

Town of Rockland April 8, 2024 Citizen Participation Hearing for Proposed Application For Community Development Block Grant - Public Facility Funds

Rockland Town Hall @ 6:15 P.M.

Chairperson Rosalie Geiger called the meeting to order at 6:17p.m. Additional officials present were Mike Havlinek, Tim Thor, Paula Winkel, and Laura Henze (recording clerk). There were two visitors present representing Cedar Corporation (Lynn McIntyre and Renee Swenson) and seven citizens present.

The agenda was followed as printed.

Review Agenda: Rosalie Geiger read the agenda.

Basic Overview of the DCBG (Community Development for Block Grant) Program: Lynn McIntyre (Cedar Corp.) provided information describing the CDBG as a competitive grant program funded by a federal allocation (HUD). She identified that approximately 10 million dollars are available in 2024 for this program. Objectives include: ensuring affordability of basic service which enhance community vitality, and support of low/moderate income households through assistance with capital improvement projects such as the needed compliance with the DNR requirements for the Collins Sanitary District.

Eligible CDBG Activities: Lynn McIntyre shared that housing, planning, economic development, and public facilities are eligible for this grant. The sanitary district needs fall under public facilities.

Identification of Potential Funds Available: The estimated cost of bringing the treatment plant and chemical storage facility is \$560,000. However, this is not the final cost, as bids are not back yet. Bids are expected back by April 15, 2024. The grant, if awarded, would cover two thirds of the cost of the project. The Sanitary District will need to provide documentation with their application of being able to secure a bank loan for the remainder. Also, recommended is an application to 'Clean Water Funds' which is another possible source of monies available to offset the cost of this project.

Identified Housing and Community Development Needs: There are no housing needs identified. The identified community development need identified is the chemical feed installation for phosphorus reduction at the Rockland sanitary District No. 1. This improvement will be beneficial to the Town of Rockland and fulfill its compliance with current DNR regulations.

Activities Proposed for the CDBG Application, Including Potential Residential and/or Business

Displacement: Lynn McIntyre shared the following plan: The proposed new location for chemical injection is into a pipe within Control Manhole No. 2. Wastewater would continue to mix with the chemicals as it flows through the manhole and enters Pond 2. A chemical feed system would require the renovation of the current facility to receive and store the chemicals. The area would be walled off within the existing building and would be equipped with a storage tank, secondary containment, electrical service and needed instrumentation/controls, and doors capable of handling chemical receiving. An influent pipe going from the existing structure to Control Manhole No. 2 is proposed as well as any backfill to restore the existing grade. There would be no residential or business displacement.

Citizen Input Regarding Proposed CDGB Application: Citizens voiced concerns for what the future holds in terms of compliance to DNR stands. Cedar Corporation shared that the chemical treatment is designed to meet the current need to lower phosphorous levels and could provide flexibility to address possible future needs. No changes to the application plans were identified.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Mike Havlinek and second by Tim Thor to adjourn the meeting at 6:35p.m. Motion approved.

Respectively Submitted,

Laura Henze,
Recording Clerk
Town of Rockland, Manitowoc County