

Supervisor John F. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Thomas “Bud” Gavin called the roll and the following board members were present: Trustee Michael Stillman, Trustee John “Jack” Lind, Trustee Roger Benson, Trustee Michael Mahoney, and Supervisor Murphy.

Also present: Assessor John Z. Toscas, Highway Commissioner Steve Loulousis, Attorney Elizabeth Shine Hermes, Arlene Sladek, June Maddrell

2010 PROGRAM YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Clerk Gavin read aloud the public hearing notice as follows:

“A Public Hearing for the Township of Worth’s 2010 Program Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application will take place on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. in the Board Room of the Worth Township Hall, 11601 S. Pulaski Road, Alsip, Illinois. The purpose of this meeting is to field citizen input on projects, which are funded through the Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program. All communities applying for the CDBG funds must submit their application to Cook County no later than February 18, 2010. The Township of Worth is authorized to submit two (2) project requests, the total of which cannot exceed \$300,000.00. The Township of Worth is one of approximately 53 communities competing for these funds.”

Arlene Sladek reported that Cook County has a total of approximately \$10,000,000 to \$11,000,000 available for the 2010 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). She stated that applicants are allowed to submit two applications up to \$300,000.00, collectively. She also stated that the CDBG time line for submission of an application includes two public hearings to obtain citizen participation prior to submission of an application for funds that is due on 2/18/10. This hearing and another to be held on 2/9/10 are being conducted to receive input. Arlene Sladek reported that there are four eligibility activities for the CDBG program. They are: 1) Area of Benefit Activities which is available to residents in a particular census track where at least 49% of the residents are low or moderate income 2) Limited Clientele Activities, an activity that benefits a limited clientele, at least 51% of whom are low or moderate income persons and benefit a clientele who are generally presumed to be principally low-income persons i.e. abused children, battered spouses, elderly persons, disabled adults, homeless persons, illiterate adults, people with AIDS, and migrant farm workers 3) Housing Activities: for low to moderate income housing activities that can include rehabilitation, acquisition, and conversion of existing housing, but not new construction 4) Job Creation or Retention Activities – an activity designed to retain or create permanent jobs where at least 51% of the jobs are held by low and moderate income individuals.

Arlene Sladek stated the recommended projects for Board Consideration were: **(Project 1)** Construction of sidewalks. (Capital Improvements) **Location:** Springfield Avenue between 117th and 119th Street which would include 2,530 linear feet of sidewalk in 5 x 5 squares. This project would involve excavating, hauling away material cost of concrete, restoration with black dirt and seed at approximately \$6.50 per square foot. Any tree and/or stump removal, relocation of fences, etc. will be extra. There could also be a charge of up to \$30,000 in the restoration of the driveways.

Total expenses: 12,650 sq. ft x \$6.50 = \$ 82,225
Driveway Restoration 30,000
\$112,225

Location: 115th Street between Springfield and Hamlin which would include 1,282 linear feet of sidewalk in 5 x 5 squares. This project would involve excavating, hauling away material cost of concrete, restoration with black dirt and seed at approximately \$6.50 per square foot. Any tree and/or stump removal, relocation of fences, etc. will be extra. There could also be a charge of up to \$30,000 in the restoration of the driveways.

Total expenses: 6,410 sq. ft x \$6.50 = \$ 41,665
Driveway Restoration 30,000
\$ 71,665

Engineering Costs for both projects: \$ 32,000

She stated that the total anticipated CDBG request for both locations including materials, work to be performed, engineering costs, surveying costs, permits, fees and costs mandated by the State of Illinois or Cook County not to exceed \$240,000.

Arlene Sladek reported that it has not been confirmed whether the above mentioned project will qualify due to the fact that the low to moderate income population requirement of greater than 49% has not yet been verified. She reported they were still trying to get all the data to determine if this project request can be submitted.

She stated that if this project does not qualify they will try to proceed with **Project 2** – Energy Efficient-ADA Compliant Shelter Entranceway. This project would involve the construction of a partially enclosed weather-protective sheltered entranceway at the south end of the Township Hall and senior center building. This shelter would prevent falls among our elderly and disabled clientele.

Supervisor Murphy asked the public if they had any input comments regarding the grant. There were none.

Motion made by Trustee Mahoney, seconded by Trustee Benson, to adjourn the public hearing.

All ayes; Motion carried.

Public Hearing adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk Thomas “Bud” Gavin