

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Public Hearing  
2002 CDBG Program - Warsaw Storm Project  
Monday, January 28, 2002  
6: 30 p.m.**

**The Public Hearing opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members Of Council:**

Joseph Barone-P

James Barnick-P

Anthony Chrzan-P

**President**-Thomas Lukasewicz-P

George Marushock-P

Jim Mellody Jr.-P

**Vice President**-Daryl Menichetti-P

**Mayor** - Stanley Lukowski-A

**Solicitor** - Attorney Louis Cimini-P

**Treasurer** - Lenore Dolan-A

**Administrator/Secretary** - Elaine Morrell-P

**Lackawanna County Redevelopment Authority, Ernie Cicilioni, held the Public Hearing.**

Ernie Cicilioni-LCRA is the administrating agency for the CDBG Program for Lackawanna County. This is the first of the public hearings to be held to get public/council input on what Throop Borough is going to do with the 2002 allocation. The allocation amount is \$100,024. (\$6,099 less than last year, he was not sure why the cut was made, possibly something to do with the September 11<sup>th</sup> incident in New York.).

Jim Barnick-Asked based on population and what happens when you lose population. Cicilioni replied as long as the Borough of Throop was over 4,000 (4,010), the Borough of Throop would be fine for the next ten years.

Cicilioni explained the CDBG Program Funds Available for 2002:

\$110,024.	2002 Allocation
<u>(16,504.)</u>	Less: 15% Admin. Cost
\$ 93,520.	<b>Total Funds Available, 2002</b>

Program Funds available could be used for Public Facilities and Improvements, such as Sewer Systems (Sanitary and Storm), Water Systems, Senior Citizen Centers, Street/Road Improvements, Planning and Capacity Building, such as Comprehensive Plans, Zoning Ordinances and Building Codes. In addition, Removal of Architectural Barriers for H/A, Housing Rehabilitation, Demolition of Dilapidated Structures, Acquisition of Real Property (Easements), Public Services, and Relocation.

Ineligible Activities would be Political Activities, Purchases of Fire and Construction Equipment, Purchase of Furnishings and Personal Property, Income Payments, and General Government Expenses.

For the Activity to be considered fundable, it must meet one of the Three (3) National Objectives. These are: 1. Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons, 2. Prevention or Elimination of Slums or Blight, and 3. Immediate Threat to the Health and Safety of the Community.

The Budget available for the Warsaw Project (including funds from 1999 through and including the 2002 CDBG Allocation) is \$400,550. The estimate on this project from John Szczepaniak, Frederick C. Spott & Associates, Inc., is roughly \$365,000 (with contingency). This estimate was provided about a week ago, the original estimate was about two years old. That would leave roughly \$34,000 if any condemnations would be needed. Cicilioni advised all the 2002 money should be put in just because of the increase, etc. If a project other than the Warsaw Storm was to be done this year, the list would provide information to pick whatever the project.

Cicilioni asked if there was any questions, or on the use of the 2002 funds going towards the that project (Warsaw Storm). (There were no questions.) The only thing needed to be done is send the 2002 application to the state (deadline by April 26, 2002) and by late August or September an answer would be received from the state on the application. There should be no problem, it was approved for the prior/other years for this project.

Easement was needed and Cicilioni questioned Robert Kalinoski, Street Commission/Zoning Officer how many and the response was three (3), possibly four (4). Cicilioni also questioned if Kalinoski foresaw any problems with getting the easements. *An inaudible discussion took place with Kalinoski along with Borough Solicitor, Louis Cimini.*

Marushock questioned Cicilioni if we were going have any particular problems with additional water flow to the lines. Kalinoski said John Szczepaniak didn't feel that the additional storm water was going to be detrimental to that retention basin. *A discussion took place regarding if any changes needed to be made before doing this project i.e. increasing the water capacity in the lines, discharge area(s).*

Barnick asked if a Resolution would be needed and Cicilioni discussed after the second public hearing, which would be held down at the county building sometime the middle of April, and

then his office would send the Resolution up to present to council (towards the end of April). *A discussion took place, inaudible.*

Elaine Morrell indicated that everything Kalinoski had stated, the Borough would need to have in writing, in the easement, and on record for the future. Kalinoski answered it is in the easement language itself so once the easements are signed they would be on file here (at the borough building) and, hopefully, recorded.

Cicilioni asked that the Needs Assessment be updated as soon as possible. He then thanked Throop Borough Officials and indicated if anyone had any questions to give him a call down at his office. Morrell asked council and Cicilioni if they wanted to go over the Needs Assessment at this time.

*A discussion took place, somewhat inaudible, on the 2001 Community Development Needs Assessment Form. The Borough needs to update the form and send down to Cicilioni.*

Elaine Morrell, Administrator/Secretary

Minutes by Christina Sullivan, Assistant Secretary