

# MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN  
COUNTY OF OCEAN  
January 12, 2012

## Community Development Block Grant

ROLL CALL: LACHAWIEC   X        WETTER   X        TREDY   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 12, 2012 at 6:00 pm regarding discussion of proposed applications and prioritization of the selection of applications to be submitted for funding consideration.**

### DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Mayor Tredy stated the purpose of this meeting is to decide what items the Township should apply for under the Community Development Block Grant. A target-area map was distributed. Handicap projects and road projects are qualified items.

Jim Oris, T&M Engineering, attended the Ocean County Reorganization Meeting in December. Tony Agliata is the County's representative on behalf of the Freeholders. This is a federally funded program from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered through the County of Ocean. The County representatives indicated that the program will be largely the same. It is an every other year funding round. The Township of Ocean will qualify for funding every other year. This year is Ocean Township's year to receive funding. In these hard times, funding has been diminished. The amount of available funding is down from around \$45,000 to \$35,000-\$40,000. There will be additional Steering-Committee meetings, where eligible groups will present their projects. The County representatives and the Steering Committee will make decisions which will be sent to the County Freeholder Board who will approve the requests. That information is then sent to HUD in Washington D.C. for final approval. This year the funding round will be less. Due to the 2010 Census, the Township may see a change in the DTN. That area can qualify for projects that benefit that particular neighborhood, which could include drainage and road improvements. If the Township is outside the Designated Target Neighborhood, then the Township should apply for projects that would benefit the general public, which would include handicap ramps, American with Disabilities Act (ADA) door improvements, like at the Community/Senior Center.

Tonight's meeting is one of two required meetings. The first public hearing is to provide the citizens and agencies of the community sufficient time to provide input relative to this year's Community Development Block Grant application. There will be a second public hearing. The second public hearing will occur prior to February 3, 2012. At that time the Governing Body will need to select a project for the 2012 funding cycle and adopt that project by resolution. The resolution is then submitted with the application to the Ocean County representatives. Nonprofit organizations housed in the community can also submit for CDBG funding, with the approval of the Governing Body. Legally registered nonprofit organizations in the community can apply for funding.

Mayor Tredy inquired if nonprofit includes the Fire Department of First Aid.

Mr. Oris stated as long as the nonprofit is a 5013C. The projects could include bussing or food pantry improvements.

Committeeman Lachawiec inquired if the project could include expanding doorways for a new fire engine.

Mr. Oris stated the Fire Department is not a 5013C.

Mr. Tredy stated the Historical Society is a 5013C.

Mr. Oris stated the Historical Society could solicit the Governing Body as the applicant. The money would be assigned to that particular nonprofit organization. In years past there were nonprofit funds and municipal funds. Now only one project application can be submitted. If certain towns decide not to submit, more money could be available. The funding is not population driven.

This Community Development Block Grant meeting has been advertised in the newspaper. Members of the community and nonprofit organizations should give their input during Public Comment. The nonprofit organizations should make project requests known to the Governing Body during Public Comment.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Motion to open Public Comment was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

Mayor Tredy thanked Eileen Doyle for the photographs of the senior trips. They came out beautifully.

Eileen Doyle, 243 11<sup>th</sup> Street, inquired if the projects can include bussing of seniors and/or disabled persons.

Mr. Oris stated certain parts of a bus program can apply. The funding could go towards the purchase of a bus but cannot support the program.

Ms. Doyle requested the Township Committee consider getting a bus similar to the Barnegat and Stafford busses. It would benefit residents who cannot get a ride to the community center to participate in the trips to the Ocean County Mall. The bus could also be used for the Recreation Department.

Mayor Tredy stated there has been a need for residents to get rides locally to Shop Rite. The Township is working on developing that program.

Township Administrator Breeden stated the partnership between Barnegat and Ocean Townships has been a huge success, when it comes to bussing. Barnegat Township will be using funds from its Community Development Block Grant to fund the Barnegat Transportation Program. Barnegat Township is earmarking those funds to enhance transportation. There have been discussions on improving Waretown's transportation services by sharing resources with Barnegat.

Motion to close Public Comment was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

Mayor Tredy stated the Township Committee will make a decision by the next meeting and discuss how much this funding will help different projects and which will be the best for the Township.

Committeeman Lachawiec stated it is worthwhile to use the funds for bussing in Waretown. The hiring of a driver is minimal. Committeeman Lachawiec suggested the Township apply for a bus with NJ Transit and have the Township Attorney review it.

Committeeman Lachawiec attended the Emergency Management Coordinators meeting today and the Defense Logistics Agency was there giving tips on getting new busses from various government services that are downsizing.

Mrs. Doyle stated Oceanride has a program that sells their old busses to Townships for \$1.00.

Township Clerk Ambrosio stated the Township submitted a CDBG application two years ago for handicap doors at the Town Hall and Senior Center. There was not enough money to do both. The Senior Center was chosen. The Town Hall still needs handicap doors.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Public Meeting – Community Development Block Grant January 23, 2012 at 10:00 am**

### **Motion to adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

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Diane B. Ambrosio, RMCDate  
Township Clerk