

**TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS
DENNISVILLE, NJ
AUGUST 04, 2014**

**4:30 P.M. (PREVAILING TIME) PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF
DENNIS SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

Motion was made by O'Connor and seconded by DiCicco that the Hearing be open at 4:40 pm.. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Murphy presided with Committeemembers: Teefy, Germanio, DiCicco and O'Connor present.

Also in attendance were the Municipal Engineer, Jack Gibson, Municipal Solicitor, Jeff April, subcontractor, Mark Blauer of Blauer Associates and the Municipal Clerk, Jacqueline Justice.

In the attendance for the public were Cape May County Herald Reporter, Helen McCaffrey and resident, Michele Heim of Petersburg Road in Dennisville.

Mark Blauer of Blauer Associates explained the federal and state guidelines for the grant and reviewed eligible and proposed program activities. Mr. Blauer stressed that at least 70 percent of the funds must be used for activities that primarily benefit people of low and moderate income.

Mr. Blauer commented on the Public Facilities Application that the Township would like to submit which is to remove mobility barriers at the Municipal Building, Recreation Center, Senior Center and Public Works Building which would bring these facilities into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Township's application amount would not exceed \$463,680.00.

Mr. Blauer answered questions from the Committee such as what items are eligible, i.e. bleachers and playground equipment. He reiterated that items must be to make them ADA Compliant.

Mr. Blauer commented on how competitive the grants are and how the State Officials, HUD and Congress want to see the funds spent quickly. He also commented on how the DCA Small Cities Staff monitor the project.

Mr. Blauer asked if there were any questions or comments from those present.

The Committee questioned the notification process and timeframe of the project. Mr. Blauer explained and used a nearby Water Tower Project as an example.

Mr. Blauer announced that all citizens are encouraged to offer comments and may do so in writing within 10 days following this Hearing and they may forward them to the Township or the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, NJ Small Cities CDBG Program.

With there being no further comments, a motion was made by O'Connor, seconded by Germanio, that the Hearing be closed. The motion carried with all in favor.

ATTEST _____ ATTEST _____
Jacqueline B. Justice, RMC/Clerk John Murphy, Mayor