

AUGUST 19, 2015  
WAYNESBORO, PA 17268  
PUBLIC HEARING RE: 2015 COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Council President C. Harold Mumma called the hearing of the Waynesboro Borough Council to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Borough Council Members – Benjamin Greenawalt, Delmos Oldham, C. Harold Mumma, Hans Bader and Michael Cermak (Darrel Potts was absent)

Mayor Richard Starliper

Borough Staff – Jason Stains, Borough Manager  
Mike Benschhoff, Maintenance Foreman  
Dan Sheffler, Zoning-Code Enforcement Officer  
Kevin Grubbs, Head of Engineering Services  
Sam Wisner, Borough Solicitor (Salzmann Hughes, PC)  
Jody Sanders, Deputy Fire Chief  
Jim Sourbier, Police Chief

President Mumma noted the purpose of this hearing was to provide an opportunity for citizens to comment on the community development and housing needs of the Borough that may be addressed through the use of Community Development Block Grant funds, the prior use of such funds, and a modification of prior year funds. It was noted in the advertisement that the Borough anticipates receiving a State Community Development Block Grant in FY 2015 in the amount of approximately \$130,000. Community Development Block Grant funds may be used for a variety of activities including, but not limited to: acquisition, demolition, historic preservation, housing rehabilitation, public improvements and economic development. Funds must principally benefit low and moderate income persons. Handouts outlining eligible activities were available for viewing.

Karen Parish of Mullin & Lonergan Associates (the Borough's CDBG consultants) was present to explain the program and answer any questions.

Ms. Parish discussed the limited timetable for the 2015 CDBG program, which includes a 10/30 due date for the application submission. She added that approval of the application submission cannot be granted on the same evening that the second public hearing is held.

With that said, she and Borough Manager Stains have tentatively developed a proposed budget for Council's consideration. Of the anticipated \$133,650 in funds, 18% (\$24,057) can be utilized for Administration. A maximum of 30% can be utilized for

Slum/Blight Removal, and they are proposing to use approximately \$30,000 from the 2015 program, as well as a modification in the 2014 program to move \$30,000 from Street Improvements to Demolition for the demolition of 137 W. Main Street. As it is extremely difficult to qualify streets as low/moderate income, they are proposing that various handicapped barrier removal projects be done at Borough Hall and/or Northside Pool with the approximately \$76,700 in remaining funds.

Ms. Parish noted that the state is very keen to have communities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (which also falls under Section 504 of the Community Development Act) and to make facilities such as Borough Hall, the municipal pool and parks as accessible as possible. Along with that, a committee is required to review those projects as well as other items relating to handicapped accessibility (such as a Non-Discrimination Policy, etc.) She suggested that Council members solicit individuals who are physically disabled (or caregivers of such) who would like to serve the community in this way. The committee would meet 2-3 times in 2015, and once yearly thereafter, to review any proposed projects.

Ms. Parish also explained that the Borough can become an entitlement community for the federal grants program. By being such, they would be slated to receive a larger amount of funding (this year, the difference is \$197,000 vs. \$133,000) and it would widen the area in which the money could be spent. However, the Borough would take on more responsibilities with regard to planning, performance reports, etc. After consideration, Councilman Cermak suggested that the Borough pass on this opportunity, based on the additional manhours required. Council concurred.

Hearing no further questions or comments regarding the CDBG program or the proposed budget for the 2015 funding, the hearing closed at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda S. Knott  
Borough Secretary