

**City of Neillsville Grants Committee
Minutes**

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 30, 2023 - 4:00 pm.
City Hall 106 W Division St, Neillsville WI

- Meeting called to order my Chair Natalie Erpenbach at 4:09 pm.
- On Roll Call – present, Natalie Erpenbach, Deanna Heiman, Barb Petkovsek, and Brent Shoup. Not present – Jody Conner.
Also present, City Clerk Rex Roehl (as needed) and citizen Jerilyn St. Armand.
- Motion by Shoup and second by Heiman to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.
- Motion by Heiman and second by Shoup to approve the Grants Committee Meeting minutes of August 7, 2023, as presented. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.
- Citizen appearances - None
- Grant Application and Financial Assistance Sources

- Reviewed Grant / Financial assistance requests in process (see attached summary).

Updated #2023-4 “Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program” to \$170,000 grant amount requested.

Added new grant #2023-7 “Safe Routes to School (SRTS) – a WI DOT Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant. Coordinate with West Central WI Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC) to complete. Luke Friemoth and Erpenbach were assigned to this grant.

Reassigned #2023-6 defibulator grant from Heiman to Shoup.

- Discussed the following possible sources of grant or financial assistance for identified projects.

WI Economic Development Corp (WEDC) – Community Development Investment Grant Program – primarily to incentivize downtown community development in economically distressed areas.

Downtown Historic District – Façade improvements (WCWRPC or others) / Historic Preservation grants / tax credits (homeowners)

Cybersecurity grant

Energy grant – electric charging stations / solar power

Working with City Department Heads to be aware of grants they are applying for or may need help with, including Listeman Foundation grant requests.

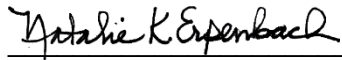
Jerilyn St Armand asked to be recognized. Asked if the survey of citizen’s needs (from prior years) have been looked at lately. Erpenbach will follow up on this item.

- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) / City Incentive Applications

City Clerk Rex Roehl informed this Committee of a CDBG (second position) loan administered by the Chippewa County Housing Authority being in default and foreclosure with the borrower’s primary (first position) lender. Neillsville City Attorney will review the documents and take appropriate action.

- Old Business – None

- New Business
 - Discussion of correspondence / comments received since last Grants Committee meeting. - None
 - Discussion and action on invoices to be paid from Grants Committee Funds - None.
 - Questions, Comments, Concerns of Grants Committee Members.
 - Erpenbach stated that she is organizing Grant resource information for Committee members to use as they write grants in the future. All items will be labeled and kept in Historic Preservation Office at City Hall
 - Erpenbach has 3 books (i.e. - small communities/ planning for the future/ growing the economy) for Committee members to read, as they like. Return to HP Office when done with.
 - Set next Committee Meeting Date – 4 pm - Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at City Hall
- Motion by Heiman and second by Shoup to adjourn at 5:20 pm. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.



Natalie Erpenbach, Commission Chair