

PUBLIC HEARING - FY2017 CDBG PROGRAM
July 10, 2017

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor
Jane Dlugos
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor
James Johnson
Samuel Lyons
James Marshall

Members Excused: None.

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager
Jim Greenfield, Esq., Acting City Solicitor
Harmony Motter, Finance Director
Sheila Boughner, Community Development Director
Charles Gibbons, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer
Eric Fenske, Utility Coordinator
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary
Kevin Anundson, Police Chief
Lt. Melissa Edwards, Franklin Police Department
Patrolman Sean Floor, Franklin Police Department
Herb Bigley, Venango County Mens Softball Assn.
Bodie Riddle, Venango County Mens Softball Assn.
Zoe Oakes, Franklin Public Library Branch Manager
Dan Flaherty, Oil Region Library Assn.
Ann Rudegeair, General Authority Chairperson
Marty Rudegeair, General Authority Treasurer
Ryan Rudegeair
Ally-Karen Miller, Franklin YMCA
Marissa Dechant, Venango Newspapers, Inc.

Mayor Baker called the Hearing to order at 7 PM.

Ms. Boughner explained that this is the preliminary public hearing for the City's 2017 Community Development Block Grant program. She reported the City has been told to expect an amount similar to the 2016 allocation of approximately \$273,000. With \$49,000 (18%) for administration, there will be approximately \$224,000 for project uses. The application will be due in late-October or November and the funds should be available by mid-summer 2018.

She reviewed the low/moderate income ranges for Venango County and reminded the Council that all CDBG Projects must meet one of the following objectives:

- Benefits a majority of low/moderate income persons
- Prevents or eliminates slums and blight
- Addresses an urgent threat or need

She also reviewed the types of eligible and ineligible projects, past CDBG-funded activities and the City's statement of replacement. She and City staff are exploring possible uses, including street improvements, sidewalks and ADA curb ramps, light pole replacement on Liberty Street, and demolition.

She advised the Council that she hopes for Council to, tentatively, approve the projects at the September 11 council meeting, with the second public hearing to be held on October 2 and final approval given at Council's regular meeting following the hearing.

Those with questions, comments or suggestions should contact Ms. Boughner, Community Development Director, at City Hall.

There being no further comments or questions from the Council or the public, Mayor Baker closed the hearing at 7:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary