PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF DUNKIRK
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENET BLOCK GRANT FOR THE ELRSD
JULY 21,2026

The Town Board of the Town of Dunkirk held a Public Hearing at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21,2026 at the Town Hall, 4737 Willow Road, Town of Dunkirk, New York with Supervisor Miller presiding.

PRESENT: Supervisor Miller
Councilmember Crane
Councilmember Leone
Councilmember Pagano

ABSENT: Councilmember Price

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Yacklon, Town Clerk, Attorney Jeffrey Passafaro, Braden Carmen, Dunkirk Observer, Sue Haelton, Roger Urbanik, Bonnie Urbanik, Pete Miller, Bonnie Purol, Mary Ann Town, Carter Town, Allison Lang, D'Arcy Furniss

The meeting was called to order with roll call conducted, confirming the presence of Supervisor Miller, Councilmember Crane, Councilmember Pagano, and Councilmember Leone. Councilmember Price was noted as absent.

The pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Miller.

PROOF OF POSTING & PUBLISHING
Town Clerk- Rebecca Yacklon provided proof of posting & publishing.

Town of Dunkirk will hold a public hearing on July 21, 2026, at 5:15pm at the Town Hall located at 4737 Willow Road, Dunkirk NY 14048 for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Town of Dunkirk's community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2026 program year. The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) and will make available to eligible local governments approximately $45 million in funding for the current program year for housing, public infrastructure, public facilities, economic development, imminent threat, and community planning, with the principal purpose of benefiting low/moderate income persons. The Town of Dunkirk is applying for $1,500,000 in CDBG funds for improvements to East Lake Sewer District. The hearing will provide CDBG program information and accept public input on proposed grant applications and alternative project ideas.

The Town of Dunkirk's Town Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. 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 Rebecca Yacklon, Town Clerk at 716-366-3967 at least one week in advance of the hearing date to allow for necessary

arrangements. Written comments may also be submitted to Shari Miller, Town Supervisor at 4737 Willow Road, Dunkirk NY 14048, until July 25, 2026.

Applications and related CDBG materials will be made available at the Town of Dunkirk.

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PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING – SUPERVISOR MILLER

Supervisor Miller outlined the primary purpose of the meeting: the town had previously applied for a Community Development Block Grant in 2025 but was unsuccessful. The board is now seeking to reapply. The grant funds are intended to finance critical upgrades to the East Lake Sewer District's infrastructure, which is over 40 years old and in need of multiple improvements. Supervisor Miller emphasized that some of the required upgrades are necessary to address conditions that may pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community.

BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSSION

Board members expressed unanimous support for the reapplication effort. Council members affirmed the necessity of the grant, with Supervisor Miller noting that she spent a lot of time with sewer district personnel, and she believes that securing the grant would enable significant and meaningful improvements to the district. The East Lake Sewer District was identified as serving residents and businesses on the east side of Dunkirk, and it was confirmed that those within the district would be positively affected by the proposed improvements.

OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

- D'Arcy Furniss – representative from Immunity BIO expressed general support after being informed of the grant's scope and its positive impact on affected residents and businesses.

CORRESPONDENCE

- None Received

With no further questions or comments the board indicated that the next step would involve authorizing the Supervisor to execute and move forward with the grant application.

DULY MOVED by Councilmember Leone, seconded by Councilmember Pagano to adjourn the Special Meeting at 5:20 P.M. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Yacklon
Town Clerk