

# MEETING MINUTES

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN  
COUNTY OF OCEAN  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
January 13, 2014**

## 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 13, 2010 at 10:00 am regarding discussion of proposed applications and prioritization of the selection of applications to be submitted for funding consideration.**

### **DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

The Township Committee is here today to discuss project ideas that would qualify under the Community Development Block Grant (C.D.B.G.). Three items being considered are handicap access improvements to the Town Hall entrance, the Court/Meeting Room entrance and for drainage in certain designated areas within the Township.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed there have been resident complaints regarding Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility to Town Hall. The access doors are not automatic, and that is a requirement. C.D.B.G. funding can be used to upgrade public facilities. The Township has used C.D.B.G. funding before for drainage. If there are any leftover funds, once ADA access is completed at Town Hall, then the Township can consider drainage.

Jason Worth, T&M Associates discussed the Community Development Block Grant is a federally funded program through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. It is administered through the Ocean County Planning Department. The intent of the program is to benefit low to moderate income persons. There are designated target neighborhoods within the Township, where the average low to moderate income percentage is greater than 50%. The Township can also look at handicap projects anywhere in the Township. The Township has completed a handicap accessible project at the Senior Center and a drainage project on Capstan Road.

Deputy Mayor Wetter inquired about the cost.

Mr. Worth discussed the typical award every other year is \$32,000 to \$33,000. T&M Associates attended a meeting last month with the Ocean County Planning Department. The applications are due February 14, 2014. The Steering Committee will meet the first or second week in March to confirm all applications are complete and then decide how the money is split. This Public Hearing is to give the citizens and any other civic groups, agencies or organizations an opportunity to discuss and receive a copy of the application and present their ideas to the Governing Body.

Deputy Mayor Wetter inquired if handicap accessible doors are mandatory at all public buildings.

Mr. Worth discussed there are supposed to be handicap accessible entryways into public facilities.

Deputy Mayor Wetter discussed handicap accessible doors should be at the Town Hall front and side Doors as well as the Court.

Mayor Tredy discussed the side door at Town Hall has a ramp and would utilize accessible doors the most.

Committeeman Lachawiec inquired if this is a matching grant.

Mr. Worth discussed there are no matching funds required.

Committeeman Lachawiec agreed with the locations discussed today for the handicap accessible doors.

#### **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

No public present.

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

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

Township Administrator Breeden discussed the priority items on the C.D.B.G. application would be handicap access to Town Hall. The remaining funds will be allocated for drainage.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Date