

PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF SHELBY
CDBG PROGRAM
JANUARY 8, 2019

Present: Ed Houseknecht, Supervisor
Jeff Smith, Councilman
Kenneth Schaal, Councilman
William Bacon, Councilman
Stephen Seitz, Councilman
Darlene Rich, Town Clerk
Bethany Centrone, Council for Bond, Schoeneck & King
Kirk Myhill, Planning Board Chair
Miranda Bennett, Bookkeeper
Michael Reese, Constable
Claude Grimes, Constable

Others : Jim Whipple, COIDA
Brian Murray Sr.
Dina Barone
Allen Bushover
James Zelazny
Les Quackenbush
Justin Giordano
Jerry Velesko

Public Hearing was called to order at 6:45pm

Purpose of the Public Hearing- To hear comments regarding the Town Board authorizing a grant of Community Development Block Grant Program Income to the Village of Medina to improve pedestrian access and connectivity along the Maple Ridge Corridor.

Jim Whipple, COIDA, explained this grant. It is a Community Development Block Grant Fund. It involves five municipalities (Village of Medina, Holley and Town of Shelby, Yates and Albion). Town of Shelby was a recipient of grant money from twenty years ago. Money that was left over was used by COIDA to administer a revolving loan fund. After an audit it was determined this money needs to be used or the town will lose it. The money would need to be spent on Community Development Block Grant program. Lower income people would benefit. It would be for improvements or safety. It could not be used for water districts. Need to commit by March 31, 2019. The Town and Village of Medina have worked together in the past regarding the Maple Ridge Corridor. IDA thought improvements along Maple Ridge Road could include construction of a pedestrian bridge that crosses Oak Orchard Creek. This is most important as far as safety. In addition, if there is enough money left over a sidewalk to Crosby's could be constructed. Right now, there are no sidewalks. A lot of people that live at Ricky Place walk to Crosby's and it is a big safety issue.

Public Comment-Jim Zelazny- Would bridge be connected to Maple Ridge Road bridge?

Jim Whipple said Engineering would be able to decide.

Dina-Would this be a money drop?

Jim Whipple said as long as we commit by March 31.

Dina Barone-Said it would be good as long as everyone commit.

Supervisor Houseknecht said without question. It is a dangerous area for pedestrians. A lot of the people that walk along there are handicapped and in motorized wheelchairs or scooters.

After no other comment public hearing closed at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene A. Rich, MMC, RMC
Town Clerk