

# MEETING MINUTES

## TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN January 23, 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

Ray Savacool, T&M Associates, discussed the Community Development Block Grant program is a federally funded grant program administered through the Ocean County Planning Department. The program's goal is to fund projects. Past projects include the barrier free access improvements to public buildings such as door automation and handicap ramps and the new vertical lift right inside this building. The Township is eligible for this grant every two years through Ocean County Planning. This year is the Township's year to apply.

Typical grant awards run about \$32,000. This is the first of two public hearings the Township is required to hold. Applications are due February 14, 2020. The Township no longer has a designated target neighborhood. A designated target neighborhood (DTN) is a census tract block that indicates the low and moderate population exceeds 50% where any kind of improvements within those zones would qualify as benefitting disadvantaged individuals such as curbs, sidewalks or roadway improvements. Since the Township no longer has a DTN, the Township is limited to the programs it can apply for. It does fund barrier free access improvements, which the Township has completed over several cycles here and at several other buildings that are owned by the municipality.

This year T&M recommends the Township consider access improvements, door automation and handicap ramps at the Police station which would complete improvements within the municipal complex. This is the first hearing. This is also an opportunity for community organizations to be noticed of the funding opportunity and recommend projects for the Township to consider.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the Township is trying to make all municipal buildings ADA accessible and compliant. The Police Department and Construction/Zoning office need electronic doors. Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio is recommending to finish the municipal complex by finalizing the doors at the Police Department.

Mayor Baulderstone inquired about the doors to Town Hall.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the side door with the ramp has an electronic door and is complete. It meets ADA compliance with the sidewalk ramp for wheelchairs.

Committeeman LoParo discussed his recommendation is to do the Police first.

Deputy Mayor Dodd discussed she would like to do the Police Department first and the Construction office at the next funding round.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the second Public Hearing on this matter will take place at 7:00 pm on February 13, 2020 at the Town Hall Meeting Room for final approval

**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

No comment from the public.

**Motion to close Public Comment** was moved by Committeeman LoParo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dodd.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes

**Next Scheduled Community Development Block Meeting**

*February 13, 2020 – 7:00 pm – Town Hall Meeting Room*

**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:

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Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Date