

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN
PUBLIC HEARING &
FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Costanzo called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present were, Chairperson Judi Costanzo, Beverly Bakker, Joni Conner, and Carolyn Meadows. Carolyn Bennett was absent. Mayor Larsen and Melissa Fox, from Fred Fox Enterprises were present also.

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON: JUDI COSTANZO

Chairperson Costanzo dispensed with the formalities and turned the meeting over to Melissa Fox, from Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of the Applying for a CDBG Grant.

Ms. Fox stated that the Town was eligible to apply for \$650,000.00 in grant funds. There are three (3) main categories: 1) Housing Rehabilitation, 2) Commercial, 3) Neighborhood Revitalization. The Town would must choose one of the above categories. There is a fourth stand-alone category which is for Economic Development.

The Town can get twenty-five (25) points if they leverage \$25,000.00 towards the project (*ARPA funds may be used for this*). If signed engineering plans are submitted with the application and permits have been applied for the Town can receive fifty (50) points. The applications are due July 21, 2022.

The steps to apply for a CDBG Gant are: (1) Establish a Citizen’s Advisory Task Force, (2) Advertise the CATF meeting, 3) Advertise and hold the first public hearing of the Town Council, 4) Advertise and hold a Fair Housing Workshop.

The staff recommended water treatment improvements at the Grassy Lake, Tremont, and Strickland Water Plants, and paving Cornell Street, which has already been designed.

Public Comment

There were two people in attendance, but there were no public comments.

Council Member Joni Conner moved to proceed with the staff's recommendation to apply for a CDBG grant for water plant improvements at Grassy Lake, Tremont, and Strickland Water Plants and for paving Cornell Street. Council Member Meadows seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:20pm.

The Fair Housing Workshop was Opened at 6:21pm

Discussion and Consideration of the Town's Fair Housing Ordinance.

Ms. Fox explained that the purpose of the Fair Housing workshop is to inform the public and the Town Council of the Federal Fair Housing Act and answer any questions they may have.

The Federal Fair Housing Act prohibits the discrimination in housing based upon age, race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, place of birth, disability, familial status, or national origin. Local governments and states may have more.

No one can take the following actions due to a person's age, race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, place of birth, disability, familial status, or national origin: refusal to rent or sell housing refuse to negotiate for housing, set different terms, conditions or privileges for the sale or rental of a dwelling and denying membership to any organization.

There is housing protection for families with children when there is one (1) or more children in the home under the age of eighteen (18).

Ms. Fox stated that the Town's Fair Housing Ordinance 90-7 is in place to eliminate such discrimination and provides steps and time limits in which complaints must be submitted.

Ms. Fox further explained the complaint procedure and how to file a discrimination complaint on the State and/or Federal level.

Public Comments, Questions and Answers.

There were two people in attendance, but there were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

