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UPPER CHICHESTER TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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re: Community Development Block Grant funding

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Upper Chichester, Pennsylvania

Thursday, December 8, 2016

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Hearing in the above matter held at the
Upper Chichester Township Building, 8500 Furey
Road, Upper Chichester, Pennsylvania, on the above
date at 7:15 p.m. recorded stenographically by
Maria Lairdieson O'Neill, Registered Professional
Reporter and Notary Public.

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BEFORE: MICHAEL GAUDIUSO, President
EDWARD RAIKOWSKI, Commissioner
NICOLE WHITAKER, Commissioner
JOSEPH BAIOTTO, Commissioner
JOSEPH NEARY, Commissioner

HOWARD GALLAGHER, ESQUIRE, Solicitor

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1 **ALSO PRESENT:**

2 Lisa Catania, P.E.

3 George Needles, township manager

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1 MR. GAUDIUSO: All right. 7:15. I'd
2 like to restart the meeting again for our CDBG
3 grant. At this point in time we're going to turn
4 over the meeting over to our township engineer
5 Lisa Catania, so she can further explain what is
6 going on.

7 MS. CATANIA: Thank you, Mr. President.

8 Today we're having a hearing concerning
9 Community Development Block Grant funding. This
10 is HUD funding that is given to the county to
11 administer. And each municipality is requested --
12 that isn't home charter, is requested to provide
13 application to office of Housing And Community
14 Development for evaluation.

15 Those projects are within eligible areas
16 of each municipality. Those areas are low- to
17 moderate-income housing.

18 The area in Upper Chichester that is
19 eligible is what would be known as Excelsior
20 Village area, the Twin Oaks area, and the Johnson
21 Avenue area. There is a map, if anyone's
22 interested in taking a look at the map. I think
23 you're pretty much aware of it. That mapping was
24 based on the census that was done in 2010.

25 Community Development Block Grant

1 funding can be used for acquisition of property,
2 relocation of properties, demolition, and rehab of
3 residential homes. That is under a separate
4 program than we're here to talk tonight.

5 Public -- construction of public facilities,
6 improvements to public facilities, sewer and
7 water, sanitary lines, streets, neighborhood
8 centers, and planning projects.

9 For example, if you needed a new zoning
10 ordinance or a town center plan, those would be
11 eligible.

12 The purpose of the program is to benefit
13 low- to moderate-income persons, and we're trying
14 to prevent or eliminate blight within those
15 communities.

16 There is one project that I believe that
17 the Township is interested in, and that's the
18 Johnson Avenue Phase 2. We just bid the Phase 1
19 of the project, and this would be the second phase
20 of that.

21 The Township can decide to do a priority
22 project, as well as an alternate. If Johnson
23 Avenue is to be the priority project, it is
24 suggested by OHCD not to -- that we could put an
25 alternate project into the county.

1 If you decide that there is another
2 project that may be a priority for you, they're
3 suggesting that you not put Johnson Avenue in,
4 because County Council will in all likelihood
5 allocate monies for the Johnson Avenue project
6 before your priority project because they've
7 already given you money for the Phase 1. Just
8 keep that in mind.

9 MS. WHITAKER: Say that again.

10 MS. CATANIA: All right. So right now,
11 I think, I believe, that Johnson Avenue project is
12 going to be your priority project. If that's the
13 case, then there would be an alternate.

14 If you have another project that you
15 think that you'd rather do as a priority, they're
16 suggesting only put that project in, don't put an
17 alternate or put a different alternate than the
18 Phase 2 of Johnson Avenue.

19 It's been past practice that County
20 Council will look at the next phase of a project
21 if they've allocated money to the previous phase.

22 MS. WHITAKER: Right. That's what I
23 thought you said. Okay.

24 MS. CATANIA: I'll take any questions
25 that anyone has, suggestions for projects. We had

1 talked about some of them at the workshop the
2 other night.

3 MS. WHITAKER: My recommendation is to
4 do Johnson Avenue Phase 2.

5 MR. NEARY: It would be Nicole's call,
6 obviously.

7 MR. GAUDIUSO: Yes.

8 MR. NEARY: It's only in her ward.

9 MR. GAUDIUSO: I think Nicole brought
10 that up several times, Johnson Avenue. So I think
11 there's no -- I think the Board would be very
12 supportive, to see that through.

