



MINUTES
Borough of Union Beach
Thursday, July 25, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.
650 Poole Avenue, Union Beach, NJ
(SPECIAL MEETING CDBG PUBLIC HEARING)

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Councilman Cocuzza at 7:30 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Lead by Councilman Cocuzza

ANNOUNCEMENT: By Councilman Cocuzza of the Emergency Fire Exits.

SUNSHINE LAW NOTICE: Announced by Clerk

Adequate notice has been given to the public and press on the date, time and place of this meeting, in accordance with P.L 1975, chapter 231, "open public meetings act." . Notice of this meeting was advertised in the Asbury Park Press in the issue of July 10, 2019.

ROLL CALL: Council Members

Mr. Wicki - *absent*
Ms. Roche
Mr. Cavallo
Mr. Lewandowski
Mr. Andreuzzi
Mr. Cocuzza

Also Present:

Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr. - *absent*
Robert M. Howard, Jr., Borough Admin.
Dennis Dayback, T&M Associates
Anne Marie Friscia, Borough Clerk

*Mr. Wicki and Mayor Smith and Borough Attorney – unavailable

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing before the Councilman Cocuzza and Council
FY 2020 Community Development Block Grant
Application / Proposal

Project: "Reconstruction of 9th Street from Florence Avenue to Pine Street"

Councilman Cocuzza: announces that this special meeting is the Public Hearing on the Community Development Block Grant Application which is Federal funds administered through the County that you can apply for every two years and we also have a map that limits to where we can apply. This map is given to us from the Federal Government. Councilman Cocuzza calls upon Mr. Dennis Dayback of T&M Associates, the Borough Engineering Firm to make presentation of the Project to be submitted to the County of Monmouth for the FY 2020 project.

PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS BY ENGINEER:

Dennis Dayback of T&M Associates gives background on the Community Block Grant. It is a Federally funded grant administered through the Monmouth County Planning Board, through the Monmouth County Community Development Block Committee. The Borough is eligible for funds through the CDBG Program every two years. The Borough is presently completing the Reconstruction of St. James Avenue from Poole Avenue to 10th Street which was the 2018 CDBG project. This project included installation of a new drainage system and new concrete curbing and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. This project is 95%

complete. The Borough has been successful over the years with our applications being viewed favorably by the Committee. The Borough's applications over years have been predominately road reconstruction projects. As you know, the Borough depends heavily on funding sources such as the CDBG Grant Program and the NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant program to assist in the funding of the Borough's roadway improvement program. We have made significant progress in our road reconstruction program. Many of the roadway projects are completed with the assistance of the Community Block Grant and the NJDOT Municipal Aid funding. This year's application will be for the Reconstruction of 9th Street from Florence Avenue to Pine Street.

Mr. Dayback refers to pictures of the road. As you can see, the road is in very poor condition. A lot of alligatored pavement, pot holes, deteriorating concrete curb and sidewalk, with little or no drainage. This roadway condition is typical of the roads that we have reconstructed in the past. The selection of the roadways is based on the current condition and the amount of complaints that we have received from residents. The roadway reconstruction project will be typical of the road reconstruction projects we have completed in the past. We will maintain the 28 foot wide roadway with new concrete curb and sidewalks on both sides of the roadway and a total reconstruction of the roadway surface. In addition, we propose a new subsurface drainage system to collect roadway runoff. The roadway will be re-profiled to promote gutter flow to the subsurface drainage system.

The estimated construction cost is approximately \$248,000. The CDBG grants have a cap of \$200,000.00. This is not to say that we would receive \$200,000.00. Each project is rated amongst all of the municipalities and non-profits that sit on the CDBG Committee. As stated earlier, the Borough has been very successful in the past, partly due to the projects we select and the schedule for completion. As in the past, once the Borough receives notification of award of the CDBG funds, the Borough authorizes the design. As soon as the monies from the Federal Government become available, we are ready to advertise for public bid with construction to begin soon thereafter. This is something that we have done every year. Does anyone have any questions or comments?

Councilman Cocuzza asks for any comments or questions from the Council.

Mr. Cocuzza questions Mr. Dayback regarding the consistency of the project for 9th street. Mr. Dayback states that it is consistent with our roadway map which shows where we have concentrated, where we have done roads, what we haven't done – this project is part of the roads that we have never done, 9th, 8th, 7th – those numbered streets are in dire need of reconstruction.

