

JANUARY 21, 2004

WAYNESBORO, PA 17268

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Charles McCammon called the public hearing to order at 7:15 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Borough Council Members - Richard George, Jahnathan Cain, John Cook, Charles McCammon, Ardie Winters and Andrew Benchhoff

Mayor Louis M. Barlup, Jr.

Borough Staff - Lloyd R. Hamberger, II, Borough Manager

Kevin Grubbs, Assistant Director of Engineering

D. Lloyd Reichard, II, Borough Solicitor

Jody Sanders, Deputy Fire Chief

President McCammon explained that the purpose of this hearing was to provide an opportunity for citizens to comment on proposed uses for the Fiscal Year 2004 State Community Development Block Grant Program funds and on the prior use of such funds.

Ed Geubtner, a representative of Mullin and Lonergan (the Borough's Community Development Block Grant consultants), was present to explain the program and answer any questions. Following his presentation, input/comments would be received from the public on the proposed use of funds.

Mr. Geubtner stated that the Borough is a direct PA DCED entitlement community. At this point in time, he is unsure of the exact amount they are expected to receive, but estimated it to be approximately \$195,000 - \$200,000. The application will be submitted to DCED near the end of March.

He explained that this is the first of two public hearings required prior to submission of the application to DCED. The intent of this hearing is for residents and/or Council members in attendance to indicate what projects they would like to see funded through the program.

Mr. Geubtner noted that the Borough has utilized CDBG monies in the past for street reconstruction, housing rehabilitation, improvements for recreational purposes, ADA improvements at the fire station and municipal pool, and the downtown facade improvement program. Technical Bulletin No. 1 (a copy of which is attached hereto) was made available to the public, and outlines the range of activities which can be funded through the CDBG program.

Mr. Geubtner further explained that, in order to expend program monies, an activity must meet one of three national objectives: (1) urgent need; (2) elimination or prevention of slums or blight; and, primarily, (3) the activity must benefit low/moderate income individuals. He added an explanation of the procedure followed in certifying a particular street for low/moderate income benefit, in qualifying a household for assistance through the housing rehabilitation program, and area benefit (which is based on information contained in U.S. census data). If an area is certified as 51% or more low/moderate income, street and recreation improvements, etc. can be pursued without conducting surveys of the area's individual residents.

The CDBG program is funded through federal monies provided to the state for the purpose of distribution to various communities. The Borough of Waynesboro has received monies through the CDBG program since 1984.

A member of the public, Bill Crouse, questioned how low income status is established. Mr. Geubtner explained that a standard is determined yearly based on income and household size, and adheres to HUD Section 8 income limits. He noted that he will provide additional information regarding income limits to the Borough Manager when it is made available by the federal government (in approximately March).

Hearing no further comments or questions from the public or Council, the hearing adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda S. Knott

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