

Present:John A. Pfeffer, Supervisor
Angela M. Ghani, Council Deputy Supervisor
William J. Heim, Council
Jean M. Bond, Council
Patricia R. Dashnaw, Town Clerk
Absent: James P. Boberg, Council

Others present: Kris Aldro, Charles Davis, Corky Miller, Woody Miller, Anne Malloy, Dawn Ford, Patty Fleckenstein, John E. Pfeffer, Mindi Mellon

A public hearing was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United State Flag at the Ashford Community Center at 7:00pm with John A. Pfeffer Town Supervisor presiding.

RESOLUTION 60-2022
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Council Ghani seconded by Council Bond the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Ghani
 Nays 0

Resolved the Town Board waive reading of the notice as published in the official paper and be attached to these minutes.

RESOLUTION 61-2022
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Council Ghani seconded by Council Heim the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Ghani
 Nays 0

Resolved the Town Board of the Town of Ashford hereby approve the agenda as presented

All present spoke in favor of the Application for the RestoreNY Funding for the purpose of repairs and renovation for the American Legion and making space for the Ashford Food Pantry within the building. The director of the Ashford Food Pantry noted a significant increase in clients in the last five years and anticipates the number to continually incline. The current facility does not have space to accommodate the number of people who visit nor is there space for the donated items. Donations come in from many different retailers along with local businesses and residents. Sorting and storing require room which is lacking. These donations allow the Ashford Food Pantry to offer a variety of items however, lack of space is a significant difficulty in the present location. A point was also made regarding the importance of repairing and renovating the current American Legion building. The pandemic hindered fundraisers for the organization, therefore, the state of the building have declined. Saving the building is important in the Ashford community and being able to serve the community by having the Ashford Food Pantry at the location will have a positive impact.

RESOLUTION 62-2022
APPROVAL RESTORENY GRANT

On motion of Council Bond seconded by Council Ghani the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Ghani
 Nays 0

WHEREAS the proposed project at the West Valley American Legion and Ashford Food Pantry is consistent with the Town of Ashford’s local revitalization development plan;
WHEREAS the proposed financing is appropriate for the specific project;
WHEREAS 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;
WHEREAS where applicable, the project develops and enhances infrastructure and/or other facilities in a manner that will attract, create and sustain employment opportunities.
WHEREAS there is no financial impact on the Town of Ashford as a result of this action;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the Town of Ashford supports the application for the RestoreNY Funding Application for the West Valley American Legion and West Valley Food Pantry Building Rehabilitation and Reconstruction.

A motion was made by Ghani seconded by Heim and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 7:22pm. (All aye)

Patricia R. Dashnaw—Town Clerk

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**LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Public Hearing
Town of Ashford, NY**

The Town of Ashford, NY will hold a public hearing on October 5th 2022 at 7:00pm for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Town of Ashford's Restore NY funding application for the West Valley Food Pantry project to be located at 9728 Route 240 in West Valley, New York 14171. The Restore New York Communities Initiative ("Restore NY") provides municipalities with financial assistance for the revitalization of commercial and residential properties. The program encourages community development and neighborhood growth through the elimination and redevelopment of blighted structures. For full details on the program, please visit the Empire State Development website at: <https://esd.ny.gov/restore-new-york>. The project involves rehabilitation of the American Legion Building for joint use by both the American Legion and the West Valley Food Pantry in the West Valley Hamlet's Main Street corridor (Route 240).

The Property Assessment List is as follows:

Project #1; Site name/Address: West Valley Food Pantry; 9728 Route 240 in West Valley, New York 14171; SQ/FT: 2800; C=Commercial; RC=Reconstruction; V=Vacant

The public hearing will be convened in the Ashford Community Center at 9377 Route 240, West Valley NY 14171, where the public may attend. The public hearing will also be live streamed, and may be observed in the following way:

Join Via Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89027048774?pwd=VDJ3UkdRbks2S2g3RXRFZnNYbHdOZz09>

Meeting ID: 890 2704 8774

- o Passcode: 732994
- o One tap mobile: +16465588656,,89027048774#,,,,*732994# US (New York)
- o Dial by your location: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
- o Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89027048774?pwd=VDJ3UkdRbks2S2g3RXRFZnNYbHdOZz09>

The link is also available at <https://www.ashfordny.org/>.

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 Patricia Dashnaw, Clerk, at ashfordtownclerk@gmail.com, or 716-942-6016 Ext. 4 in advance of the hearing date to allow for necessary arrangements. Written comments may also be submitted to Patricia Dashnaw at ashfordtownclerk@gmail.com or delivered to:

Patricia R. Dashnaw, Clerk
Town of Ashford
9377 Route 240,
West Valley NY 14171