

The Public Hearing to hear public comments on the proposed purchase of the Knoxboro School also known as the ARC on North Road in Oriskany Falls, NY. was held on Wednesday, the 17th day of August 2022, on the second floor of the Village Hall, Oriskany Falls, NY at 5:30 PM.

Present were the following: Supervisor, Suzanne Collins Councilmen: James Dowd, Charles Peck, Mark Russell and Travis Wright.

Public Present: Phil Eaton, Thom Coon, Jim Crawford, Tom Dundon, Jan Relf, Barbara Dundon, Matt Kazlauskas, Anne Brown, Mellissa McNamara, Adam McNamara, Maridee Dukett, Jennifer Lavoie, Craig Umstead, Patty Louise and Geri Cook

Supervisor Collins called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor took a poll on the persons for and against the building and all were in favor.

Councilman Dowd proceeded to read a statement on his views and opinions of the proposed purchase.

Councilman Wright, who has acted a liaison through the negotiations commented on some areas of the process and described some of the measures that have been taken by the ARC to help aid in making a successful transition.

Residents asked in response too a comment made why there have been no contractors yet notified for quotes or a list of items that will need to be addressed.

They also asked what the opinion was of the Village residents, who are included within the Town of Augusta, but no one was present. Councilman Dowd stated that this was due to lack of appropriate Public Notice.

Residents also spoke on events that could possibly be held in the excess space and whether those spaces could be used as an income rental in the future.

Supervisor Collins explained that the American Rescue Plan money that the town received may be used for improvements and for the residents to keep in mind that the town is considering a revaluation of properties and have enrolled in the State Retirement, which are both costly.

Another roll call was taken and after all that had been spoken about, again, all still remain in favor of the purchase.

A motion by Councilman Peck and seconded by Councilman Wright to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:08 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted,
Sonya Furness
Town Clerk

Addendum: At the request of Councilman Dowd, He stated that it would cost approximately \$500,000.00 to make the building workable. He also stated that Councilman Wright said that it could be \$700,000.00 but, be it known that I have no record of this conversation or any remembrance of such conversation.

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