

**MINUTES – TOWN OF ALLEGANY
PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017 6:00 PM TOWN HALL**

PRESENT WERE:

Supervisor Hare	Councilman Parker
Councilman Hitchcock	Councilwoman Martin
Town Clerk D. Pinney	Councilman Koebelin

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Don Sue, Crystal Abers and Tom Stetz

Salute to the Flag at 7:00PM opened the public hearing

2nd Public Hearing On the Exit 24 Restore NY Grant Application

- John Hare briefly restated the details of the November 21, 2017 Public Hearing on the Restore NY grant.
- John Hare submitted a support letter for the Restore NY from the President of St. Bonaventure University, Dennis DePerro.



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December 6, 2017

Deryle L. Pinney
Town Clerk
Town of Allegany
Allegany Town Hall
52 West Main Street
Allegany, New York 14706

RE: PUBLIC HEARING FOR TOWN OF ALLEGANY RESTORE NY - GRANT APPLICATION

Dear Ms. Pinney:

On behalf of St. Bonaventure University, I would like to share our support and provide encouragement to the Town of Allegany's grant application under the RESTORE NY program to run sewer out to NYS Route 17/Interstate 86 Exit 24 and the old K-Mart site. This grant would help fund the Town's sewer extension but importantly, it will also provide redevelopment monies for the owners of the old K-Mart property to help resurrect that property.

St. Bonaventure has been a center for education, culture and recreation for New York's Southern Tier and Pennsylvania's Northern Tier for more than 150 years. The University enrolls approximately 2,000 undergraduate students and 500 graduate students. It is a member of the Division I Atlantic 10 athletic conference and maintains the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts, a museum and theater that serves the arts education needs for adult residents and school districts in six contiguous counties in New York and Pennsylvania. Of equal importance is the role the University has played as a key driver of our area's economic engine. According to the 2011 Economic Impact Study by the Commission of Independent Colleges and Universities, St. Bonaventure has a positive economic impact of nearly \$140 million in the local, regional and state economies.

This project is a vital amenity as the University strives to achieve student enrollment goals by remaining a top choice among students from the eastern United States and beyond. The successful completion of this project will significantly enhance the quality of life for regional citizens and tourists, providing more opportunities for our current and prospective students, while also supporting the University's long-term plan for modest growth.

I hope that this grant application will be reviewed expeditiously and approved, as this will greatly help in the recruitment of retailers during this time of slow economy.

Sincerely,

Dennis R. DePerro, Ed.D.
President

cc: John Hare, Allegany Town Supervisor

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- John Hare read the last paragraph of the letter as follows:

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- Crystal Abers, speaking on behalf of the property owner Kody Sprague gave support for the grant. She stated that Mr. Sprague was very thankful for the opportunity that this grant would give him to improve/market this property. She said that he is ready to make the investment to improve the façade to market the building & put something in there. As Director of Economic Development for Cattaraugus County she offers anything that they can do to put business in there. She stated that she hopes that this is a successful and things move forward.
- Tom Stetz asked the Board who initiated the Restore NY grant as he is hopeful to share the information for a project in Little Valley. Supervisor Hare responded that it was a collaboration between himself & Crystal Abers. Mr. Stetz asked about getting Restore NY grant application information for another project.

#162-MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Supervisor J. Hare to close the Public Hearing. 2nd by Councilwoman K. Martin. Hare-aye, Martin-aye, Koebelin-aye, Hitchcock-aye, Parker-aye. CARRIED

#163-MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 21, 2017 PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Motion by Supervisor Hare to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2017 Public Hearing & Regular Board Meeting as written. 2nd by Councilman D. Koebelin. Hare-aye, Martin-aye, Koebelin-aye, Hitchcock-aye, Parker-aye. CARRIED

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#164-MOTION TO RE-AFFIRM THE MOTION #156 FROM THE NOVEMBER 21, 2017 PUBLIC HEARING TO SUPPORT THE GRANT APPLICATION

Motion by Supervisor Hare to re-affirm the motion #156 from the November 21, 2017 Public Hearing to support the grant application and giving authorization to submit it on behalf of the Town. 2nd by Councilman R. Parker. Hare-aye, Martin-aye, Koebelin-aye, Hitchcock-aye, Parker-aye. CARRIED

#165- MOTION TO ADJOURN THE ENTIRE MEETING.

Motion by Supervisor Hare to adjourn the entire meeting at 7:10 pm. 2nd by Councilman R. Parker. Hare-aye, Martin-aye, Koebelin-aye, Hitchcock-aye, Parker-aye. CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Deryle L. Pinney, Town Clerk
12/7/17