Citizen Participation Committee
May 7, 2020

Present: Kevin McCoy, Ron Rader, Cedric Schnitzler, Kay Schmitz Klinkner
Absent: Kelly Talsky
Others: Diane Erickson, Ellie Bradford, Tina Osterberg, Levi Helgren, Rebecca Pitel, Linda Anderson, Ron Hamilton, Alicia Darling, Sue Rettler, Garry Spohn, David Ohnstad

The meeting was called to order in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Kevin McCoy.

- Minutes Approval – Motion by Ron Rader second by Kay Schmitz Klinkner to approve the February 19, 2020 Minutes. Carried 4-0.

Monroe County has $664,232.70 available for either one or two potential projects based on the needs of the county. To participate in the program, a project needs to meet one of the two National Objectives. The first being an area that is low and moderate income benefit greater than 51% and the second being the prevention or elimination of slum and blight.

- Presentation of Potential Projects –

  Village of Norwalk – Levi Helgren, Village of Norwalk President was present and proposed an intent for a replacement or renovation of a fire station for the Norwalk Area Fire District. The district services the Village of Norwalk, along with the Townships of Ridgeville, Sheldon and Wells. Preliminary estimates of a new facility is approximately $500,000.00. To qualify, the project must meet the LMI requirements. Currently serving the Town of Wells, places the project above LMI. A survey must be completed in the Town of Wells, otherwise the project is not eligible. Levi also presented a second proposal. The proposal is for a new sewer district for the Village of Norwalk. The projected upgrades are estimated at $1.71 million dollars.

  Town of Wilton – Rebecca Pitel, Town of Wilton Clerk was present by telephone and proposed an intent to replace the bridge on Kiev Avenue. The cost of the bridge replacement is estimated at $432,603.00. An option to replace the superstructure with steel beams and timber deck panels to hold the cost down would be estimated at $197,340.00.

  Rolling Hills – Linda Anderson, Nursing Home Administrator was present and proposed an intent for the architectural plan and construction documents for the building of a new senior living complex. There are approximately $616,000.00 in architectural design fees before construction building can start. Linda provided the history, services and aging infrastructure of the current Rolling Hills complex. An informational summary about the new proposed senior living complex was provided to members. The grant would offset the cost to complete building construction plans but also could help move the project forward more quickly.

  Human Services Department – Ron Hamilton, HS Director; Alicia Darling, Clinical Administrator and Sue Rettler were present. Alicia proposed an intent for the development of a crisis stabilization facility for youth. Sue Rettler provided members with child crisis statistics. Currently there is an area available in the old Tomah Hospital for an 8 bed facility. The total request is $600,000.00 of which $285,000 for renovations and $315,000 is for a seven month support and 50% of operational costs. The Tomah facility would own, maintain and staff the facility, the county would be contracting for the services.

  Maintenance Department – Garry Spohn, Property Manager was present and proposed an intent for the demolition of building A located at 14301 County B in Sparta. This building is currently vacant and not being used by Monroe County. The estimated cost of demolition is approximately $800,000.00. A history of the building was provided to members. The building will need to eventually come down.

Highway Department – David Ohnstad, Highway Commissioner was present and proposed an intent for Monroe County Highway N rehabilitation in the Township of Clifton. The total project cost is $644,325.00. The opportunity would improve over 5 miles of the county road system. Project funding and budgeting were discussed.

Chair McCoy opened the floor for questions and comments. The committee will meet in a couple of weeks for a final selection of the project to move forward.

- Future Meeting Date and Time – May 19th at 5:00 p.m.

- Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m. Carried 4-0.

Shelley Bohl, County Clerk
Recorder