

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING  
NOTES FROM THE FEB. 16, 2018 WORKSHOP**

**ENGINEER - D. GILLILAND:** 2 items – the CITF Demolition for the 6 sites, county has not given final approval but they did send the contracts. There is a lot of paperwork involved and Caroline is working on getting that all in order. Once everything is in they will give us the approval to advertise. Better news is the CD 43 Demolition bids will be open on February 27 with the COG. We received a Declaration from ALCOSAN saying that since they gave us money for the Wall Street project we need to pledge that we will maintain it for 20 years. It doesn't commit us to anything we would not normally do. It is just a formality. We are applying for more grow money for Herman Avenue

**C. LANG:** That will be in my correspondence but they opened up the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle for the program

**D. GILLILAND:** We are intending to apply for the same program for Herman Street. This will keep us in compliance.

**P. SHURGOT:** is that from Caldwell to Westinghouse?

**D. GILLILAND:** from Westinghouse to Station.

**P. SHURGOT:** There was some discussion about that being too big of an area since that is a main road.

**D. GILLILAND:** if you only want to do part of it we can.

**J. THOMAS:** you're talking about doing the whole circle?

**D. GILLILAND:** if you want to just go to Commerce we can do that.

**J. THOMAS:** we have no other options that we can get grant for aside from the bricks?

**D. GILLILAND:** Bob Z is really the one to talk to about that. We can hold off and have him come and talk to you.

**J. THOMAS:** Tony mentioned that there was a divot where it was sinking a little

**T. FRYDRYCH:** on the left hand side there's about 1-1/2 inch where there was gravel put in, if that washes out will the bricks move?

**D. GILLILAND:** no they are held by a grid underneath.

**J. THOMAS:** last year we talked about the CITF grant for demolition it runs from the January 16<sup>th</sup> to February 23<sup>rd</sup> can we put in for it again?

**D. GILLILAND:** yes what do you want to put in for?

**J. THOMAS:** Demolition, the money were getting is not going to take down everything we listed. Unless you have something else in mind

**D. GILLILAND:** we have 6 properties but those 2 on Airbrake are going to be enormously expensive and the 2 buildings on Orient.

**P. SHURGOT:** so you want to put in for the same 6 in case we don't get the money we need.

**D. GILLILAND:** how much you want to put in for \$100,000.00? What you want to do tonight is pass a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for CITF funding for demolition for \$100,000.00. Then we will need some sites to file the application.

**P. SHURGOT:** if we would give you different sites and we end up using it to cover the first ones will be get in trouble?

**D. GILLILAND:** I can include the 2 on Airbrake but I think we would want to add some other ones.

**J. THOMAS:** can you put in for paving too?

**G. JAKUB:** did we not go after the \$200,000.00 for paving.

**J. THOMAS:** that was a \$200,000.00 loan. The limit on the CITF is \$250,000.00

**D. GILLILAND:** correct so do you want to put in for 2 grants. You won't get both of them.

**J. THOMAS:** we have to do something with Patton Street between the county line and the bridge.

**P. SHURGOT:** why don't we just do the grant for paving and we can pinpoint the areas that need it the most.

**D. GILLILAND:** for tonight all I need is the Resolution and you can give me the sites after the meeting.

**J. THOMAS:** GEDF is coming up to and it has to be over \$500,000.00. Can we duplicate what we did last year cause there was paving involved.

**D. GILLILAND:** they are a little harder to get but yes we can apply.

**K. PETERSON:** are we going to ask for 2?

**D. GILLILAND:** my personal opinion is go for the paving then I contact the County and see if we can get more since we did apply for more then we got. The paving I think we have a strong case for receiving since Patton is a main access road, Marguerite and Westinghouse borders both the Castle and the School which are 2 major development projects. If I add in about the millions that are being invested into those projects I think we have a chance. If the demolition comes in over we will just go back to the County.

**P. SHURGOT:** can you look into Sprague Street. There was a water break and the road is eroding, they have a big crater and the manhole is sinking.

**D. GILLILAND:** I will contact the water company.

**K. PETERSON:** CITF money is available and the state is doing well. They said to apply away and ask for as much as we can.

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**G. EVASHAVIK:** faller building sheriff sale postponed and it has been removed from the list with no explanation. Nick called the attorney and he explained that he is closing his file and no longer pursuing it because he thinks the existing loan was refinanced. Not sure how since the debt being pursued was about \$700,000.00, no lender would refinance that debt, the buildings not worth it. We can continue to check the docket.

**K. PETERSON:** we should have got lien letters to check and see if there were any liens against the property.

**G. EVASHAVIK:** it doesn't make sense but there is no sale scheduled.

**L. KIRK:** so what do we have left to do?

**G. EVASHAVIK:** we always have the option of suing the owner directly but again your spending money that you will never recover. There was a perspective buyer but that was a long shot. The claim for the damage with the U-Haul truck was paid in the amount of \$2935.00 payable to Wilmerding Borough. I sent a letter to Norene Keyser regarding 318 Middle Avenue about the property being unacceptable and hazardous for over a year. She has a law firm that sent an immediate letter stating they do have insurance to cover this and they are pursuing this. They asked for 60 days because they are going after State Farm to get this repaired.