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4	Monday, March 11th, 2019	
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10	DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER 1414 Monroe Avenue	
11	Dunmore, Pennsylvania	
12	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	
13	MICHAEL DEMPSEY, President	
14	THOMAS HALLINAN, Vice President - absent	
15	MICHAEL MCHALE - absent	
16	CAROL SCRIMALLI	
17	VINCE AMICO	
18	THOMAS EHNOT	
19	MICHAEL HAYES	
20	THOMAS P. CUMMINGS, Esquire, Solicitor	
21	TIMOTHY BURKE, Mayor	
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(Pledge of Allegiance.)
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Amico.
MR. AMICO: Here.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Ehnot.
MR. EHNOT: Here.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. Hallinan. Mr.
Hayes.
MR. HAYES: Present.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Mr. McHale. Mrs.
Scrimalli.
MS. SCRIMALLI: Present.
ATTY. CUMMINGS. Mr. Dempsey.
MR. DEMPSEY: Present.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: I would like to
welcome the Scouts from Troop 66 in Dunmore
attending tonight for part of their citizenship
merit badge. They may stay after the meeting
to discuss or say hello to elected officials.
MR. DEMPSEY: Certainly. Thank you
for coming.
ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number three
is a public hearing for federal fiscal year
2019 Community Development Block Grant, CDBG
funding presented by Lackawanna County

Development Planning and Economic Development.

Mr. Schectman.

MR. SCHECTMAN: Mr. Cummings, thank you. I'm Jay Schectman the Lackawanna County Department of Economic Development. And we're presenting the 2019 funding for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Just as an introduction, our department administers the CDBG funds and there are 11 entitlement communities in Lackawanna County, Dunmore being one of them. And they are 27 nonentitlement communities.

The entitlement communities have to have a minimum of 4,000 residents or more and must be considered for minimum standards of fiscal and economic distress under HUD's definition. What we do have is the funding for 2019 and net of administrative expenses. We have \$151,878 available for 2019 funding.

The basics of the program, the objectives which I believe -- I'll distribute some copies of the nuts and bolts of the programs, the objectives of community development in assisting the communities in developing their activities for their

development needs and encouraging economic development and revitalization in the communities.

And quickly, the type of activities that we would fund, water and sewer, stormwater, removal of architectural barriers such as handicap ramp, street curb cuts, improve parking facilities, handicap parking areas and numerous other projects. That is something that you could talk to us, myself or Peg Piccotti is the project manager.

Things that we can't do, such as, can't fund political activities, cannot fund general government expenses. We can't do improvements that are only for -- in a building that are -- only government activities take place. It has to be a public -- a public activity has to take place in the facility.

There are three requirements. We have a benefit low to moderate income persons. We would have to prevent or eliminate slum or blight or if there is an immediate threat to health or safety in the community. Those are the basic guidelines of how we would fund a project. And the further other requirements

are basically going to be -- pursue the program, the applications of someone and we assist the communities in how to do forms, how to present the projects, the participation, and the Act 167 Storm Management Plan, for example.

The flood-prone areas, that's all considerations. These are all in the program detailed. And the -- what we also want to mention more importantly is that you do have the current needs assessment. And then what we look at is if there is new programs that you are considering that we have a June deadline, which is in all of your packages that we present new programs, we're looking forward -- probably to 2020.

And we would use money that's already left from other programs plus the current dollars. And what we do have currently, we have the Mill Street Improvement Project. That's in the works right now. We hope to -- hopefully shortly waiting for some engineering work yet that should be shortly, deals with paving and sidewalks.

That's the latest. And again, we're open to any suggestions, any input from Council

on new programs, if there is any questions about our program, we'll try to answer them or direct you in the right way for our program.

So is there any questions about our program or funding?

MR. DEMPSEY: No.

MAYOR BURKE: Yes, I was wondering if the money might be able to be used for -- we have a project going on right now at Schautz Stadium. And right now the parking lot, I don't know if you ever been in that area is destroyed. And I was thinking with porous concrete or pavement, that would help eliminate -- well, first of all, it would get rid of the blight of the broken up macadam all over the place and it would help eliminate some of the problem of flooding below down by the tank there.

We flood there all the time on a decent rain. Would that money be able to be used for that and for flood control and for removing blight?

