

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION**

MAY 24, 2005

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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President Scott Slifka called the hearing to order at 7:25 p.m.

Present were Councilors Shari Cantor, Barbara Carpenter, Chuck Coursey, David Lemkuil, Maureen Kelly McClay, Scott Slifka, Art Spada, Carolyn Thornberry and Joseph Verrengia.

President Slifka: Mr. Feldman do we have a description from the administration?

Mr. Feldman: Mr. Mayor this has become an annual event. This is your public hearing on the Neighborhood Assistance Act where individuals, businesses, people are permitted to make comments and address you regarding this particular Act where they actually can help and benefit local non profits by their own private donations so the public hearing they are entitled to address you in regards to this particular Act.

President Slifka: Thank you Mr. Feldman. Are there any questions from the Council? Mrs. Carpenter.

Councilor Carpenter: Actually I do have a question. What agencies generally have received the Neighborhood Assistance Grants?

Mr. Feldman: Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Carpenter there is a variety, some of the ones that hit me, I think the Jewish Community Center. There has been a variety of social services agencies, I believe Catholic Family Services over the years, Jewish Family Services over the years, a variety of those kinds of agencies, maybe The Bridge also, although I'm less clear. I can't remember The Bridge in recent years but I'll give you a sense of what some of the agencies are.

Councilor Carpenter: Can I follow up?

President Slifka: Certainly.

Councilor Carpenter: How is the decision made on who is given the grant?

Mr. Feldman: It is up to the individual business or the individual who participates in this particular program and they decide how much they want to contribute to the non profit. It is their own personal choice.

President Slifka: All set Mrs. Carpenter?

Councilor Carpenter: Yes thank you.

President Slifka: Thank you Mrs. Carpenter. Is there anything further from the Council? Mr. O'Brien do we have a sign up sheet?

Mr. O'Brien: Yes no one has signed up though.

President Slifka: Is there anybody from the public who wishes to speak to the topic of the public hearing as I know some of you are here for the later meeting. We will get to those but we are just talking about this one item here for public hearing, seeing none, one last shot for those on the Council. Seeing nothing we will close the public hearing.

The public hearing adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Norma W. Cronin
Town Clerk/Council Clerk