

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN February 8, 2018

Community Development Block Grant

ROLL CALL: BAULDERSTONE X LOPARO X COLLAMER 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. Public Hearing to be held on February 8, 2018 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/Elevator for Court Room/Meeting Room

Ray Savacool, T&M Engineering discussed the Community Development Block Grant program is funded through the Federal Government through Housing and Urban Development. It is administered through the Ocean County Planning Department. The County essentially has a pool of money that is divided up between the eligible communities. In the Township of Ocean, there is no longer a Designated Target Neighborhood (DTN). A Designated Target Neighborhood, which has at least 51% low and moderate income individuals, the Township is allowed to make roadway and sidewalk improvements because it is assumed that because it is in a Designated Target Neighborhood that those improvements would benefit the disadvantaged communities.

Since, the Township of Ocean does not have a Designated Target Neighborhood, there are other avenues the Township can utilize in order to access this funding. That is through handicap accessibility improvements to public facilities. There have been several done here with electric doors. That benefits a disadvantaged community and fundable through the Community Development Block Grant program. Since the Township is no longer in a DTN, that is the way to go to access that funding.

The Township has done sidewalks before, handicap ramps at Town Hall, automated door projects. This year, the Township is looking at automated doors or potentially an elevator. The Township's public meeting room has a set of stairs with a lift chair. The lift chair is not compliant with accessibility standards, as a wheelchair cannot be put on it. There is also another step there that limits accessibility to the disadvantaged public to get into the public meeting room. Although the Community Development Block Grant funding would not fund the full cost of the design and installation of the elevator unit, it is very necessary for the community and Town Hall. Township Engineer, T&M Associates recommends applying for the elevator.

Township Administrator Ambrosio discussed the Community Development Block Grant obtained two years. There was funding set aside for a new chair, meeting room doors and Town Hall back door. When the Township went out to bid, the bids came back over the amount what the Township had bonded for. After discussing the options with Jason Worth, T&M Associates, the Township would like to bid for the Court doors and Town Hall back door, with the CDBG funding from 2016. This money, moving forward, would go towards the elevator and the ADA compliant issues the Township is lacking.

Mr. Savacool discussed the Township of Ocean applies every other year. Other communities apply on the opposite years. Typically over the last several cycles the funding has been from \$30,000-\$32,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion to open Public Comment was moved by Committeeman Baulderstone, seconded by Deputy Mayor LoParo.

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes

Eileen Doyle, 243 11th Street, inquired if the doors are going to be installed by the same vendor as the Community Center. The Community Center doors do not work well.

Mayor Collamer discussed the vendor is to be determined. The Township Committee will take that into consideration when the bids come in.

Mrs. Doyle discussed she would like to see the elevator installed.

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

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes

Resolution 2018-126a Submission of the 2018 C.D.B.G. grant application for the Township of Ocean to install and elevator.

Motion to approve was moved by Committeeman Baulderstone, seconded by Deputy Mayor LoParo.

Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.
Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, Collamer: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date