MR. SCHECTMAN: Well, we have a couple situations there. If we look at stormwater, we may have to survey the area to

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see if we can qualify it as far as the LMI, which is the low and moderate income. We'd have to look at the area to see if we can get at least 51 percent low to moderate income in that neighborhood.

Now, if we would do paving, what we could do is possible handicap parking, you know, improvement for a ramp and something for access. That might be a separate issue. So I think it might be a project to present. And we can par it out and see which would -- might work for you. But we do have -- like I said, a handicap issue possibly as far as parking access and stormwater we probably have to look at that separately.

MAYOR BURKE: You look at that separately and then the income part of it. Is that true?

MR. SCHECTMAN: Right. That would be true. For again, stormwater would be something that we would have to look at the LMI consideration, yes, out in that neighborhood and survey.

MAYOR BURKE: I have a hard time hearing you. If you could speak into that

speaker?

MR. SCHECTMAN: Is that any better?

MAYOR BURKE: Yes. Thank you. To
go along with the low income, that is a
separate issue then from the stormwater
problems we have in that area?

MR. SCHECTMAN: If we look into the stormwater, we would have to -- we'd look at it first the issue of the stormwater problem. And then we would have to survey the area. If it was a project we can do, we would have to survey the neighborhood around that to see if it would qualify with 51 percent or more of LMI in that neighborhood.

MAYOR BURKE: Okay. I was thinking that would be a big help for us especially for the stormwater.

MR. SCHECTMAN: It's a project that I would suggest to present that program to us in a proposal before probably before June 4th and include that as one of the projects you would like us to consider.

And then we can go out and look at the project itself and do the surveys, survey that area.

MAYOR BURKE: Okay. And also I wanted to -- the project going on Mill Street, is there any way that could be porous macadam put on Mill Street when that road is done? Because naturally, we know that helps flooding and that. And I heard you say part of the money is going into finishing off that project or --

MR. SCHECTMAN: Yeah, well, right now we have our project is for sidewalks and paving.

MAYOR BURKE: Well, my suggestion would be is porous macadam which would help eliminate the same problem that I'm talking about right now with the flooding down there because that water all goes out to the same area.

And as we all know, the water purifies itself going back into the ground. It would help the people out in that neighborhood and the lower lying neighborhood. It would actually help out Scranton because everything goes downhill as we all know.

MR. SCHECTMAN: And as far as that specifically, that program I think it would be

a question probably for the borough engineer in that regard. I think probably it would present better -- I would probably inquire with them on this project if there's another concern about that because that is still in process right now. I would suggest that.

MAYOR BURKE: Okay. Thank you.

MR. HAYES: I have a question real quick. You mentioned before that the funds in excess of \$151,000 could be used for water or sewer and stormwater projects.

Could that be used as blanket LMI for the people of Dunmore, especially the elderly and the low to moderate income people to offset any stormwater fees that may come within the next year or two years, etc?

MR. SCHECTMAN: Initially I would say the money we could use not as a -- we can do a project to identify a particular problem. And we would look at the problem, stormwater as an example. And then we would have to then still qualify by that block or group of blocks. We would have to qualify based on the LMI situation.

There might be some difference in a

housing authority. It might change of the dynamic how it qualifies because senior and the housing authority area would qualify in its own right. But we still have to look at the project and look at the area individually.

MR. HAYES: Thank you.

MR. DUNCAN: Can I just ask, when you say low to moderate income, what's the dollar amount for low to moderate? What constitutes that?

MR. SCHECTMAN: Right now we're probably at maybe for a family probably 33, \$34,000 on that rate as far as the LMI. Now again, as you add number of persons in the household, that number will go up. And I could get that information to the Council.

MS. SCRIMALLI: I have a question.

Do you go out and do the surveys or does

someone from our borough would go out and do

the surveys?

MR. SCHECTMAN: We would do -- our department would do the surveys.

MS. SCRIMALLI: And then it just goes -- the area you would cover would be the area right by the project?

MR. SCHECTMAN: If it's --1 MS. SCRIMALLI: 2 Or could you go a 3 block down --MR. SCHECTMAN: Certain projects 4 5 will go slightly beyond because stormwater, for example. From the engineers, they tell us who 6 7 is being affected by the runoff and so on. Paving -- it's a little easier something like a 8 9 sidewalk, a little bit different as identifying who benefits. 10 11 If -- water sometimes you have to go a little further out and decide where that ends 12 13 I hope that answers. 14 MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you. MR. SCHECTMAN: You're welcome. 15 16 MAYOR BURKE: Excuse me, we have 17 many water problems in Dunmore. And part of it 18 is actually over there where Mr. Case{sic} 19 lives there. We get complaints. So it would 20 be your engineer then that would go and check 21 that out in that area? 22 MR. SCHECTMAN: That would be your 23 engineer. 24 MAYOR BURKE: Oh, our engineer? 25 MR. SCHECTMAN: Who would then --

present the project. We would with have your engineer bring us the information, whether it's what's affected and how we proceed with the project. We would start with the borough's -- the engineer that is hired by the borough.

MAYOR BURKE: Right. And the reason I'm asking this question, the same as Mike is too is -- and maybe possibly you could kill two birds with one stone because I don't know if you follow the Wyoming Valley, the Chesapeake Bay they are now getting a water fee.

And like I said, with porous macadam, the earth is a natural purifier. So it would stop a lot of flooding and replenish our groundwater. That's the reason why myself and I believe Mike brought that up.

MR. SCHECTMAN: Yeah, that's an issue really I think to bring to the engineer to discuss that issue. I hope that clarifies it a bit. Is there any other questions that I can answer this evening?

MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none.

MR. SCHECTMAN: I guess not.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you very much.

MR. SCHECTMAN: That concludes our

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1	presentation and thank you. Did everybody
2	sign?
3	MR. DEMPSEY: Yep.
4	ATTY. CUMMINGS: Next is item number
5	four, public comments on agenda items.
6	MR. DEMPSEY: Anybody have any
7	would like to address Council on agenda items
8	only?
9	(No response.)
10	MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none.
11	ATTY. CUMMINGS: Number five is a
12	motion to approve the minutes.
13	MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a
14	motion.
15	MR. EHNOT: I'll make a motion to
16	approve the minutes.
17	MR. DEMPSEY: Do I have a second?
18	MR. AMICO: I'll second.
19	MR. DEMPSEY: Anyone on the
20	question?
21	(No response.)
22	MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor
23	signify by saying aye.
24	ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
25	MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?
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1	(No response.)
2	MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and
3	so moved.
4	ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number six is
5	a motion to approve and pay the open bills.
6	MR. DEMPSEY: I'll look for a
7	motion.
8	MR. EHNOT: I'll make a motion to
9	approve and pay the open bills.
10	MS. SCRIMALLI: I'll second that.
11	MR. DEMPSEY: I have a motion and a
12	second. Anyone on the question?
13	(No response.)
14	MR. DEMPSEY: All those in favor
15	signify by saying aye.
16	ALL MEMBERS: Aye.
17	MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?
18	(No response.)
19	MR. DEMPSEY: The ayes have it and
20	so moved.
21	ATTY. CUMMINGS: Item number seven
22	is public comment commencing with Gerard Hetman
23	from Lackawanna County.
24	MR. HETMAN: Good evening, Council,
25	Gerard Hetman from Lackawanna County Community

Relations Department. I have some good items to talk about here, especially with the warmer weather coming up, some really good programs and activities to check out.

First is the Free Home Repair
Program being offered by our partners at
NeighborWorks of Northeastern Pennsylvania.
This will take place from June 24th through
June 28th of 2019. It's very simply a
volunteer driven effort to offer free home
repairs to seniors that meet certain age and
economic guidelines that live in Lackawanna
County.

I will leave all the specifics here on their flyer advertising the program. The deadline to apply is coming up on March 15th.

So it's important in the next few days to make folks aware of this. And if they want to be considered for the program, notify Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging. So I'll leave all the details here on NeighborWorks.

They've worked with us on a number or programs most notably the County Land Bank.

And we'll be happy to pass this along and hopefully the folks could get things done.

It's a very beneficial proactive program in the community. So please check it out.

Penn State Extension is doing their sixth annual spring vendor craft fair,
Saturday, April 6th, 10 a.m., to 3 p.m. at
Riverside East Elementary. You could both attend that event and also if you're a vendor, they are seeking vendors for the event.

