

Grants Committee

Minutes of Meeting 10/11/16

The Grants Committee convened at 7:00pm, as previously scheduled, at The Municipal Building, 237 Seventh St, West Easton, PA.

Present were Chairman Matthew Dees and committee member Dan DePaul. Committee member Thomas Nodoline was absent.

Business Discussed:

- 1) The possibility of obtaining a grant to repair stormwater drains required the Borough being able to provide a significant amount of documentation to Barry Isett & Associates by October 26th in order for them to prepare a grant application. Among the needed documentation would be those that would identify any areas that needed to be repaired. Though an invoice was found relating to a previous CCTV survey of stormwater drains within the Borough, that would have identified such areas, the actual report is either missing, or misfiled within the documents room.

Due to this missing information and narrow time window to have the information available, it was the consensus of the Committee that a grant application could not be ready by the required date, due to the lack of specific information needed. The Borough Office will contact the CCTV company in the hope of obtaining copies of their report and possibly copies of CCTV images that they may have on record, in order to be prepared for future grants that may become available.

- 2) At the request of Councilman Robert Lewis, the request being made at the previous meeting of the Borough Council, a discussion of listing every grant that is available as line items on the West Easton budget took place.

It was the consensus of the Committee that listing every grant as a line item was not practical in determining what moneys would be received or spent in 2017, as it can not be determined which grants would be applied for, or received, or how much matching funds might be approved or needed for those grants that require matching funds.

Mr. DePaul, who serves on the Finance Committee, stated he would present the few grants that usually occur each year to that Committee, with possibly an additional line item that would set aside money for the purpose of grant application costs.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.