

Minutes of the Public Hearing
Village of Bradley, Kankakee County, Illinois
July 8, 2020
5:30pm

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Michael Watson at 5:30pm 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

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 – 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.

Village Clerk takes attendance – listed is in the roll call below.

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

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

Bruce Page- Present
842 LaPointe Drive Bourbonnais, IL 60914
Community Development Director

Sophia/Tim Berdebes- Present
312 S. Kennedy Drive Bradley, IL 60915
Business applicant from Family House Restaurant, Inc.

Duane K Brumitt, Jr- Present
275 N Industrial Dr. Bradley, IL 60915
Business applicant from Tri-Star Martial Arts Academy, Inc.

Lambros Proutsos
505 N Kinzie Ave Bradley, Il 60915
Business applicant from Proutsos, Inc.

Tom Spellman
135 N Kinzie Ave Bradley, Il 60915
Business applicant from Hoppy Pig, Inc.

Justin Kuntz
361 S Kinzie Ave Bradley, Il 60915
Business applicant from Image Crafters Graphics, Inc.

William A. Bodemer
7 Arthur Industrial Park Bradley, IL 60915
Business applicant from Innovative Beverages, Inc.

JoAnne Keen
1035 W Superior St Bradley, IL 60915
Business applicant from Frank's Appliance Center & Sleepsource

Steven Wilder
185 E North St Bradley, IL 60915
Business applicant from CITCA, LLC

Robert Held
864 W Broadway St Bradley, IL 60915
Business applicant from Break Away of Bradley, Inc.

Gene Jordan
1034 W Broadway St Bradley, IL 60915
Business applicant from Torico, Inc.

Gloria Rosenthal
834 Liberty St Bradley, IL 60915
Business applicant from Prince of Peace, Inc.

Nick Mazarakos
800 N Kinzie Ave Bradley, IL 60915
Business applicant from Bradley Hotel Corp. DBA: Oliver's Bar & Grill

Matthew Nanos
135 S Kinzie Ave Bradley, IL 60915
Business applicant from Cinderella Shoes & Repairs

Gary Billings
858 W Broadway Ave Bradley, IL 60915
Business applicant from Gary Billings – Hair Unlimited

David O'Connell
105 N Kinzie Ave Bradley, IL 60915
Business applicant from OC Enterprises, Inc. DBA: Premium Specialties

Matthew Alexander
1663 E 400 N Road Bourbonnais, IL 60914
Business applicant from Aspen Ridge I, LLC

Gail Wallace
200 E North Street Bradley, IL 60915
Business applicant from Restoration Works, Inc.

Darryl Hamende
289 S Schuyler Ave Suite B Bradley, IL 60915
Business applicant from Postal Partners, Inc.

Darren Westphal – Not Present
407 W Broadway Ave Bradley, IL 60915
Business applicant from D. Westphal Jewelers, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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.

APPLICATIONS:

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.

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 \$658, 900.00. 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 \$658,900.00 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) Kansai, Inc.

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

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

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

2) Family House Restaurant, Inc.

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

The amount requested by Family House Restaurant, Inc. is \$25,000.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to Family House Restaurant, Inc.? No comments made.

3) Joe's Catering, Inc

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

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

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

4) Tri-Star Martial Arts Academy, Inc.

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

The amount requested by Tri-Star Martial Arts Academy, Inc. is \$25,000.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to, Tri-Star Martial Arts Academy, Inc.? No comments made.

5) L' Amour Nails

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

The amount requested by L' Amour Nails, Inc. is \$25,000.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to, L' Amour Nails, Inc.? No comments made.

6) Proutsos, Inc.

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

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

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to, Proutsos,

Inc.? No comments made.

7) Hoppy Pig, Inc.

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

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

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

8) Image Crafters Graphics, Inc.

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

The amount requested by Image Crafters Graphics, Inc. is \$14,900.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to, Image Crafters Graphics, Inc.? No comments made.

9) Innovative Beverages, Inc.

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

The amount requested by Innovative Beverages, Inc., is \$18,000.00 to be used for working capital.