13 MS. CATANIA: You can put an alternate
14 project in. Obviously there's reconstruction of
15 roads that we've done before, there's paving of
16 roads within those areas that you could do, and
17 there's playgrounds within that area. There could
18 be upgrades to those playgrounds if you so choose.

19 We'll stay between 100 and 120 thousand
20 dollars as far as allocations is concerned. That
21 seems to be the sweet spot that County Council has
22 been funding.

23 MR. NEEDLES: Is that for total?

24 MS. CATANIA: Total.

25 MR. NEEDLES: Or with the main project

1 and all the alternative?

2 MS. CATANIA: No; each project.

3 MR. RAIKOWSKI: Each project.

4 MS. CATANIA: Each project.

5 MS. WHITAKER: Did we ever get any
6 information on the storm water?

7 MS. CATANIA: Absolutely nothing. We
8 can certainly try to put it in. My understanding
9 is that that project was a project that the
10 maintenance forces wanted to do. And that would
11 not be possible under this project, under this
12 program. It would have to be bid.

13 MS. WHITAKER: I don't understand what
14 you mean, it wouldn't be possible.

15 MS. CATANIA: You couldn't do it -- you
16 couldn't utilize -- you couldn't design it and
17 have the allocation go to the Township. It would
18 have to actually be a publicly bid project.

19 MS. WHITAKER: Right.

20 MS. CATANIA: So the Township would not
21 be able to do it themselves.

22 MS. WHITAKER: Right. Yeah. Right.
23 They looked at it because residents have been
24 asking about it, it's been an issue. So I went
25 out and looked at it, to see if in fact they could

1 do it.

2 As Opie suggested, if there were monies
3 particularly from the grant that we could put in,
4 then yeah, it would be something that we could bid
5 out. I don't know that they can do it. They just
6 wanted to look at it.

7 MS. CATANIA: Okay. So that's
8 Washington Avenue.

9 MS. WHITAKER: That's the one that
10 goes -- over Washington, all the way to Broadway.
11 So that would be a back-up project. Because we
12 did Bellview Terrace. Did we do storm water on
13 Bellview Terrace --

14 MS. CATANIA: You did.

15 MS. WHITAKER: -- as a part of that same
16 grant?

17 MS. CATANIA: Yes.

18 MS. WHITAKER: I would have that as a
19 back-up project.

20 MR. GAUDIUSO: Just for clarity, an
21 outside contractor would have to do the work, not
22 our township employees. Our highway department
23 does a lot of street work.

24 MS. CATANIA: Under the grant it must be
25 bid, publicly bid, because it's fed money, and it

1 has to be prevailing -- Davis Bacon.

2 MR. GAUDIUSO: Right.

3 MS. CATANIA: So it would be federal
4 prevailing wages.

5 MR. GAUDIUSO: So I would just keep our
6 department out of the whole process.

7 MS. CATANIA: Correct.

8 MR. GAUDIUSO: Are there any other
9 questions? If not, we don't need to vote on it,
10 do we?

11 MS. CATANIA: You will at the regular
12 meeting.

13 MR. GAUDIUSO: At the regular meeting.

14 MS. CATANIA: Right.

15 MR. GAUDIUSO: If there are no
16 questions, can I have a motion to adjourn.

17 MS. CATANIA: You have public comment?

18 MR. GAUDIUSO: Any public comment about
19 the CDBG grant? Doesn't appear to be any public
20 comments. Can I have a motion to adjourn.

21 MR. NEARY: So motioned.

22 MR. BAIOTTO: Second.

23 MR. GAUDIUSO: Motion carried.

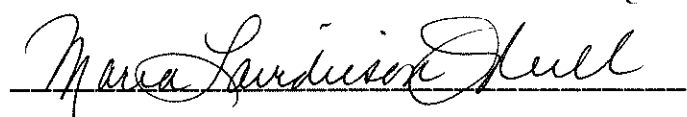
24 (The hearing concluded at 7:24 p.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
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Maria Lairdieson O'Neill
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