

City of Neillsville
Grants Committee

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 26, 2024 - 4:00 pm.
City Hall 106 W Division St, Neillsville WI

MINUTES

- Meeting called to order by Chair Natalie Erpenbach at 4:00 pm.
- On Roll Call – Present: Deanna Heiman, Natalie Erpenbach, Barb Petkovsek, Brent Shoup and Jody Connor. All Present.
- Motion by Heiman and second by Shoup to approve the agenda. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.
- Motion by Shoup and second by Petkovsek to approve the February 27, 2024, Grants Committee meeting minutes as presented. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.
- Citizen appearances - None
- Discussed grant applications and other financial assistance projects in progress.
 - Erpenbach had spoken with Jessica Brown, Parks & Rec Director and received an update on Listeman Ball Park Revitalization Project (Grant #2023-5). Fundraising efforts continue and at this point do not need assistance from the Grants Committee.
 - Erpenbach reported that the National Park Service Grant Paul Bruhn Grant was not applied for in March 2024. We will work towards getting the material ready and apply for this grant next Spring 2025. This grant is a block grant that assist Historic Properties (Federal / State listed) projects. (Grant #2023-8, #2023-10 could be sub-applicants for this grant).
 - Petkovsek (Grant #2023-9) that the Town Square / Gazebo improvement project – no new information. Expect an update at the April Grants meeting.
 - Erpenbach reported that the grant request for Police Department (Grant # 2023-11) re: supplies and equipment was now in the “under review” status. Hoping to hear more by the April Grants meeting.
 - Discussed the Youth Firefighter Training Program grant. Heiman will work with the School District to determine interest on a go forward basis. [Add to December 2024 Agenda].
 - Erpenbach reported that the FEMA grant – Assistance to Firefighters Grant (#2024-3) was submitted March 8, 2024 with assistance from Matt Meyer, Bill Poeschel, Justin Poeschel, Rex Roehl and especially Michelle Grap. \$250,000 requested for self-contained breathing apparatuses / packs and cylinders along with a new 6000 psi compressor / tank refilling equipment.
 - All other open Grant requests are open and waiting additional information or notice of grant being awarded.
 - Discussed needs are still being addressed and searching for funding sources, grant applications being worked on, and applications submitted but no notification yet.
 - Looking for greenspace grants, placemaking grants, bike trails, electric vehicle and technology assistance grants.
 - It would be helpful if City departments could provide an inventory or list of needs with basic specifications so when a grant is announced we are that much further ahead in the grant writing process.

Discussed speaking with other communities to learn how they plan / act on grant applications process.

- Community Development Block Grants / City Incentive Applications – None

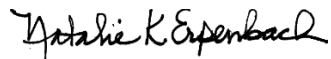
- **Old Business** - None

New Business

No correspondence has been received since last Grants Committee meeting.

No invoices to be paid from Grants Committee Funds

- Set next Committee Meeting Date discussed and set for Tuesday April 23, 2024
- Motion by Conner and second by Heiman to adjourn. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.



Natalie Erpenbach, Committee Chair