

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**  
**Monday, October 12, 2020**  
**Village of Pecatonica – Village Hall**

Village President Bill Smull opened up the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on October 12, 2020 in Village Hall 405 Main Street to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed CDBG Public Infrastructure Grant project. Also please note that Village Hall's doors were open for the public to attend in person.

Village President Smull stated that the State has allocated \$15,000,000 in CDBG funds to the competitive Public Infrastructure component. A grant ceiling of \$550,000 per project, including allowable Activity Delivery costs up to \$30,000, for all projects, has been established. The objective of these program components is to fund public infrastructure projects with priority given to projects involving water and sanitary systems, or storm sewer upgrades.

On or about September 30, 2020, the Village of Pecatonica intends to apply to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant from the State CDBG program. This program is funded by Title 1 of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These grant funds are to be used for a community development project that will include the following activities: sanitary sewer rehabilitation to include CIPP (Cured In Place Pipe) lining, strategic point repairs, and sanitary sewer manhole lining for various sanitary sewer and manholes on the Village's collection system.

The total amount of CDBG Public Infrastructure grant funds to be requested is by the Village of Pecatonica is \$550,000. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low-to-moderate income persons is \$280,500, which is 51% of the requested grant funds.

The Village of Pecatonica is seeking CDBG Public Infrastructure grant funds for a project that will line and repair sections of sanitary sewer that currently pose a threat to the health and safety of the Village's residents and businesses. Due to the age and deteriorating condition of the sanitary sewer lines proposed for rehabilitation, the lines are susceptible to recurring breaks, sewer backups, and ongoing repairs by the Village, threatening the health and safety of the Village. The proposed project provides an immediate solution to the infrastructure needs of those affected by the existing condition of the sanitary sewer lines.

The proposed sanitary sewer lining and rehabilitation project will include the lining of approximately 23,586 Linear Feet of 6-inch, 8-inch, and 12-inch sanitary sewer lines. This project also includes strategic point repairs, and sanitary sewer manhole lining for various sanitary sewer and manholes on the Village's collection system. The proposed lining project is necessary due to the age and deteriorating condition of the sewer lines currently in-place. The Village has experienced ongoing sewer line breaks throughout the identified project area, and some residents have experienced backups. The recurring sanitary sewer line breaks and repairs cause a disruption of service to the community's residents and businesses alike.

The Village of Pecatonica is requesting this grant funding because they are unable to fund this vital infrastructure project on their own. With limited surplus funds due to current allocations to

other ongoing projects, it would be imprudent to allocate all of the Village's financial assets to the project. With design completed and an IEPA Permit not necessary for the proposed lining project, the Village is ready to move forward with the project immediately; they just need financial assistance to make it happen.

The proposed project will not displace any residents or businesses in the project area or within the Village of Pecatonica.

The Village of Pecatonica's detailed, prioritized list of community development and housing needs include the following:

- Aging Infrastructure
- Deteriorating Roadways
- Aging Housing Stocks
  - Home repair/housing rehabilitation needed
  - Need for safe and affordable low income housing
  - Need affordable housing for large families
- Replacement of Sidewalks and Improvements of Crossings
- Improve ADA Accessibility through the Village

There being no public comments from the audience, none received by email or put in the drop box President Smull closed the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gwenn Shirley  
Village Clerk