

2016 CDBG PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING
June 6, 2016

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

Members Excused: None.

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor
Sheila Boughner, Community Development Director
Charles Gibbons, Code Enforcement Officer
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary
Wade Rogers, 1122 Elk Street
Chip and Janene Pfohl, 258 Evergreen Drive
Sam Pfohl, 258 Evergreen Drive
Tom Jamieson, 1445 Elk Street
Matt Beith, 324 Sixteenth Street
John Haag, 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 2016 Community Development Block Grant program. She reported that this year's allocation amounts to \$272,958 (down slightly from last year's allocation). With \$49,132 (18%) for administration, there will be \$223,826 for project uses. The application due date is October 23 and the funds should be available by mid-summer 2016.

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. At her request, City staff and the City Manager have suggested possible uses, including street improvements on Oak Hill, accessibility improvements at City Hall and demolition of blighted properties.

Noting that the application is due to the state by September 23, she advised the Council that she hopes to, tentatively, approve the projects at the July 11 Council meeting, with the second public hearing and final approval being held at the September 5 Council meeting.

Mr. Beith asked how projects are solicited from the public. He was informed that individuals 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 7:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary