

Citizen Participation Committee
February 19, 2020

Present: Kevin McCoy, Ron Rader, Cedric Schnitzler, Kay Schmitz Klinkner; Kelly Talsky absent
Others: Diane Erickson, Ellie Bradford

The meeting was called to order in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Kevin McCoy.

- Brief self-introductions were provided.
- Revolving Loan Fund Overview – Diane Erickson, Finance Director provided an overview of the history of the Revolving Loan Fund.
 - Buyout purchase of the Revolving Loan Fund was established on August 28, 2019 by Monroe County Resolution 08-19-13. A total buyout of the fund took place on September 20, 2019 in the amount of \$903,530.70.
 - \$239,298.00 has been allocated to the Monroe County Drug Court on September 25, 2019 by Resolution 09-19-04.
 - A Citizen Participation Plan was established on November 6, 2019 by Resolution 11a-19-01. The Plan will keep the Citizens of Monroe County informed and provide an open processor citizen participation.
 - A draft timeline was provided to members.
 - Remaining project funds are \$664,232.70 for one or two recommended projects to be forwarded to the board for approval.
 - Final date to submit projects to the state is January 31, 2021.
 - Two years from the project approval from the state, final spending would need to be complete.
- Discussion of Potential Projects – Ellie Bradford, provided State Low and Moderate Income (LMI) census information. Ellie explained that she reached out to all LMI municipalities for potential projects.

All projects are required to meet the national objective of:

- Low and moderate income benefit
 - *Rehabilitation/Drug Rehabilitation
 - *Job Training/Literacy Programs
 - *Population>65 Years old
 - *Highway Roads
- The prevention or elimination of slum and blight
 - *ADA Accessibility/Public Building Improvements
 - *Blighted Building
 - *Demolition

Projects suggested to date: Norwalk Fire Station, Town of Wilton bridge, Village of Wyeville Welcome sign and gazebo project, Rolling Hills Building, Human Services Building Demolition, County Highway N.

The committee discussed other potential project ideas: County Highway U, Mental Health Program/Facility.

- Committee Objectives – It was a consensus of the committee to reach out to potential projects for a plan presentation to the Citizen Participation Committee. Information to be provided to committee members to review before the meeting. Once presentations have been completed the committee will meet within a couple of weeks to review projects. April 24th is the deadline for paperwork.
- Future Meeting Date and Time –
 - Project Presentation, May 4 or 7 depending on the states availability for attendance at the meeting;
 - May 19th at 5:00 p.m.

- Motion by Cedric Schnitzler second by Kay Schmitz Klinkner to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Carried 4-0.

Shelley Bohl, County Clerk
Recorder