

The CDBG Citizen Participation & Sanitary Sewer Facilities Plan hearing was held on Tuesday November 2, 2010 in the municipal building in the fire hall at 6:30 PM with Margaret Young, Ken Lindner, Todd Antony, Andrew Bourdo, Doreen Demaskie, MSA Engineers Clem Safranek and Nick Dums, Al Lunderville, Tom Cooper and Debra Green. Absent were Trustees Genny Eddy and Penny Danielson. Also present at the public hearing were Citizens Scott Murphy, Betty Murphy, Virginia Johnson, William Johnson, Tom Green, Judy Bates and Loren Mulvaney.

President Young opened the public hearing at 6:30 PM and then introduced and gave the floor over to village MSA Engineer Clem Safranek. Engineer Safranek and Engineer Nick Dums handed out to those in attendance information regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Sanitary Sewer Facilities Plan. Those items are as follows:

1. A basic overview of the CDBG program, total CDBG funds available for housing, public facilities, and economic development, types of eligible activities for CDBG funding and activities proposed for CDBG funding in Merrillan for the rehabilitation of sanitary sewers in and adjacent to US 12 and new sanitary sewer service extended to the North Hayden/Jackson loop area.
2. The Sanitary Sewer Facilities Plan addressing the sewer improvement needs of the Village of Merrillan and the project planning process, the project alternatives considered, and the financial impact of the proposed improvements to the community.

Engineers Safranek and Dums and the Village Board then discussed and answered questions of the public in attendance. Several citizens expressed that they did not want the sewer and water extended to the Hayden/Jackson loop area and submitted to the Board signed petitions regarding the same. They do not feel it is needed, that their current wells and septic systems are satisfactory. Questions were also asked about the assessment cost responsibility to the property owners and concern was voiced about the capability utility customers, who are on fixed incomes, being able to afford the additional water and sewer charges that would be added on their current monthly utility bills.

A citizen commented that listening to all the information given at the public hearing she had a much better understanding of the CDBG funding and Facilities Plan and was now in support of it, because her well water is of poor quality.

After lengthy discussion President Young asked if there were any more questions from the public in attendance. There being none she closed the CDBG Citizen Participation & Sanitary Sewer Facilities Plan hearing at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debra Green*, Clerk 11/4/2010