

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN  
COUNTY OF OCEAN  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
January 14, 2010**

**Community Development Block Grant**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL:            KRAFT       X              TREDY       X              LACHAWIEC       X**

STATEMENT: Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was properly provided by sending copies of the Notice of Meeting to two newspapers, The Press of Atlantic City and the Asbury Park Press. The Notice was posted at the office of the Township Clerk and on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

**Notice was published for C.D.B.G. Meeting to be held on January 14, 2010 at 6:30 pm regarding discussion of proposed applications and prioritization of the selection of applications to be submitted for funding consideration.**

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

1. Senior Bus
2. Electric Handicap Entrance Doors
  - a. Community Center
  - b. Town Hall
  - c. Court Room/Meeting Room Doors

Jim Oris, CMX, attended the Community Development Block Grant meeting in Toms River on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, as the Township of Ocean appointed representative. Patty Moran was appointed as the Chairperson of that Committee. Applicants may expect to receive \$40,000 - \$45,000, depending on the HUD program funding. The Community Development Block Grant program is funded by Housing and Urban Development and is administered to the Ocean County Planning Department. Dave McKeon and Tony Agliatta are the municipalities' representatives. This is the first meeting for the township's Community Development Block program application. By requirement of the Federal program and by the County, the town is required to advertise and conduct two public hearings. This is the first public hearing, where the town announces the application process and invites the public to provide comment. The next C.D.B.G. meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on January 28, 2010.

Mayor Lachawiec inquired if the resolution should be read before public comment.

Township Attorney McGuckin stated the public hearing is designed to solicit input from the public. The town is required to take public comment before announcing the resolution.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Motion to open to the public was moved by Committeeman Kraft, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.  
Roll Call: Kraft: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Michele Rosen, 29 Bradley Beach Way, inquired if the town will open to the public again, after a project has been chosen for the grant application.

Jim Oris, CMX, stated there are two required public hearings. The first one is more of an introductory announcement. There will be a second public meeting, where the governing body will make a decision on which project the town will proceed with.

Ms. Rosen inquired if the projects will be selected prior to the second public comment.

Mr. Oris stated the projects will not be selected until the governing body acts on them.

Ms. Rosen inquired if the governing body will receive a proposal of recommended projects.

Mr. Oris stated in most instances, the town's needs and public comments will be reviewed.

Ms. Rosen stated the public does not know the projects the governing body is considering before public comment. Will there be something available to the public prior to the second public comment?

Mr. Oris suggested Ms. Rosen give any projects she thinks is worthy to the Township Clerk.

Committeeman Kraft stated prior projects have been handicap ramps around the lake, paving of handicap parking spots, building handicap accessible bathrooms at the lake. Tonight the town is soliciting ideas from the public.

Mr. Oris stated possible projects discussed are the entrance points to the community center and town hall locations, to see if these projects meet the need of the community and are in need of upgrade.

Deputy Mayor Tredy stated the handicap entrance to the community center is in the rear and not the front. Deputy Mayor Tredy suggested automatic doors at the community center.

Eileen Doyle, 243 11<sup>th</sup> Street, stated to use the chair lift in the Court, you have to get a key.

Township Clerk Ambrosio will have the key available at each meeting.

Ms. Doyle requested the township consider a community bus. Oceanride is enforcing a two-bag limit and will not help riders with their bags.

Mayor Lachawiec stated the bus drivers' union does not permit the drivers to assist the passengers with their packages. The solution is to have volunteers ride with and assist the seniors. Another concern is adding more trips to the Ocean County Mall.

Jim Oris stated the projects have to be associated with a township, community-based program.

Mayor Lachawiec suggested contacting NJ Natural Gas to provide a small bus powered by compressed natural gas and the town would hire a driver.

Motion to close public comment was moved by Deputy Mayor Tredy, seconded by Committeeman Kraft.  
Roll Call: Kraft: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Mr. Oris stated there is a component where non-profit organizations, home-based in this community, may also submit for non-profit pilot money administered from the C.D.B.G. program. The organization must petition the township to support that application.

Deputy Mayor Tredy inquired if homeowner's associations could acquire handicap accessibility.

Mr. Oris stated the organization must be a certified 501C3 and their goal must meet the benefits of the C.D.B.G. program. Certain projects need to be within a DTN, Designated Target Neighborhood.

Committeeman Kraft stated the bus is a great idea and suggested the town reach out to Lacey and Barnegat. A few years ago, the Township of Ocean did not have a project and gave the money to Lacey. Maybe this year Lacey will not have a project and give the money to the Township of Ocean.

Mayor Lachawiec inquired if it is possible to combine monies and have \$120,000.

Mr. Oris stated most likely not. It would be two separate distributions.

Deputy Mayor Tredy inquired where the NJ Natural Gas busses are used.

Mayor Lachawiec stated he did not know. The town will discuss it with NJ Natural Gas when the franchise agreement is renewed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn C.D.B.G. was moved by Deputy Mayor Tredy, seconded by Committeeman Kraft.  
Roll Call: Kraft: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

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Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC  
Township Clerk

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Date