

JULY 16, 2014
WAYNESBORO, PA 17268
PUBLIC HEARING RE: 2014 CDBG
PROGRAM

Council President C. Harold Mumma called the hearing to order at 7:15 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Borough Council Members – Benjamin Greenawalt, Darrel Potts, Delmos Oldham, C. Harold Mumma and Michael Cermak

Mayor Richard Starliper

Borough Staff – Lloyd R. Hamberger, II, Borough Manager
Denny Benshoff, Maintenance Superintendent
Dan Sheffler, Zoning-Code Enforcement Officer
Kevin Grubbs, Head of Engineering Services
Sam Wiser, Borough Solicitor (Salzmann Hughes, PC)
Jason Stains, Assistant Borough Manager

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.

The Borough expects to receive a State Community Development Block Grant in FY 2014 in the amount of approximately \$120,000. 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. A handout was available identifying the activities and low/moderate income figures. Over the past several years, the Borough has typically used funds for curb ramps and street improvements. Following the hearing, Council will decide on proposed projects and a budget will be advertised for consideration at their meeting in September.

Karen Parish, Mullin & Lonergan Associates (the Borough's CDBG consultants), was present. She noted that funding seems to be "holding steady" over the past years, however they are now utilizing the 2010 Census figures (which may affect the allocation slightly, as funding is based on a per capita number). In addition, they are finally using the 2010 Census for low/moderate income areas in the Borough (she will send an updated map to Mr. Hamberger as soon as it is available). Mr. Hamberger clarified that the map will designate where street projects can be done, because benefit to low/moderate income individuals must be proven. As the street projects scheduled for

this year will probably exhaust every possibility under the “old” system, he is hoping that a new area will qualify for additional projects.

Ms. Parish commented that funding can also be used for blighted properties, demolishing properties and other kinds of infrastructure as long as it serves low/moderate income individuals. Unfortunately, not a lot of the Borough qualifies as low/moderate income. For that reason, streets and handicapped curb ramps have been the best use over the last several years.

Ms. Parish also noted that the Borough is eligible to apply for competitive grants, provided that low/moderate income individuals are served, if there would be a larger need that cannot be met through the smaller allocation received on an annual basis.

Ms. Parish added that the Fair Housing Notice is on Council's agenda for their meeting immediately following this hearing. This is an annual requirement of the CDBG Program. The second required CDBG hearing will be held in September.

Hearing no questions/comments from Council or the public, the hearing adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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