

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING January 14, 2016

Community Development Block Grant

ROLL CALL: COLLAMER 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 14, 2016 at 6:30 pm regarding discussion of proposed applications and prioritization of the selection of applications to be submitted for funding consideration.

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Electric Handicap Entrance Doors
 - a. Town Hall
 - b. Court Room/Meeting Room Doors
 - c. Stair Chair for Court Room/Meeting Room

Jason Worth, T&M Engineering, discussed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has been administered through the County of Ocean for a number of years. Municipalities are offered into the funding cycle every other year in order to try to increase the amount of funds that are available to those communities for each project the municipalities want to undertake.

The funding is federal from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and is intended to benefit persons who are of low to moderate income. Each town, through the census in 2000 and 2010, has designated target neighborhoods with low to moderate income residents, grader than 51%. At this time there are no designated target neighborhoods in the Township of Ocean any longer. That changed with the 2010 census. That limits the types of project the Township will be able to undertake.

The Township needs to focus on improvements for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and handicap access to different public facilities. Since the Township of Ocean is within this funding cycle, the level of funding is expected to remain steady at approximately \$32,000.

In 2014, the Township applied for sidewalk and ramp improvements at Town Hall as well as the doors. The sidewalk and ramp improvements are complete. The Township went out to bid for door automation to the court, Town Hall as well as a new chair lift. Those bids came in over the estimated cost. Should the governing body wish to move forward with another application for additional funding, it should make up the difference in the funds, which the Township does not have right now.

Last time the Township applied for door automation, the chair lift, sidewalks and the ramps. Half of the project was completed at a cost of almost \$30,000. The door automation, which costed \$30,000 previously at the Community Center, now bid for \$65,000. That is for the court entrance, the Town Hall side entrance and for a new chairlift.

Mayor Tredy discussed the Community Development Block Grant prefers projects that help senior citizens.

Mr. Worth discussed the grant prefers seniors and low to moderate income residents but is flexible and tries to work with the Township on the types of projects.

Township Clerk/Administrator Ambrosio discussed this grant will assist the Township to become Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant in the Court and the Town Hall side entrances.

Mr. Worth discussed there are no additional soft costs beyond what has already been allotted.

Mayor Tredy inquired if the Township Committee has any comments regarding the items for consideration for the Community Development Block Grant. There were no additional comments.

Mr. Worth discussed this is the first meeting to discuss the ideas. There will be a second meeting where the items are formally approved. The applications are due by February 12, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

No public was present.

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

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

Township Attorney McGuckin discussed the applications have to be in by February 12, 2016. The next meeting is February 11, 2016.

Township Clerk/Administrator Ambrosio discussed a resolution will be voted on February 11, 2016 and will be emailed to T&M Engineering, who will forward to the County.

Township Attorney McGuckin discussed another public hearing will need to be scheduled.

Mr. Worth discussed the Township has to advertise. The second public hearing does not have to occur before the application is due. The second public hearing could occur by February 15, 2016. Meeting minutes and resolutions can be transmitted thereafter.

Township Attorney McGuckin discussed the possibilities of snow storms cancelling the meeting.

Mr. Worth discussed the application can be submitted and the meeting can be rescheduled for the following Monday. If there is really inclement weather, than the County will probably give the Township more time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting was moved by Committeeman Collamer, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.
Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date