So we'll leave that information. It benefits their Prosper Partnership Program, which is a proactive program aimed at reducing at-risk behavior from young people in middle school.

Also, Lackawanna County Conservation
District in one of our most requested programs
during the course of the year is doing their
2019 seedling sale where they sell different
seedling for trees, bushes, flowers. It's
done by the Conservation District from their
office in Scott Township. The deadline to
order is April 10th.

And the proceeds benefit programs

done by the Conservation District throughout

the year. We have a lot of folks that request

this on a annual basis. So we're happy to

offer it once again this year.

The Electric City Trolley Museum has two items here. First is their scheduled baseball excursions for most Sundays when the RailRiders have a home game. You could take the trolley from the museum downtown up to PNC Field and back.

The first excursion is April 28th versus Syracuse. And it goes throughout the summer. August 11th is the last game. A really cool way to check out a game at PNC Field. You can't really do that anyplace else for the most part. So please take advantage, a really neat way to check it out.

And also this year, the trolley is doing a special St. Patrick's Day initiative.

They say find one of the lost gold coins. They say the leprechaun has gotten carried away in the museum and families can visit. Children can search the museum Saturday, March 9th through Sunday, March 24th.

And folks that find one of the gold coins, you'll get a free gift certificate to the Trolley Museum and a trolly ride for one individual during the regular trolly season.

It's a really cool way to check out the museum now. A lot of folks visit the museum in the summer when the kids are out of school or actually around Thanksgiving and Christmas when families are in for the holidays.

So get out and check it out for the spring before the season starts with the rides, a good way to do it. A number of our Parks and Recreation programs are open including our outdoor basketball clinic, golf clinic, and our junior golf clinic.

And we're happy to say also, this year after many requests and after people sometimes confuse other events with events at McDade Park, we're offering Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 13th. When I filled in at the park last year, people would call constantly and say, Do you do an Easter egg hunt? Is there another Easter egg hunt that's located at the park?

So it's low cost, high impact. We figured let's do it. So we're hopefully seeing some more initiatives like that out of Parks and Recreation. The many good things that we've had recently will stay. And we hope to

build on some of those with some innovations, some new partnerships, trying to be creative where we can to offer good programs throughout the community. As I said, build on what we've done and try to get some new things out there.

We just have a few other things that we'll leave here, our Blood Drive at the Lackawanna County Government Center at the Globe. It's Friday, April 26th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It's the first one that we'll have in the newly renovated building. So we're excited about that. Also, the county's job fair is Thursday, May 16th, 12 to 4 at PNC Field.

We've got about 50 or so employers lined up from -- throughout the area. And we mention this particularly now because most people that attend in the last few years are people looking for summer work, part time seasonal type jobs, a lot of people are high school, college age working people.

So we're happy to open it up. We actually do it earlier now to try to accommodate that need and that target audience. In the past it was more people looking for full-time work, still see that. And those jobs

are still available there. We tried to adjust the event to make it more accessible to the people that really come and look for what they want. So that's all we have. Thank you.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Gary Duncan,

Neighborhood Watch.

MR. DUNCAN: Gary Duncan, 117 Barton Street. Just want to make sure all the members of Council got the minutes from the last neighborhood watch meeting. If you didn't, let me know. I'll get them to you again later on tonight.

Troop 66, we have a Dunmore

Neighborhood Watch meeting next week on the

18th, at 7:00. So you're certainly welcome to
come back and join us at the neighborhood watch
next week. And that's really it. Council, if
you folks could join us, we always appreciate
when you guys show up. Look forward to it.

See you next Monday at 7.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Thanks, Gary.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Gary.

ATTY. CUMMINGS: Other public

comment?

MR. DEMPSEY: Anybody else like to address Council tonight?

MR. KLAPATCH: Thank you. My name is Joe Klapatch. I'm just going to take a second. Just so people know, I'm currently just about finished with a book that's going to chronicle the history of the Dunmore Fire Department.

With the young men here, it should be interesting that the Dunmore Fire Department was organized in 1885 by a bunch of young men around ages 13, 15 years old and still lasts today. And still just looking for any kind of pictures. I see a lot of names that show up in the book, not in a bad way.

