

PUBLIC HEARING
FY2014 CDBG Program
September 8, 2014

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor
Samuel Lyons
James Marshall
Jennifer Morris
Ryan Rudegear
Garnet Wood

Members Excused: None

In Attendance: E. William Gabrys, City Manager
Tracy Jamieson, Deputy Manager
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary
R. Russell Lucas, Jr., Esq., Campbell Durrant Beatty & Miller Law Firm
Chuck Gibbons, Code Enforcement Officer
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary
Dennis & Laura Jones, 806 Liberty Street
Steve Mason, Miller Park MPCC
David R Lord, General Authority Chairman
Ally-Karen D. Miller, Franklin YMCA
Robert Heller, 834 Elk Street

Mayor Baker called the public hearing to order at 7:00 PM.

Mrs. Jamieson explained this would be the first of two required public hearings. She advised that DCED has released the amount of the grant allocations for all grantees under the State's CDBG Program and all third class cities, under the State's CDBG Entitlement Program, will receive \$288,311, including Franklin. 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 at least 51% low/moderate income persons
- Prevents or eliminates slums and blight
- Addresses an urgent threat or need

After deducting the administration fee amount (\$51,895), City Council will have \$236,416 to appropriate to eligible projects. She reviewed the types of ineligible and eligible projects, noting that since the locations and types of projects that the City can carry out are now reduced, staff is looking into targeting a smaller area, located in an LMI (low/moderate income) section of town.

Reading the City's Statement of Replacement, she advised that any low/moderate income dwelling units lost to demolition or conversion must be replaced as follows:

- Within 3 years
- Within same jurisdiction
- Of same size and capacity
- Will stay low/moderate unit for 10 years

Applications are due on November 21. Therefore, she would like City Council to select the projects for funding at the October meeting, after which the final public hearing can be held and the application approved at the November Council meeting.

Mr. Marshall asked when the monies would be available. Mrs. Jamieson estimated they should be available mid-summer 2015.

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