Mr. Cocuzza states that he knows the Council has received numerous complaints from residents as stated earlier. Councilman Cavallo had received complaints just recently about the pooling of the water. Mr. Cocuzza asks if the pooling of the water goes from curb to curb.

Mr. Dayback responds yes, sometimes.

Public Hearing on FY2020 Block Grant Program Proposal:

Councilman Cocuzza advises that the Public Hearing before the Councilman Cocuzza and Council was duly advertised in a Blocked Ad in the Asbury Park Press on July 10, 2019, in accordance with the CD Guidelines.

Councilman Cocuzza Smith Opens the Meeting to the Public on the FY2020 Block Grant Program Proposal, as presented by Engineer at **7:37 p.m.**

Public: Carol Seney, 501 Dock Street Resident:

Knowing the existing roadway has a consistent problem with ponding of water, will this project solve this condition?

Mr. Dayback responds that yes, we are proposing to have a drainage system set mid-block that will eliminate ponding. The roads will be re-profiled so that all the water will be funneled to the inlets.

Mrs. Roche asks what causes ponding like that? Insufficient drainage?

Mr. Dayback responds poor grade, no drainage and all of the Borough streets are very flat. We have to create low points when we reconstruct.

Mrs. Friscia asks about sidewalks on both sides of the street? Yes both sides will have sidewalks.

Mr. Lewandowski asks if we have had any complaints regarding sink holes on this street?

Mr. Dayback responds that he has not received any complaints.

Mr. Cocuzza asks what the height of the project elevation will be.

Mr. Dayback responds that there is always a crown and the roadway will be re-profiled, create a low point at set inlets at certain points.

Mr. Cocuzza states that because right now it is very flat.

Mrs. Roche asks if drainage will be on both sides of the roadway?

Mr. Dayback responds yes both sides.

With no one further appearing to be heard, Councilman Cocuzza declares the public hearing on the C.D. Block Grant Application / Proposal for the 2020 closed at **7:40 p.m.**

Resolution No. 2019 - 140:

APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2020 CDBG APPLICATION/PROPOSAL AS SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNING BODY TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

Whereas, the Borough of Union Beach is desirous of participating in the FY2020 Community Development Block Grant program; and

Whereas, the Borough of Union Beach's Governing Body under the Community Development Block Grant Program has made recommendation to the Governing Body that an application be submitted for the project:

“Reconstruction of 9th Street from Florence Avenue to Pine Street”

and;

Whereas, the total reconstruction of 9th Street which runs from Florence to Pine Street, and is in dire need of repair, with poor drainage and poor condition of the street pavement. We will maintain a 28 foot wide roadway with new concrete curb and sidewalks on both sides of the roadway

and a total reconstruction of the roadway surface. In addition, we propose a new subsurface drainage system to collect roadway runoff. The roadway will be re-profiled to promote gutter flow to the subsurface drainage system.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Councilman Cocuzza and Council of the Borough of Union Beach that the Governing Body does hereby Accept and Approve said project, as submitted for the project **“Reconstruction of 9th Street from Florence Avenue to Pine Street”**; and

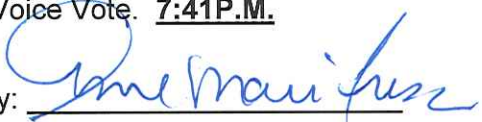
Be it further resolved, that the Borough Engineer, Edward G. Broberg, P.E. of T&M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey is hereby authorized to solicit funding from the County of Monmouth, Community Development Block Grant Program for this project.

Be it further resolved, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

- 1) Ms. Debbie Dovedytis, Program Director of the Monmouth County Community Development Program.
- 2) Mr. Robert M. Howard, Jr., Borough’s CDBG Representative

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki					X	
Ms. Roche			X			
Mr. Cavallo			X			
Mr. Lewandowski		X	X			
Mr. Andreuzzi	X		X			
Mr. Cocuzza			X			

ADJOURNMENT: Motion moved by Councilwoman Roche seconded by Councilman Cavallo and approved by unanimous Voice Vote. **7:41P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted By: 
 Anne Marie Friscia, RMC