

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
COUNTY OF OCEAN
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
January 28, 2010**

Community Development Block Grant

ROLL CALL: KRAFT _____X_____ TREDY _____X_____ LACHAWIEC _____X_____

FLAG SALUTE

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 28, 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 stated this is the second of two hearings, wherein the governing provides the public with an opportunity to provide input on any projects they would find appropriate to undertake through the Community Development Block Grant program. Non profit organizations that would like to submit to the program would need to present to the Governing Body this evening, at which time the Governing Body could review and endorse an application by a nonprofit organization in addition to the municipal application. It would not impact any of the funding available to the Township of Ocean. It is a separate allocation for nonprofit organizations.

The applicability of a bus was investigated with representatives from C.D.B.G. The bus is an acceptable application. It would come out of a public service fund. Funds would be available in the range of \$40,000 to \$50,000.

Mayor Lachawiec inquired if there was provision for a waiver to trade something so the bus could be fully funded.

Mr. Oris stated he does not know if there is a specific waiver available. If the town wanted to take a lesser amount, in subsequent years the town would need to find funding to pay for other costs associated with the bus, gas insurance, driver, administrative costs. Those costs would be treated as a public service and would reduce the amount available to other neighboring communities that currently have a bus system, such as Barnegat. There is funding available for a bus through NJDOT.

Other projects investigated were Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades to the community buildings, which will consist of automatic door openers.

The last project was investigated with the Township of Ocean Public Works Departments, which would be improving roads or drainage in a designated target neighborhood. Crosswinds Road is a project that would fit the budget and is also in need of some repair. The town could submit for two roads and see how the funding works out.

Mayor Lachawiec stated there have been a lot of complaints about Keelson drainage problems.

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.

Eileen Doyle, 243 11th Street, stated Oceanride sells their old buses to a township for \$1.00. Most towns will buy two busses and use the second for parts. The bus riders are more than willing to pay a few dollars for the bus ride. Ms. Doyle's vote is for the bus.

Deputy Mayor Tredy stated there will be continued talks regarding shared services with Barnegat. Barnegat has a bus.

Ms. Doyle stated the Barnegat population is so much larger. If the routes were combined, the trips would be longer and most riders cannot be away from the bathroom that long. The block grant bus is a smaller bus and could not hold that many people.

Mayor Lachawiec stated the town may recommend the block grant be used for something else and keep the senior bus on a front burner.

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

Deputy Mayor Tredy stated the way the funding is given out, the senior bus would not get its money's worth. The alternatives are handicap doors for the community center, town hall or court and paving.

Committeeman Kraft stated the roads that need to be paved are small roads. The step down out of the community center is a hazard.

Deputy Mayor Tredy stated the automatic doors can only be placed at the back door to the community center, where the handicap ramp is. It is an election district building. It is very important that every voting election district be as accessible as possible.

Mayor Kraft suggested electric doors in the back and a ramping system in the front.

Mayor Lachawiec inquired if there could be more than one improvement at the community center.

Mr. Oris stated yes. The recommendation on the application could be broadened to include handicap accessible improvements inclusive of entrances doors and accessible routes. Not just installing electric door openers but making sure the doors are the proper width and improvement of accessibility, platforms, handrails.

Mr. Oris stated the funds will be less than \$20,000 per location. Mr. Oris will suggest two locations and when the town submits, the project could be scaled to match the application. It may just require an amended resolution at a later date.

Deputy Mayor Tredy suggested the community center and the town hall, as they already have the ramps, and fix the step at the community center.

RESOLUTION 2010-107 endorsing the submission of a Community Development Block Grant application to the Ocean County Planning Board for accessible improvements for Americans with Disabilities at the Township of Ocean's Community Center and Town Hall to include improvements such as entrance doors, ramps, automated doors, traffic striping, etc.

Motion of approval moved by Committeeman Kraft, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Kraft: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn C.D.B.G. was moved by Committeeman Kraft, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Kraft: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Township Clerk

Date