

Meeting Minutes

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
COUNTY OF OCEAN
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
February 19, 2014
5:30 PM

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.

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Electric Handicap Entrance Doors
 - a. Town Hall
 - b. Court Room/Meeting Room Doors
 - c. Drainage/Road in Designated Target Neighborhood

Jason Worth from T & M Associates was in attendance at the meeting and brought the Committee up to date on items that have been looked into for the Community Block Grant and the funds that the town might receive.

Jason explained the first meeting took place on January 13, 2014 and the items listed above were discussed. In past applications the Township has received funding for Barrier Free access at the Township Community Center and Senior Center. The Township used the money for a drainage issue at the end of Capstan as it was in a Designated Target Neighborhood but the Township had to match the funds for this project.

An estimate was done for the barrier free access doors front of court and backdoor of town hall, possible ramp and chair lift.

Committeeman Lachawiec inquired about the designated target neighborhoods and more drainage work.

David Breeden explained that drainage will cost more than the town will receive. The areas that need drainage work are not in the designated target neighborhoods.

The designated target areas are done after the census based on moderate to low income areas and other criteria.

Dennis Tredy discussed that the ADA improvements are well overdue and need to be handled. It is a most pressing need for the Township to make sure Town Hall is up to the standards.

Township Attorney Greg McGuckin discussed that the town could be open for litigation and would have to expend the funds immediately to become ADA compliant.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion to Open to Public Comment: 1st Lachawiec 2nd Wetter

Roll-Call: Lachawiec Yes Wetter Yes Tredy Yes

Eileen Doyle, 11th Street, discussed that making the Town Hall and the meeting room barrier free would be great. Eileen requested that when they replace the stair chair that they replace it with a platform. The platform would allow a resident with an electric scooter to attend meetings also. A person cannot attend now because there is no way to get the scooter or wheelchair to the top of the stairs unless someone carries them. The stairs are wide enough to compensate this change. This would assist people to be more comfortable along with the door opening capabilities.

Motion to Close Public Comment: 1st Lachawiec 2nd Wetter

Roll-Call: Lachawiec Yes Wetter Yes Tredy Yes

The Township Committee discussed getting pricing and having the engineers review the stairs and doors to allow for a platform lift and other barrier free items necessary including the back door of Town Hall and the sidewalk leading to the door.

Motion to approve submitting an application for barrier free access to Town Hall and the Town Hall Meeting room:

1st Lachawiec 2nd Wetter

Roll-Call: Lachawiec Yes Wetter Yes Tredy Yes

Motion to Adjourn:

1st Lachawiec 2nd Wetter

Roll-Call: Lachawiec Yes Wetter Yes Tredy Yes

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date