

TOWN HALL RENOVATION PRESENTATION February 26, 2007 6:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Newlin; Council Members Bax, Edwards, Johnson & Palmer; Town Atty. Leone; Deputy Tn. Atty. Boniello; Bldg./Insp. Skurski; Adm./Op. Lockhart; Engineer Lannon & Town Clerk Brandon. 2 press reps and 4 residents.

Also Present: Architect Karl Frizlen of The Frizlen Group.

The Supervisor called the presentation meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Newlin: Tonight's presentation is to view some proposals to renovate the Town Hall with the goal of making it more handicap accessible. Mr. Edwards has put his time and efforts to push this process along.

Edwards: In December, the Building Cmte. headed by Clerk Brandon and I met with Mr. Frizlen with a basic needs list.....not a want list. We need some improvements to this building. We came up with a couple of different scenarios and I told the Town Board what was most important. Right now, what is most important is fixing our doors and making the building as handicap assessable as possible this year. That being said, the biggest renovation is the front doors, the front bathroom by the court side and the employee bathroom in the hallway. Also, the employee entrance needs to be renovated. I would like Mr. Frizlen to give a presentation on how we are going to approach this and when.

Karl Frizlen of the The Frizlen Group.(Referring to the Plan) This is the floor plan of the existing Town Hall. We are concentrating our efforts on Phase I of the two bathrooms that will make these bathrooms handicap assessable. We will move the walls a little bit and the configuration of the toilets will change to comply with ADA requirements. We are proposing to replace the front door making it handicap assessable. You will need to decide if you want it manually operated or automatically operated. That is an option. The other areas on the plan are for later stages but you should keep that in mind so that we are not obstructing ourselves from future renovations to the Town Hall. On your handout you have the dollar numbers which are highlighted and we estimate with the contractor, architect and engineering around \$100,000.

Edwards said the existing doors are 1973 vintage and the steel frames have rotted. With new non ferrous doors they would not rot.

Frizlen: They would be commercial aluminum doors which would be handicap assessable.

Edwards said he would like to see some type of push buttons for the doors so that anybody could enter.

Newlin stated that he has been lobbied by some people from the Niagara Cerebral Palsy Assoc. who have said they have had issues getting into the building.

Palmer said that the Office of Court Administration has recently come out with guidelines for court rooms (multi purpose rooms) and entrances as many people who come here are for court purposes.

Frizlen said that has been taken into consideration and this will comply with ADA.

Bax asked what is the expected life span on aluminum store type doors. (20-25 years)

Johnson: These are just estimates. Where are we with the building fund?

Newlin said he would provide the figures at the Board meeting.

Edwards: I think we all agree as far as doing this project, now where do we start? Engineering contract drawings and then bring them back for approval?

Frizlen: The first step would be to sign the contract and then we go with the conceptual and development of the documents.

Edwards asked Mr. Frizlen if that was all inclusive of the price.

Frizlen replied yes. The handouts show the additional phases which have nothing to do with this Stage 1 of the project.

Edwards said the renovations would not impair or affect any future projects if there are any.

Johnson said that if we are going to do the lobby so that if we end up doing other renovations that it will adapt to this. Am I correct?

Frizlen said yes that is our thought process.

Newlin closed the Presentation Session at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted and Transcribed by:

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Town Clerk