

10-13-2011 – PUBLIC HEARING ON 2012-2013 CDGB FUNDS

Present:

Councilman Cheryl L. Earl
Councilman Daniel L. Miller
Councilman David L. Montgomery
Councilman Norman J. Uhteg
Supervisor Mary L. Hannon

Also Present:

Town Clerk Betsy A. Marsh
Approx. 14 guests

The Sardinia Town Board held a Public Hearing on October 13, 2011 at the Town Hall/Community Center, for the purpose of hearing comments and suggestions for possible projects for which to apply for funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program. Supervisor Hannon called the hearing to order at 6:15 PM with the Pledge to the Flag. The Town Clerk showed proof of the legal Notice of Hearing as it had appeared in the Arcade Herald and the Springville Journal.

The Supervisor stated that last year, the Town received \$46,000.00 for sidewalks in the Hamlet of Chaffee. She stated that she and Councilman Earl had attended a meeting on the Block Grant Program and it was explained that they are cutting back on the amount of grant money to be awarded, with a limit of \$100,000.00 per project, and they are asking that submissions be limited to one project.

John Schiener of Sardinia asked what projects the Town had applied for last year. The Supervisor stated the Town had decided on Manion Park bathrooms, the Meeting House handicapped accessible bathrooms, and the Rural Transit Van Service as possible projects for last year, however the Town had minus points last year due to the delay in the sidewalks project, and application was made for only the Rural Transit Van Service.

Daniel Degolier, President of the Historical Society, then addressed the Board. He stated that the Meeting House was in need of a new, handicapped accessible entrance, and stated that the current cement porch entrance on the front of the building, built in the 1930's, is deteriorating and is beyond repair. He stated it is pulling away from and is actually slanted in toward the building, allowing water to pool on the basement wall and main beam on the front wall. Mr. Degolier then presented the Town Board with a proposal from Bero Architecture, PLLC for the removal of the old porch and installation of a new, handicapped accessible ramp with handrails and concrete walk. The total cost estimate was \$36,800.00, but he stated that the Historical Society feels that approximately \$5,000.00 could be taken off the estimate with the removal of the sidewalk from the project and perhaps some if not all of the cost of a dumpster. The Supervisor asked Mr. Degolier if the estimate included prevailing wage rates, and he stated he thinks that it does. Councilman Earl asked if handicapped accessible work could be done on this building, also, and still have it considered as one project. The Supervisor stated she will check into that. Councilman Uhteg asked if the project would then be just a ramp, without any sidewalk. Mr. Degolier stated that it would be a ramp, with no porch at all. The length and height of the ramp was discussed, and Mr. Degolier stated that the architects have assured that it would be gradual enough.

The Supervisor then asked for suggestions from the audience. There were no further suggestions.

Supervisor Hannon called three times for further suggestions. There being none, the hearing was closed at 6:24 PM on a motion by Earl, seconded by Montgomery, and carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk