

BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MEETING
CONDUCTED VIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS
DEVICES THROUGH ZOOM PLATFORM
COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES (CDBG)
JUNE 22, 2020

President Jacob Schindel called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and asked the Borough Secretary Sara Stull to conduct a roll call of Council members in attendance. The following Councilors were present: Vice President Wesley Heyser, Mr. Christopher Berger, Ms. Patricia Lawson, Mrs. Judith Butterfield, and Mr. Matthew Moon. Mr. John Lawver was absent. Staff present included: Mayor Theodore Streeter; Borough Manager Charles Gable; Borough Secretary Sara Stull; Borough Solicitor Harold Eastman, Puhl Eastman, and Thrasher; Planning Director Carly Marshall; Finance Director Nicolette James; and Chad Clabaugh, Borough Engineer, C. S. Davidson, Inc.

Others present include Michael McHenry, Gettysburg College Intern; Rebecca Moreland, Grants Program Coordinator, Adams County Office of Planning & Development, and filming conducted by Community Media-ACCTV in attendance through ZOOM Platform

President Schindel announced that this is the second public hearing as required to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known regarding what types of eligible activities Gettysburg Borough should apply for under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs. Separate public meetings will be held later to approve the final application and budget allocation amounts.

Rebecca Moreland Grants Program Coordinator said that the meeting was properly advertised in the *Gettysburg Times* as required. She said that she will assist the Borough with the CDBG program and to discuss community needs for funding under the fiscal year 2020 State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, and the CDBG Coronavirus funding (CDBG-CV) awarded to Pennsylvania through the federal CARES Act. Ms. Moreland explained that the Gettysburg Borough will receive an allocation of \$130,289 in FY2020 CDBG funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and an additional \$70,413 in CDBG-CV funds also from the Commonwealth. Gettysburg Borough's CDBG funds may be used to benefit a variety of activities including water and sewer systems, streets, housing rehabilitation, emergency housing assistance, recreation and community facilities, new public services, historic preservation, removal of architectural barriers, blight removal, economic development, and administration and planning. The Borough must demonstrate that approved projects (1) benefit low to moderate income persons, (2) remove slums or blight, or (3) meet an urgent community need. CDBG-CV funds must be used to benefit activities that respond to the conditions created by the COVID-19 pandemic. FY2020 Entitlement CDBG funds may be used for any eligible activity.

Manager Gable said that the Borough anticipates submitting two applications through the County of Adams, one under the State FY2020 Entitlement CDBG Program for \$130,289.00, and

the other under the State CDBG-Coronavirus funding (CDBG-CV) Program for \$70,413.00 during the 2020 calendar year. He said that the deadline for proposals is June 12, 2020 and that anyone interested should contact him.

Rebecca Moreland said that the Borough's FY2020 Entitlement CDBG Program allocation of \$130,289.00 is proposed for the South Street Streetscape Improvements. The deadline for the County to apply for the Borough is October 28, 2020.

Rebecca Moreland said that the State CDBG-Coronavirus funding (CDBG-CV) 2020 Program amount is \$70,413.00, to be used for businesses impacted by COVID-19. The allocation will be used to benefit low to moderate income persons and meet the urgent community needs, which includes ramps for businesses. The deadline for the County to apply for the Borough is August 31, 2020, but the County intends to submit the application by July 31, 2020.

Councilwoman Butterfield asked if non-profit agencies are eligible for these funds. Rebecca Moreland responded that they are not eligible.

Chad Clabaugh explained that the South Street Streetscape Improvements will be a two-year project. The Gettysburg Municipal Authority along with other utility companies will be part of this extensive project.

There were no public comments.

President Jacob Schindel adjourned the public hearing at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary