

HARDSHIP AND GRIEVANCE COMMISSION  
EVANSDALE CITY HALL  
JULY 23, 2015

The Hardship and Grievance Commission met on July 23, 2015. Chairman Gene Walker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present: Gene Walker, Sandy Clements, and Charles Schumacher. Absent: Dottie Wear and Steve Seible.

Schumacher/Walker to approve the July 23, 2015 agenda. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Schumacher/Walker to approve the January 22, 2015 minutes. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Review current applications submitted:

There were twenty six (26) applications for exemption from garbage collection fees submitted prior to the deadline of July 17, 2015. Twenty one (21) of the applications were approved for garbage exemption; one (1) was approved subject to the applicant updating their last name with the Evansdale Water Works office; one (1) was approved subject to the applicant putting utilities in their name; one (1) was denied because proof of some of their income/benefits was not submitted with the application; and two (2) were denied due to income exceeding the guidelines.

Review current income guidelines: the commission discussed whether or not to change the current income guidelines. Of all the Federal assistance programs, the commission looks closely at the guidelines for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly known as the food stamp program. They do not change their guidelines until the end of September, and as of 09/25/2014 they were already higher than our current guidelines. The commission expressed their desire to try to help more people, rather than fewer. Schumacher/Clements to keep the current guidelines in place for calendar year 2016. Ayes – Three. Motion carried.

Discussion: the next meeting was set for January 21, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. Election of officers will be added to the agenda. Chairman Walker will contact Dottie Wear and Steve Seible to obtain their meeting packets for shredding.

Schumacher/Clements to adjourn. Ayes – three. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

  
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Sandra E. Clements, Secretary