Public Hearing Meeting Minutes - August 23, 2021 CDBG - Needs of the City

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, August 23, 2021 @ 6:50 p.m.; Council convened as a Hearing Board in order to hear and receive comments, written and oral, reviews and have discussion on the Needs of the City for the CDBG program for the City of DuBois, Pennsylvania. Mayor Walsh opened the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Other Council Members present were: Diane Bernardo, Shane Dietz, and Shannon Gabriel. Also present were: City Manager, John "Herm" Suplizio; City Engineer/Public Works Director, Chris Nasuti; Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell; Police Chief, Blaine Clark and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

Mayor Walsh opened the hearing at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Walsh promptly turned the meeting over to Redevelopment Authority Director, Joe Mitchell. Director Mitchell proceeded to read from the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA FOR THE FY 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF DUBOIS, CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PA

DATE:

Monday, August 23, 2021

TIME:

6:50 PM (Prevailing Time)

PLACE:

DuBois City Hall, City Council Chambers 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, PA 15801

A. MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER:

- · Joe Mitchell, Exec. Dir. DuBois Redev. Auth.
- Reading of the Newspaper Notice

B. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

C. PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING:

- Discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program in general.
- The City will receive \$317,899.00 in FY 2021 CDBG funds from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).
- Applications are due electronically to DCED using the Single Application Format by Thursday, October 28, 2021.
- The City must conduct a public hearing to determine local needs for community development, housing, public services, and economic development.
- Residents, organizations, agencies, etc. are given the opportunity to participate in the planning process.
- The City's performance under previous CDBG Program Years.

D. PROGRAM GUIDELINES:

- The City must prepare an application which outlines its plan on how it will spend the FY 2021 CDBG funds
- Funds may be used for eligible activities such as: water and sewer line replacement and improvements; housing rehabilitation; new construction of affordable housing; construction and reconstruction of public/community facilities; recreational facilities; public services that are a new or a quantifiable increase in the level of service; street and road improvements; historic preservation; the removal of architectural barriers; economic development activities; acquisition and relocation; clearance and demolition of property; costs to dispose of real estate;

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general administrative costs; planning; audit; environmental reviews; and the preparation of the application.

- At least 70% of the project activity costs must benefit low- and moderate-income persons.
- A maximum of 18% may be used for administrative costs.
- A maximum of 30% of the project activity costs may be spent on demolition and clearance costs.
- All activities must meet one of the three (3) national objectives of the CDBG Program: principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons; removal of slums and blighting conditions; and activities having an urgent need.

E. **RESIDENT COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

ADJOURMENT: F.

Director Mitchell then asked three separate times for any questions or comments.

As there were no questions or concerns the meeting was turned back over Mayor Walsh.

Mayor Walsh closed the meeting at 6:53 p.m.