

**Minutes
Throop Borough
Public Hearing
CDBG Program
(Community Development Block Grant Program)
Thursday, February 20, 2003
7:00 p.m.**

Lackawanna County Redevelopment Authority (LCRA), Ernie Cicilioni, Presided.

Members of Council:

Anthony Chrzan - A

James Barnick - A

Vice President- Thomas Lukasewicz - P

President-James Mellody Jr. - P

George Marushock - P

Daryl Menichetti - P

Joseph Barone - A

Mayor - Stanley Lukowski - P

Solicitor - Attorney Louis Cimini - A

Administrator/Secretary - Elaine Morrell - P

Audience in Attendance: Dominick Rocco, Bette Goreschak, John Pesavento

LCRA is the administering agency for the Community Development Block Grant Program for Lackawanna County. The proposed project is the Meade Street Sewer Project. This hearing will be the first of two public hearings, the second hearing will be held in the County Administration Building in March or April, 2003. The second hearing would be advertised in the newspaper. Mr. Cicilioni noted for the record that a quorum was not needed for this public hearing.

The estimated allocation for Throop Borough for 2003 is \$110,000, not including administration costs. Allocation after administration costs is estimated to be \$91,000 (the same allocation Throop received for 2002).

The objectives of the program are to assist the communities in preparing community development plans, to assist communities in administering community development activities, and to encourage and assist communities to focus upon and address housing and community and facility projects.

The eligible activities are public facilities and improvements such as sewer systems (sanitary and storm), water systems, senior citizen centers and street/road improvements, planning and capacity building such as comprehensive plans, and zoning ordinances and building codes, removal of architectural barriers for handicapped, housing rehabilitation, demolition of dilapidated structures, acquisition of real property (easements), public services, and relocation. Any of these activities must be able to be funded. In order for the activities to be funded they have to meet one of the following criteria:

1. Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons (90% of LCRA Projects do).
2. Prevention or Elimination of Slums or Blight
3. Immediate Threat to the Health and Safety of the Community.

The ineligible activities on which the money cannot be spent are political activities, purchases of fire and construction equipment, purchase of furnishings and personal property, income payments and general government expense.

The 2002 Warsaw Project was completed. An extension of that project (400 ft), the Ollendike Sewer Extension Project, has a cost estimate of \$63,000 from Borough Engineer, Frederick C. Spott & Assoc., Inc. Funds remain from the completed Warsaw Project, \$52,000 and therefore, \$11,000 of the 2003 funding would be needed for the Ollendike Extension Project. (Please note, the bids may come in different.) The Borough would have a balance of around \$80,000 for a new project.

The new project, the Meade Street Sanitary Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project, has a cost estimate of \$166,000 from Borough Engineer, Frederick C. Spott & Assoc., Inc. With a balance of \$80,000 remaining after the Ollendike Extension Project, the Meade Street Project would not be started until 2004. *A discussion took place with regard to the Meade Street Project, choices borough officials could make to get the project done or wait until 2004.*

Please note, a survey was conducted and completed on Meade Street and residents qualified. This being done, it was okay to proceed with the project.

In any event, LCRA would need a Resolution from council for any project it decided to complete.

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Asst. Secretary