



Call to Order: Supervisor Walls called the November 9, 2017 Public Hearing of the Springfield Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Board Members Present

Collin Walls	Township Supervisor
Laura Moreau	Township Clerk
Jamie Dubre	Township Treasurer
Marc Cooper	Township Trustee
Judy Hensler	Township Trustee
David Hopper	Township Trustee
Dennis Vallad	Township Trustee

Board Members Not Present

None

Public Hearing:

1. Community Development Block Grant Fund (CDBG) hearing for the Board to hear public comments, suggestions and requests for the CDBG Program Year 2018 application to fund eligible projects

Supervisor Walls reported that the 2017 CDBG funds allocation made in November 2017 are still waiting to be officially approved. Approval was expected last summer. The assumption is that the 2018 would follow the same schedule. The purpose of these federally awarded funds is primarily for the assistance of low and moderate income households and/or geographical areas based on the most recent census. Over the years, the types of activities that this funding is allowed to support has become limited. In the recent past, Springfield Township has used these funds for disabled and emergency services, minor home repair, senior center access, code enforcement, and street and sidewalk improvement. The Funds are no longer allowed to be put aside for planning activities. The 2017 allocation went to street improvements (street lights at East Holly and Tindall Road intersection and Oakhill road at Julie Drive), Senior Center, emergency service and disabled services. The purpose of the public hearing is to gather resident input and suggestions. Actual approval will occur at the November Regular meeting. There are two written requests for funding at this public Hearing; one for Emergency



services to be supplied by Neighbor For Neighbor and a request from the Independence Senior Center to continue funding for senior activities.

Supervisor Walls opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Public Comment:

Cheryl Schaffer (treasurer), Joan Wolff (director) and Ruth Andrews (secretary) representing Neighbor for Neighbor thanked the Board and Springfield Township for the financial support in the past and summarized some of the recent changes that Neighbor for Neighbor has been proud of over the last year. The funds have been used to help the people of our community and neighboring communities. After having been denied FEMA funding for two years, contact was made with FEMA to determine why the requested funding was denied. The response from FEMA was that Neighbor For Neighbor was not serving the community to the fullest. Taking that comment to heart provoked some executive changes in the forms of hours of operation, budget assistance and job posting board. FEMA grants were awarded this year as well as the Filmore Family Grant. The additional funding is not to extend the area of service, but instead to focus on programs available to the recipients. A prescription assistance gift card program was implemented for seniors. Also scheduled for improvement is the meat program, and Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets will be also be available.

Barbara Rollin from Independence Township Senior Community Center reported to the Board that membership to the center has grown rapidly every year and current Springfield Township resident membership count is at 88, many of whom are transported on the buses. Three new busses have been ordered and should arrive in six to nine months. There are currently five busses on the road every day. There is a new programmer involved in activity planning.

Trustee Vallad asked who “approves” the busses.

Ms. Rollin reported that the approval comes from SMART through the state of Michigan. She also reported that the busses are desperately needed and many are on the road transporting Springfield Township residents.

Hearing no other comments, Supervisor Walls closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.