

Minutes of the Public Hearing  
Village of Bradley, Kankakee County, Illinois  
August 24, 2020  
5:30pm

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Michael Watson at 5:34pm and held 147 S Michigan Ave, Bradley, Illinois via regarding a public hearing regarding the downstate small business stabilization application funded by community development block grant funds.

Applications were made available at [www.bradleyil.org](http://www.bradleyil.org)

*Mayor:* This public hearing regarding the State of Illinois' Downstate Business Stabilization Program is called to order. Before we begin, I would ask that all individuals present please mute their phones or devices until it is time to speak.

*Mayor:* This public hearing is to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed Downstate Small Business Stabilization applications funded by Community Development Block Grant funds.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Watson - Present

Trustee Redmond – Present

Trustee LeBran – Present

Trustee Billingsley – Present

Trustee Tieri – Absent

Trustee Westphal-Present

*Mayor:* A requirement of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is that the attendance of this meeting be documented. I will ask our Village Clerk to repeat the name and address of attendees as she takes attendance.

Clerk Tambling, if you are ready we will start asking attendees to identify themselves.

Robert Romo- Present  
10641 Churchill Drive Orland Park, IL 60467  
Village Finance Director

Khamseo Nelson- Present  
1637 Patriot Way Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
Deputy Clerk

Thu Nguyen  
1220 N. Kinzie Avenue, Bradley, IL 60915  
Business applicant from City Nails, Inc.

Debra Joynt  
140 S Schuyler Ave. Bradley, IL 60915  
Business applicant from Chatterbox Café, Inc.

Jeff Lambert  
235 N Kinzie Ave Bradley, Il 60915  
Business applicant from Hansen's Window Coverings Inc.

Sayani Yasin  
1196B N Kinzie Ave Bradley, Il 60915  
Business applicant from Enhance Your Beauty

Michelle Erickson  
300 N Kennedy, Bradley, IL 60915  
Business applicant from Associated Counseling, LLC .

Jeremy Wilkey  
450 S. Schuyler Ave. Bradley, IL 60915  
Business applicant from MX-Tech, Inc

*Mayor:* Thank you all for your attendance, as this hearing is to provide interested parties, including the public, an opportunity to express their views on the proposed Downstate Small Business Stabilization applications funded by Community Development Block Grant funds. First, we wish to obtain citizens' opinions, suggestions and priorities regarding this program. The Village of Bradley also wishes to provide you with required program information and information regarding the related applications.

*Mayor:* Before we go through the applications, I would like to ask if there is any public comment. We will allow further opportunity for public comment for each business at the end.

Is there any public comment before we begin?    No comment made.

*Mayor:* Section 104(b)(3) of the Housing and Community Development Act outlines national objectives for the Community Development Block Grant program. The program has three main objectives: to benefit low- and moderate persons; to prevent or eliminate slums and blight; and meeting community development needs having a particular urgency, sometimes called "urgent need." The program further outlines certain eligible and ineligible uses of funds. For the Downstate Business Stabilization Program, funds are restricted to working capital costs by for profit-businesses.

*Mayor:* In order for the Downstate Business Stabilization Grant to be an eligible use of these federal funds, it must meet one of the national objectives I just mentioned. In this case, the program meets the Urgent Need criteria as it is a response to the coronavirus pandemic. The State of Illinois has repurposed \$20 million of these federal funds into this program and will allocate grants of up to \$25,000 to assist businesses impacted by the pandemic throughout the state so long as they are in non-entitlement communities. If the grants are approved, the grant funds will initially be given to the Village of Bradley, prior to being disbursed to the business.

*Mayor:* The program must adhere to other federal requirements. None of the funds used will result in the involuntary displacement of people or businesses. Records regarding the project will be available to the public in the same manner as other documents kept by the Village. Applications for assistance are available for public view at the office of the Village Clerk during business hours (8am-4:30pm) (located at 147 S Michigan Ave, Bradley, IL 60915), online at [www.bradleyil.org](http://www.bradleyil.org).

*Mayor:* I will now begin going through each of the applications. The total amount of the Community Development Block Grant Funds being requested pursuant to these applications is \$121, 200.00. I apologize in advance, as some of this will be repetitive.

It is important to also note the other community development and housing needs of the Village of Bradley. We have developed a list of priorities which should help us focus our work. First, we should assist small businesses throughout the Village of Bradley that have been negatively impacted by this pandemic. Next, we should improve resources to help those same businesses, as well as our residents. We should also assist wherever possible individuals access social, financial and government services and other resources to recover from this crisis. We should develop a plan for the Village of Bradley and the larger region to build economic resiliency so that our businesses and citizens can withstand crises like this.

The scope of this project is to assist our small businesses in Bradley as much as we can. In total, the Village of Bradley is applying for \$121,200.00 worth of the CDBG Funds for the Illinois Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program. These funds will be used for working capital for this business, which is facing an urgent need, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic effects caused thereby. Hopefully, these funds will assist not only this business and the residents of the Village of Bradley but also the general economy of the Village of Bradley. I will now identify each business that is seeking a grant and the Amount Requested for each business.

The rationale set forth in the above two paragraphs was noted as being applicable to each of the grant applicants and incorporated as rationale for each business.

1) City Nails

There is a total amount of \$20 million dollars available under this program.

The amount requested by City Nails is \$5,000.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to City Nails?  
No comments made.

2) Chatterbox Café, Inc

There is a total amount of \$20 million dollars available under this program.

The amount requested by Chatterbox Café Inc. is \$25,000.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to Chatterbox? No comments made.

3) Hansen's Window Coverings, Inc

There is a total amount of \$20 million dollars available under this program.

The amount requested by, Hansen's Window Coverings, Inc. is \$25,000.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to Hansen's Window Coverings, Inc? No comments made.

4) Enhance Your Beauty

There is a total amount of \$20 million dollars available under this program.

The amount requested by Enhance Your Beauty. is \$16,200.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to, Enhance Your Beauty? No comments made.

5) Associated Counseling, LLC

There is a total amount of \$20 million dollars available under this program.

The amount requested by Associated Counseling, LLC. is \$25,000.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to, Associated Counseling, LLC. ? No comments made.

6) MX-Tech. Inc

There is a total amount of \$20 million dollars available under this program.

The amount requested by MX Tech, Inc. is \$25,000.00 to be used for working capital.

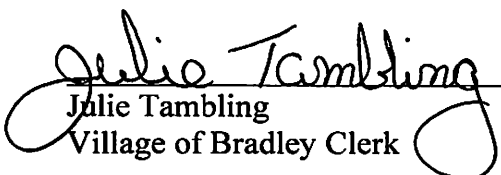
Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to, MX Tech, Inc.? No comments made.

*Mayor:* I would now invite any members of our audience to comment on any of the matters discussed in this hearing. None.

ADJOURMENT

*Mayor:* Thank you all for your attendance at this hearing, which is now adjourned at 5:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted

  
Julie Tambling  
Village of Bradley Clerk