



**TOWN of CHESWOLD
MINUTES of PUBLIC HEARING
Monday - December 2, 2013
Cheswold Fire Hall
7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Robert Sine at 7:00 p.m., followed by a statement that the meeting was properly posted on November 25, 2013.

The Vice Mayor then requested Secretary/Treasurer Callender to complete a roll call of the Council members to ensure that a quorum was in attendance. The following is the result of the roll call:

Secretary/Treasurer Theon Callender – Present
Councilperson Mildred Johnson – Present (*Arrived at 7:10 pm*)
Councilperson Sherry Lambertson – Present
Mayor Donald F. Tinari – Present

The following persons were also in attendance:

Mr. Dennis Coker – Planning Commission Chairperson
Mr. Rodney Callender – Resident
Mr. Fred Neese – Cheswold Fire Company Representative
Ms. Ruth Ann Purchase - Visitor

The Vice Mayor requested the Council to review the agenda and either accept it or recommend changes. A motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Councilperson Mildred Johnson and a second was made by Councilperson Sherry Lambertson. The votes were as follows:

Councilperson Theon Callender – Yes Councilperson Mildred Johnson – Yes
Councilperson Sherry Lambertson – Yes Mayor Donald Tinari- Yes

The motion was approved with an unanimous vote.

Community Development Block Grant - The Vice Mayor stated that the purpose of the meeting was to introduce the requirements and processes associated with residents applying to participate in the Community Development Block Grant, (CDBG). Following that the purpose of the meeting is also to review and hear public comments on the following new and revisions to existing ordinances:

Ordinance 08-11-11-013 Abandoned, Wrecked, Dismantled, Inoperative or Unregistered Vehicles
Ordinance 08-20-13-020 Curfew of Minors (new)
Ordinance 10-21-11-033 Maintenance of Grass, Weeds, Trash, Trees and Plant Growth
Ordinance 02-15-13-040 Handling and Disposition of Garbage, Trash and Rubbish
Revisions to the existing Land Use Ordinance

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Vice Mayor Sine introduced Mr. Albert Biddle of the Kent County Department of Planning and the Administrator of the CDBG for our Town. Mr. Biddle provided a short detailed and informative synopsis of the requirements and history of the Grant. In short, he provided the following information:

1. The program is funded through the Delaware State Housing Authority and they provide the application requirements on a yearly basis.
2. The Public Hearing is required in order to provide the community the opportunity to express their ideas, suggestions and possibly requests for locations to be included in the Grant request to the Mayor and Council.
3. The Grant program is a run on a continuing basis that is subject to change in requirements from year to year.
4. This Grant is applicable only to residents in Kent and Sussex County. New Castle County, Wilmington and Dover have their own separate programs.
5. The total funding for this program is 2 million dollars.
6. All applications are received equally and then ranked and awarded until the fund expires.
7. The order of funded projects is as follows:
 - (a) Repairs and renovations to owner occupied housing
 - (b) Demolition of vacant and condemned structures
 - (c) Small infrastructure; sidewalks; re-paving and water project
8. The Town must submit at least four, (4), solid repair/renovations projects to be considered.
9. **All Kent County taxes** must be paid.
10. The Town of Cheswold is willing to provide a payment plan for any Town taxes that are due if a resident property meets all other requirements.
11. The Grant is also available to all unincorporated properties in Kent County.
12. City of Dover residents should contact the Dover Housing Authority for information about their programs.
13. There are also income limit levels associated with being awarded a Grant. They are as follows:

1 Person	\$37,150
2 Persons	\$42,450
3 Persons	\$47,750
4 Persons	\$53,050
5 Persons	\$57,300
6 Persons	\$61,550
7 Persons	\$65,800
8 Persons	\$70,050

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14. If the household is greater than 9 Persons, then the applicant should contact Kent County or Town Hall for assistance and additional information.

15. There are additional requirements associated with income limits. A potential applicant should contact Kent County for further information or Town Hall.

The Town of Cheswold has identified several properties that may qualify as repair/renovation projects, but they may have County and Town tax issues. There are however, two, (2), solid demolition projects.

Mr. Biddle provided the opportunity for questions and/or remarks. Ms. Ruth Ann Purchase suggested that the Town contact the Ministerial Alliance of Kent County to inform them of the Grant and to provide them documentation. Mr. Biddle stated that they are contacted by the State and the County and so are other community based organizations. Mrs. Callender acknowledged and appreciated the suggestion of Ms. Purchase and committed to providing correspondence to the two, (2), local Churches in Cheswold.

Councilperson Sherry Lambertson volunteered to head this project for the Town. There were no other questions or comments.

New and Revised Ordinances and Land Use Ordinance Revisions – Vice Mayor Sine requested Secretary/Treasurer Callender to present the Ordinances and Ordinance revisions that were to be considered for public comments. Mrs. Callender read the purpose of each Ordinance of and any associated revisions.

Vice Mayor Sine requested comments from the community and there were none.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Callender. A second to the motion was made by Councilperson Lambertson and the votes on the motion were as follows:

Councilperson Theon Callender – Yes	Councilperson Mildred Johnson – Yes
Councilperson Sherry Lambertson – Yes	Mayor Donald Tinari- Yes

The motion was approved with an unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.