

BOROUGH OF BERWICK
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
DECEMBER 18, 2017

AGENDA: Public Hearing Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Application was held Monday, December 18, 2017 at 6:30PM in City Hall.

PUBLIC HEARING: Sue Goddard from SEDA-COG addressed those attendance. She explained that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides the funding through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) through a competitive application process.

The Borough of Berwick has received six HOME grants to date, resulting in rehabilitation of 74 homes at a direct cost of \$2,010,256.03. The current grant (phase VI) is complete and ready to close out. There are twenty-six homeowners on the wait list currently as well as an additional nine who have re-applied after previously receiving rehabilitation services.

Among the program requirements are home ownership, meeting the income guidelines, and having taxes and municipal utility bills paid and current. No homeowners are displaced as a part of the program. Environmental factors are reviewed, both Borough-wide and for the specific project site.

Written comments will be accepted until December 29, 2017. A formal resolution will be voted upon at the January 15, 2018 Council meeting, and the grant application deadline is February 5, 2018.

Cassandra Mowery
Acting Borough Manager