

Emmet County Housing Council

A meeting of the Emmet County Housing Council was held on September 2, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the commissioners' board room in the courthouse at 200 Division Street, Petoskey, Michigan.

Council members present: Mark Ashley, Secretary
 Les Atchison
 George Booth, Vice-Chairman
 Martin Van Berlo

Excused absence: John Murphy, Chairman

Staff present: Cynthia Van Allen, Finance Director

Third party administrator: Lindsay Hager, Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency

Guest: Amy Tweeten, City of Petoskey Planner

The Council members approved the agenda.

The Council members reviewed and approved the minutes of the August 5, 2015 meeting.

Administrator's Report:

*** Hager and Van Allen met with the owner of the property in Brutus who was discussed at last month's meeting. The homeowner has agreed to make monthly payments of \$112.50.

*** Van Allen reported that another property transfer was discovered when a delinquent tax notice was received. The current occupant took over the rehabilitated house in Pellston from a relative. The new owner was notified and did call but has not followed up with a repayment plan. Van Allen will send a letter explaining that the property taxes must be made current and payment(s) on the loan must be made. The Housing Council has until January 2016 to pay the taxes if the property is going to be foreclosed on, otherwise Emmet County will foreclose for the property taxes

*** Hager distributed the customer satisfaction surveys for projects P11-04 and P11-08.

*** Emmet County has only \$4,058 uncommitted in the general \$200,000 MSHDA grant. A portion of this money may be used for change orders in two of the ongoing projects. The end date of the grant was August 31, 2015. MSHDA has indicated that a new grant cycle will probably be open in October/November. It is currently anticipated that the placing making restrictions will be rescinded. The amount to be awarded is in question; there is no longer a budgeted "appropriation". MSHDA has established downtown rental rehabilitation as a priority.

Jobs in Progress:

No new jobs or bids to report. The one project which was approved to go for bids at August's meeting has not moved forward due to difficulty obtaining a lead paint assessment.

Hager reported that there is hopefully one homeowner in Petoskey, on Elizabeth Street, who would be eligible for rehabilitation from the Emmet Street Corridor grant. One more is needed in addition to the Elizabeth Street project to fully utilize the grant money.

Other Business:

*** None

Public Comment:

*** None

A motion to adjourn was made and was unanimously approved.

MSHDA - Michigan State Housing Development Authority
CDBG - Community Development Block Grant
RD - Rural Development
HPG - Housing Preservation Grant
MCDA - Michigan Community Development Association
DHS - Department of Human Services
NMCAA - Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency
HUD - Housing and Urban Development