

**Hamilton Town Council Public Hearing
November 9, 2009
Hamilton Town Office**

The public hearing was called to order at 7:04 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by Roll Call.

Present: Mayor H. Ray Whitbey, Vice Mayor John Unger, Mr. Brent Campbell,
Mr. Tom Rollins, Mr. Greg Wilmoth, Mr. Ken Wine.

Absent: Mr. Michael Snyder.

Also Present: Ms. Maureen Gilmore, Town Attorney, Mr. David Beniamino, Zoning
Administrator, Ms. Lori Jones, Treasurer, Mr. Bob McCann, Planning Commission
Chairman

Mr. Unger made a motion to amend the agenda to move the presentation on the Town's sidewalks forward. Mr. Campbell made a second on the motion and the vote passed 6-0-1 (Aye: Whitbey, Unger, Campbell, Rollins, Wilmoth, Wine. Nay: none. Absent: Snyder)

Mr. Phil DeLeon of Stantec spoke to the council regarding a sidewalk grant that the Town is eligible to apply for. He stated that the application deadline is December 1 and that the Town is in good shape to meet that deadline. For this grant, VDOT is looking at sidewalks, bicycle paths and beautification projects. Most projects under \$200,000 will get automatic funding.

The Town does not necessarily need to replace all of its current sidewalks; some sections would benefit from repairs/renovations and other sections need to be made wider. Mr. DeLeon also suggested the incorporation of handicap ramps at all sidewalk intersections, the addition of pedestrian crosswalks, and a possible walking trail into the town park. Mr. DeLeon suggested that it is better for the Town to submit the whole project with priorities and specify that the Town will probably not contract out the entirety of the work listed.

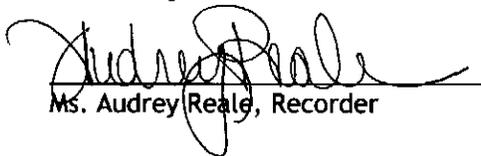
The cost for Stantec to work with the Town on the application process will be \$5,000. Applications are due in December, with the unofficial grant awardees announced in April 2010. The recipients of the grant will be officially announced in September 2010 and will then have two years to complete the project and spend the grant money.

Public Comment - none.

The hearing was closed at 7:28 PM.



Mayor H. Ray Whitbey



Ms. Audrey Reale, Recorder