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

10) Frank's Appliance Center & Sleepsource

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

The amount requested by Frank's Appliance Center & Sleepsource. is \$25,000.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to, Frank's Appliance Center & Sleepsource? No comments made.

11) CITCA, LLC

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

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

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

12) RDJM Entertainment, Inc., DBA: Mac & Frankie's

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

The amount requested by RDJM Entertainment, Inc., DBA: Mac & Frankie's is \$25,000.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to, RDJM Entertainment, Inc., DBA: Mac & Frankie's? No comments made.

13) Rumors Salon and Day Spa

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

The amount requested by Rumors Salon and Day Spa is \$15,000.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to Rumors Salon and Day Spa? No comments made.

14) Break Away of Bradley, Inc.

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

The amount requested by Break Away of Bradley, Inc. is \$25,000.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to Break Away of Bradley, Inc.? No comments made.

15) Torico, Inc.

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

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

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

16) Looney Bin, Inc.

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

The amount requested by Looney Bin, Inc. is \$23,000.00 to be used for working capital.

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

17) Prince of Peace, Inc.

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

The amount requested by Prince of Peace, Inc. is \$25,000.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to Prince of Peace, Inc.? No comments made.

18) Bradley Hotel Corp. DBA: Oliver's Bar & Grill

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

The amount requested by Bradley Hotel Corp. DBA: Oliver's Bar & Grill is \$25,000.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to Bradley Hotel Corp. DBA: Oliver's Bar & Grill? No comments made.

19) China Chef ClChen, Inc.

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

The amount requested by China Chef ClChen, Inc. is \$25,000.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to China Chef ClChen, Inc.? No comments made.

20) Cinderella Shoes & Repairs

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

The amount requested by Cinderella Shoes & Repairs is \$25,000.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to Cinderella Shoes & Repairs? No comments made.

21) Ralo & Art, Inc. DBA: La Siesta Restaurant

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

The amount requested by Ralo & Art, Inc. DBA: La Siesta Restaurant is \$25,000.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to Ralo & Art, Inc. DBA: La Siesta Restaurant? No comments made.

22) Gary Billings – Hair Unlimited

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

The amount requested by Gary Billings – Hair Unlimited is \$13,000.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to Gary Billings – Hair Unlimited? No comments made.

23) OC Enterprises, Inc. DBA: Premium Specialties

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

The amount requested by OC Enterprises, Inc. DBA: Premium Specialties is \$25,000.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to OC Enterprises, Inc. DBA: Premium Specialties? No comments made.

24) Aspen Ridge I, LLC

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

The amount requested by Aspen Ridge I, LLC is \$25,000.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to Aspen Ridge I, LLC? No comments made.

25) Restoration Works, Inc.

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

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

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

26) Postal Partners, Inc.

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

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

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

27). D. Westphal Jewelers, Inc.- Attorney Jeff Taylor noted the issue of the appearance of a potential conflict of interest with Trustee Westphal given his ownership interest in D. Westphal Jewelers, Inc. Trustee Westphal did not attend the public hearing or participate in the hearing. It was noted that the Village would disclose this potential conflict (or appearance) in writing as required by the DCEO Grant.

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

The amount requested by D. Westphal Jewelers, Inc. is \$25,000.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to D. Westphal Jewelers, Inc.? No comments made.

28). Bistro Chef of Illinois, Inc.

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

The amount requested by Bistro Chef of Illinois, Inc. is \$25,000.00 to be used for working capital.

Is there any further public comment regarding the application pertaining to Bistro Chef of Illinois, Inc.? No comments made.

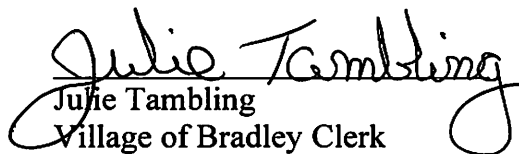
PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor: Thank you all for your attendance at this hearing, which is now adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted


Julie Tambling
Village of Bradley Clerk