

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
MAY 11, 2009

A Public Hearing of the Council Of The Borough of Wilson was held in the Guy B. Tomaino Public Safety Building at 2040 Hay Terrace, President Feinberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Leonard Feinberg, President	James Klass
James McGowan	Bob Reiss
Louis Starniri	Tony Verenna
David Williams	

ABSENT:

Joan Lilly, David Schug

Also Present: Mayor David S. Perruso, Attorney Dennis DeEsch, Code Enforcement Officer Paul R. Corriere

Sara Pandl opened the meeting with a review of the 2006 HOME program grant information. Wilson Borough received a \$300,000.00 HOME program grant to provide housing rehabilitation to owner occupied properties. The Borough had originally applied for a \$500,000.00 grant, but was later approved for a \$300,000.00 grant. The maximum amount that can be received for each home is \$23,000.00.

Mr. Corriere updated Council with an overview of how the project is progressing. Back in 1998, the Borough had 60 applications on file. Out of those applications, 12 had moved and another 8 had passed away. Out of the remainder of the 40 plus applications, 9 applicants were qualified and the renovations completed.

The 2006 HOME program began in September of 2007. A total of 38 applications have been received to date. Four projects have been completed, two are underway and one is scheduled to bid opening on June 8, 2009. Nine applicants have failed to qualify and another five have dropped out of the program because of the attachment of liens to the property. One applicant passed away prior to bid opening. Mr. Corriere expects the funding to run out next year.

Ms. Pandl suggested reapplying for a \$500,000.00 HOME program grant. The project has been very successful. Ms. Pandl suggested expanding the target area as many of the homes in the Third Ward are rental properties and are ineligible for funding under the program guidelines. The application deadline is in August. Mr. Feinberg opened the floor up to public comment. There were none. Another Public Hearing will have to be held in July to approve the final submission of the application. Motion by Mr. Verenna to authorize Ms. Pandl to prepare a HOME program grant application in the amount of \$500,000.00. Second by Mr. Starniri.

With no further business to discuss on the HOME program, the Public Hearing portion of the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A. LOHRMAN
BOROUGH SECRETARY