A lot of your relatives were members of the fire department if you go back into the 1800s. If you didn't know that, you will probably in the future. And if anybody has anything, you know, stored away or anything, I'd love to talk to you. Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, sir.

MS. SCRIMALLI: Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Anybody else like to address Council tonight?

1	(No response.)
2	MR. DEMPSEY: Seeing none.
3	ATTY. CUMMINGS: Public officials.
4	MR. DEMPSEY: Chief DeNaples?
5	CHIEF DENAPLES: I have nothing
6	tonight. Thank you.
7	MR. DEMPSEY: Who else is here?
8	Chris?
9	MR. KEARNEY: I'm good.
10	MR. DEMPSEY: Joe?
11	MR. LORINCE: I'm good.
12	MR. DEMPSEY: Good? All right.
13	Mayor Burke?
14	MAYOR BURKE: Just thank you to the
15	scouts coming out tonight. And you might find
16	Gary's meeting on the 18th very interesting.
17	Gary allows everybody to speak and bring up
18	topics about the town. You might want to
19	attend that. But thanks for showing up, guys.
20	That's it.
21	MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Ruggiero?
22	MR. RUGGIERO: Nothing.
23	MR. DEMPSEY: Attorney Cummings?
24	ATTY. CUMMINGS: Nothing, sir.
25	MR. DEMPSEY: Carol, do you want to

lead us off?

MS. SCRIMALLI: I just want to thank you guys for coming. Love to see the Boy Scouts being active in their community and thank the rest of everyone for coming. And that's all I have for tonight. Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you. Mr. Ehnot?

MR. EHNOT: I want to welcome Troop

66. Good luck earning your merit badges. And

I'll be looking in the paper to see your names

when you get your Eagle Scout. Good luck.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mr. Ehnot.
Mr. Amico?

MR. AMICO: I'm good tonight. Thank you.

MR. DEMPSEY: Mr. Hayes.

MR. HAYES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A couple of things, I want to kind of couple up with what Mr. Schectman presented before. You know, as we see in the paper, Mayor Burke touched on it earlier about having stormwater fees. And that's kind of coming through the area.

So to have more grants -- and I think we've accomplished a lot, you know, the

last several years with lots of grants. To have in excess of \$151,000 available for things like sewer and stormwater and runoff, that's a huge thing for us.

So I'm hoping that we're able to not only set off the cost to senior citizens in the area but also to do great work to continue to do great stuff with the grant money that we're able to get.

I'm really happy for what we've been able to do this past calendar year and we look forward to continue to grow things. And we have a lot of stuff in the pipeline. As weather begins to break, we'll be able to showcase some of that stuff. So stayed tuned. Thank you all for coming out.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, Mr. Hayes.

Can you just state your name for the record,

please?

MR. EIDEN: Mike Eiden{sic}. I live in Dunmore. I know you're talking about stormwater. And if there's a list of places that are impacted, on the bottom of Rigg Street

MR. HAYES: I live on Rigg.

MR. EIDEN: So we live on Roosevelt in the house -- that's the house I grew up in. Everything kind of comes right down. My dad still lives there and my sister. They're kind of wiped out. It goes through the yard and gets back to Webster. If there's a list of places, I know there's a lot of places in Dunmore. But if there's a list, you probably already have on it that that turns into a river.

MR. HAYES: Oh, yeah, absolutely.

MR. DEMPSEY: Thank you, sir.

MAYOR BURKE: Yeah, Mike, that's one of the places we're aware of Mike living on Rigg Street too. That's why I mentioned that.

MR. DEMPSEY: I don't have anything other than to thank Troop 66 for being here.

Always great to see young people getting involved in their community. I love to see that.

And I'm happy -- and I'm sure some other Council members that don't have anywhere to go like myself tonight, would be happy to stay as long as you guys have any questions. So with that, I will look for a motion to

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1	adjourn.	
2	MR. EHNOT: I'll make a motion to	
3	adjourn.	
4	MR. HAYES: Second.	
5	MR. DEMPSEY: Motion and a second.	
6	All those in favor?	
7	ALL MEMBERS: Aye.	
8	MR. DEMPSEY: Opposed?	
9	(No response.)	
10	MR. DEMPSEY: Ayes have it and so	
11	moved. We're adjourned.	
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