## BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG TROXELL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325 COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES (CDBG) AUGUST 9, 2021

Mayor Streeter 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 present included: Mr. Christopher Berger, Mr. John Lawver, and Mr. Matthew Moon. Ms. Patricia Lawson was present via telecommunications. Vice President Wesley Heyser and Mrs. Judith Butterfield were absent.

**Staff present included:** Mayor Theodore Streeter; Borough Manager Charles Gable; Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary Sara Stull; Borough Solicitor Harold Eastman, Barley Snyder; Planning Director Carly Marshall Public Works Director Robert Harbaugh; and Chad Clabaugh, Borough Engineer, C. S. Davidson, Inc.

**Others present included**: Harlan Lawson, Economic Development Specialist for the Adams County Office of Planning & Development; Earl and Connie Trump, 819 Long Lane; Scott and Jennifer Hartlaub, 752 Long Lane; and Doug Boden, 829 Long Lane; Jim Hale representing the *Gettysburg Times*; and filming conducted by Community Media-ACCTV in attendance through ZOOM Platform

**Mayor Theodore Streeter** opened the meeting and said that the purpose of this public hearing is 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.

Harlan Lawson, Economic Development Specialist for the Adams County Office of Planning & Development said that he is here to assist the Borough with the CDBG program and to discuss community needs for funding under the fiscal year 2021 State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. He explained that Gettysburg Borough will receive an allocation of \$132,490 in FY2021 CDBG funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. 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. FY2021 Entitlement CDBG funds may be used for any eligible activity.

**Manager Charles Gable** announced that a second public hearing is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to Charles R. Gable, Borough Manager, by email at CGable@GettysburgPA.gov or via

mail at the Borough of Gettysburg, Attention Borough Manager, 59 East High Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325 by Friday, August 16, 2021.

## **Public comments:**

Connie Trump, 819 Long Lane, Scott Hartlaub, 752 Long Lane and Doug Boden, 829 Long Lane all complained that the increased traffic on Long Lane had caused safety issues, and that there have been many close calls with cars speeding and it has gotten out of control over the years. Some suggestions were to use temporary speed bumps, which could be removed during the winter months. Mr. Hartlaub also noted that the stormwater infrastructure is inadequate and leads to flooding in basements in the Colt Park area.

Mayor Theodore Streeter adjourned the public hearing at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull Borough Secretary