

VILLAGE OF LYNDON STATION
CDBG Public Hearing
August 15, 2013

A Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Dave Klicko. President Klicko explained the purpose of the Public Hearing was to take input from the residents to promote Economic Development within the Village. Kurt Muchow from Vierbicher was also present.

Kurt explained that a Public Hearing is necessary. He explained the Community Development Block Grants in detail. The Planning Grant is reviewed each year but the deadline is November 5, 2013. The CDBG Program will have available \$11.2 million which is for Housing activities. This is for owner occupied rehabilitation or renter rehabilitation helping to develop new housing. Under Community Development Public Facilities for Economic Development has approximately \$2 million will be available annually on a competitive application process which could be used for the 62 acres added onto the Industrial Park. The maximum grant is \$500,000 and its deadline is September 13, 2013. Sewer and Water Mains can be added to improve an undeveloped site. The CDBG Public Facilities Program has approximately \$8.20 million will be available in a competitive application process. Hwy. HH is going to be replaced in 2015 and this portion will be applied for as the water main needs to be replaced. This program will be used to help with the water main replacement for that project. The CDBG Planning has approximately \$400,000 per year for planning projects and that is the purpose of this public hearing. The maximum grants are 50% of the grant up to \$25,000. They fund neighborhood revitalization and downtown revitalization plans are a few of the items that are used in this program. There is a CDBG Emergency Grant of which approximately \$2 million will be set aside for special projects and emergency assistance. The maximum grant is \$500,000. Finally, there is a CDBG Economic Development Grant of which approximately \$5.2 million will be available for economic development projects that benefit LMI persons. This will be for loans to business in order to create or retain jobs, awards to business for training needs and awards to business for new technologies. The maximum grant is \$500,000. The Village used this grant when the hardwoods processing plant came to town. Under this program, the Village receives the grant and the Village can loan this to businesses. The Comprehensive Plan for the Village was approved in August, 2009 explained the housing programs and the Economic Development Recommendations and Plan. The 2012 Capital Improvements Plan approved on May 11, 2012 lists the Hwy. HH project. The Lyndon Station Economic Development Plan Scope and Budget lists how retail businesses can be proactive and the money spent in the community. This document emphasizes the Economic and Market Analysis goal. The second step is to assess the existing real estate opportunities. When Hwy. HH is going to be reconstructed, is the DOT funding will pay for street scape improvement like decorative lighting and some other street scape Elements. The final section is recommendations and implications. Don't let this sit on the shelf, use what was planned. There are fabulous things that can be done with very little effort. The Budget for the Economic Development is currently at \$24,000 where the grant will pay for \$10,000. Originally this was planned for \$20,000. The wetlands delineation needs to be addressed.

The residents in attendance asked several questions of where the money (grant) would be spent. President Klicko explained the Industrial Park property and the new 62 acres recently annexed into the Village. Rita Hall said that parking downtown is a large issue and the Village needs more parking area for the residents. Discussion took place regarding the projects and improvements that have been done within the Village like the water tower and the sewage plant. The image of the Village is to try to improve the signage and the streets which are getting done, but no funding is available to repair the streets and some portions get done each year with limited funding. The Hwy. HH project is going to be funded by DOT at 80%, 10% by Juneau County and 10% by Ho-Chunk Nation. Juneau County arranged this project.

The next step is to have the Village Board pass the Resolution on September 9, 2013. Then the application will be submitted. Kurt said we need the business community to be involved and supporting the grant. Discussion took place of several areas of the Village need to be improved or cleaned up.

President Klicko thanked those in attendance and hope that more people will be more involved in the CDBG process.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori J. Scully, Clerk