

TOWN OF WAUSAU

CDBG FIRST PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018 @ 6:00 P. M.

- A.** Presentation on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program application process including the four program categories. Mr. Fox presented an overview of the application process and went over each category that the Town was eligible to apply for. (Copy of presentation attached and made a part of these minutes.) Mr. Fox stated that the Town was eligible to apply for \$600,000.00 to fund a project.
- B.** Open public hearing. Mr. Fox then opened the public hearing.
- C.** Public discussion or comments on eligible projects/activities they would like to see included in the application. Mr. Fox asked for input from citizens present discussion was held on each of the categories with the interest of the public a community center or housing rehab/replacement.
- D.** Close public hearing. Mr. Fox Closed the public hearing.
- E.** Staff recommendations on project/activities. Mr. Fox then asked for staff recommendation for a possible project. Margaret Riley, Town Clerk stated that she felt that the most needed project was a community center either build a new one or refurbish the existing Possum Palace which was in dire need of repairs.
- F.** Citizens Advisory Task Force (CATF) recommendation on project/activities: Mr. Fox stated that the Citizens Advisory Task Force had recommended a community center as a project for the town council to consider.
- G.** Request authorization for staff to prepare a Small Cities CDBG Grant application for one or more specific projects. Mayor Hagan and Mr. Fox asked the members of the Council for input on the recommendations from staff and the CATF discussion was held and with the members agreeing that a community center was the greatest need. Mayor Hagan also reminded the members that grants are wonderful but did not include any funds for maintenance, utilities, etc. through the years. After discussion motion by Mr. Carter, second Ms. Carter to authorization for Mr. Fox to prepare the CDBG application in the neighborhood revitalization category for a community center with the location to be determined later, motion carried with Palmer, Ms. Carter, Righteburg, Mr. Carter, and Mayor Hagan voting yes.