

Minutes
C.D.B.G. Program
December 13, 2011

An advertised meeting for the CDBG Program was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Edward Mitchell. The meeting was held in the Upland Municipal Building.

Present were President Edward Mitchell and Vice President Christine Peterson. Council members present were Mr. Leland Hunter, Ms. Moira Crawford, Ms. Georgianna Cassidy-Hicks, Mrs. Sandra Miazza, Mr. Harold Peden, Mayor Michael Ciach, Mr. Robert O'Connor, Esq., and Mr. Charles Catania, Sr., P.E., and Mrs. Shirley Purcival, Borough Manager/Treasurer/Secretary.

Mr. Ken Stark, reporter from the Delaware County Times, Chief John Easton and Mr. Dan Smith, Fire Chief from the Upland Fire Company along with approximately 11 residents in attendance.

President Mitchell announced the first order of business was to go out of the normal order of business and turned the meeting over to our engineer, Mr. Catania (in reference to the Community Development Block Grant hearing.)

Mr. Catania mentioned one of the requirements of the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Program is that Borough Council has a scheduled meeting, properly advertised to discuss the allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds for the fiscal year 2012. The public was invited in order to provide their input for any projects they may want to see taken on by the Borough. So for the first thing, he asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in reference to a program they would like to see Borough Council submit to the County for funding. Is there anyone out there that would have a project? With no response from the public, Mr. Mitchell asked to address the basis of the meeting.

Mr. Catania mentioned Borough Council members have discussed over the past several months several projects which they would like to oversee. The first project is the installation of four (4) foot-high wrought iron railing, a top of the current existing masonry wall along the west-side of Main Street to enclose the yards of Auburn Village homes, adjacent thereto, approximately 500 feet long. The cost will probably amount to \$16,500 with all things being considered. The other project has been discussed since 2008, and many times before then, the extension of 11th Street through-to Hill Street to provide for emergency access and a better traffic pattern from that section of the borough down toward the shopping center. It has been a much-needed connector street. We have estimated that to cost in the area of \$38,500. Is Council in mind to pass those projects, with priority project being the 11th St Extension and the alternate project being the wrought iron rail at the Auburn Village homes? There is a resolution that must be passed and sent on to County. These applications are due at the County by January 11, 2012 and

it will take approximately three (3) months to get a definitive answer of what has been awarded by County Council.

Vice-President Peterson asked to make a motion to perform the CDBG project for the Eleventh Street Extension; seconded by Mr. Hunter. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

Mr. Mitchell explained the positive outcome upon completing the extension of the road-bed on the parcel; is that is anyone has ever been caught down the lower-end during a flood; there is no way to get to Crozer Hospital. As of now, individuals need to get to Edgmont Avenue and back-track. By opening that piece of ground/road-bed, you can weave your way through Upland, come down 10th Street to the top of Mulberry Street make a left then a right. This route would lead you right out to the Shopping Center. So, at least you would be on high ground during a flood. We have had a couple of incidences where Parkside Fire Company ambulances cannot get out of 8th and Mulberry Streets because of traffic jams from Kerlin Street and/or 8th Streets.

President Mitchell stated that Council is excited to get this project started. As it is a great emergency route for everyone coming out of the lower end, or even just as a shortcut. It will increase traffic flow. However, we need this route to get out (of Upland) if needed.

Ms. Crawford made a motion to end the CDBG Hearing at 7:08 p.m. and Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Purcival
Borough Manager/Treasurer/Secretary

Shannon Strigle
Recording Secretary