

VILLAGE OF EARLVILLE

Special Board Meeting
Village Hall

Jan. 22, 2008
7:00 pm

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Village Mayor Toni Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members present were Trustees Mark Doeberl, Gerald Hayes, William Excell and Kim Boomhower. Also present were Village Clerk-Treasurer Christian Vischi, Partnership for Community Development Executive Director Jim Bays, Community Development Coordinator Mark Taub and approximately four members of the public.

Trustee Hayes made a motion to accept Abstract #534 (Vouchers #5330 – 5337), seconded by Trustee Boomhower. The motion carried, 4-0.

Bays said the PCD is looking at a pair of Small Cities Community Development Block Grants, one for the Town of Hamilton – earmarked for Hubbardsville – and one for the Town of Hamilton – earmarked for the Village of Earlville.

Bays said this CDBG program would be for income eligible families, and noted that Earlville’s median household income and demographics for homes on North Main Street and Preston Street would make for a compelling application. The deadline for the application is April 21 and the money would be administered by the PCD and River Street Planning, though at this time they have not officially been signed on yet.

Repairs could include, but would not be limited to furnaces, septic, electric panels, windows and roof work.

Taub said this grant is of the same nature as the program that was done on Fayette Street several years back.

Bays said the grant typically comes in \$400,000 blocks and the Village of Earlville would make for a strong applicant if 17-20 eligible homes can be identified in a fairly contiguous area.

Mayor Campbell said all projects approved within the grant would be 100 percent paid for with grant monies; there would be no out-of-pocket expense for the homeowners. There would be a lien on the house for five years and if sold prior to the five-year maturation period, a pro-rated cost of the project would be assessed to the homeowner.

The application fee would be approximately \$4,000 said Taub, which would include survey work, census data collection, questionnaire preparation and the application itself.

Of the \$400,000 grant, approximately \$330,000 would be available for the projects’ construction and \$70,000 would be used for the delivery of the program (i.e. administration costs).

Any construction through this grant would have to meet New York’s State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) standards.

The average construction cost for each project is \$20,000-\$22,000. The income requirements are:

One person: \$33,300	Two people: \$38,100
Three people: \$42,850	Four people: \$47,600

Trustee Boomhower asked if other streets could be piggy-backed on, and Taub said a separate new application would have to be done.

Mayor Campbell said she would suggest the board use the unanticipated refunds of the administrative components of the Main Street grants to pay for the application cost of the CDBG.

Rental units and multi-family dwellings will be excluded as they are not the focus of the program, Bays said. The tentative timetable is for the award announcement to come in October and for the monies to be available around January 1, 2009.

Two public hearings must be held prior to April 21; the first will be scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 11 in the village office with a legal notice posted in The Evening Sun, along with notices around the village.

Trustee Doeberl motioned to approve Resolution 27-54, "Small Cities Community Development Housing Rehabilitation Grant," seconded by Trustee Excell, and it carried 4-0.

After brief discussion, Trustee Doeberl made a motion to approve Resolution 27-55, "Establishing the Standard Workday for Elected Officials," seconded by Trustee Excell, and it carried 4-0.

Trustee Boomhower made a motion to request from the judge a record of activity for one month. The record must contain a daily detail of hours worked and duties performed for his position. He can include in this record duties and hours performed related to the job but outside of normal business hours. The motion was seconded by Trustee Doeberl and carried 4-0.

Trustee Doeberl made a motion to adjourn at 8:44 p.m., seconded by Trustee Boomhower. The motion carried 4-0. The next meeting will be a budget workshop at 7 p.m. Feb. 5 in the Village Office.