing comprehensive plan and town ordinances. The proposed financing is appropriate for the specific facility or projects; the project facilitates effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources; and where applicable, the project develops and enhances infrastructure and/or facilities in a manner that will attract, create and sustain the local economy and promote employment opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Mexico hereby authorizes the submission of the grant application consistent with the Request for Funding contained in the grant guidance for the "Restore NY Communities Initiative" municipal grant program. The project requires no less than 10 percent of the total project cost in matching contributions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Property Owner, Christal Watters shall be solely responsible in providing any out of pocket, upfront, or matching requirements needed for completion of this project.

On motion of Trustee Harter, seconded Trustee Emery, all aye the meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Wallace
 Village Clerk