

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN February 13, 2020

Community Development Block Grant

ROLL CALL: LOPARO X DODD X BAULDERSTONE 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. Police Department
 - b. Construction/Zoning Department

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the Township will be receiving a grant of \$32,000, which is received every year.

Charles Cunliffe, T&M Engineering, discussed the Community Development Block Grant is funded federally through the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department and is administered locally through the Ocean County Planning Department. The goals of that program is to fund projects that benefit low and moderate income neighborhoods in different municipalities throughout the County. Past projects in the Township have included improving barrier free access to public buildings within the Township. Several of those have been completed in this municipal complex such as a chair lift and automatic doors. It is a two-year cycle and the Township is now eligible to resubmit for a grant in 2020. The typical award is \$32,000. This is the second of two public hearings that are required to submit for that grant application. The first was held on the 23rd of January. Applications are due tomorrow. Since the 2010 census, there is no longer any designated target neighborhoods within the municipality. The focus of those improvements through the CDBG program have been on barrier free access.

Based on the discussions with the Township at the prior meeting on January 23, 2020, the Township has identified improvements to the Police building entranceway and possibly installing automated doors, improving the ramp, issues with the slope, issues with the sidewalk cross slope and location of the handicap parking stalls in relation to the ramp. T&M Engineering has preliminary estimates to be submitted as part of the grant application. The cost for those various improvements would be approximately \$107,750 for the automated doors and improvements to the ramps. This is the less part of the continuation of the barrier free access to the municipal complex. There is a possibility in 2020 that the new census will produce other target neighborhoods that get identified.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion to open Public Comment was moved by Committeeman LoParo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dodd.
Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes

Joe Fabozzi, 99 Bay Parkway, inquired why the businesses at Shop Rite do not face Route 9. This has caused a lot of businesses to fail because people do not know what is in there.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed that was part of the Town Center Plan. That is the way the Township Planner planned the businesses. This issue was heard at the Redevelopment Committee and the Planning Board.

Township Attorney Dasti discussed this issue does not have anything to do with the CDBG program. Mr. Fabozzi can ask the T&M Engineer questions after the CDBG meeting.

Motion to close Public Comment was moved by Committeeman LoParo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dodd.
Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes

Resolution 2020-108

Resolution authorizing the submission of the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Application for the Township of Ocean to make necessary improvements to the Police Department for accessible improvements for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to install electronic entrance doors, sidewalk and ramp.

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo
Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Community Development Block Grant Meeting was moved by Committeeman LoParo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dodd.
Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date