AIP Committee – Report for April 1, 2020 meeting

Agenda Items:

1. Resolution: TITLE: ACCEPTING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Activity Highlights:

COVID-19: The Planning Director is working remotely. Remaining staff is on administrative leave but can work remotely if laptops become available.

Housing: We have been awarded another Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), this time for $500,000. We will continue to repair and replace water wells and septic systems but we also have funds to replace mobile homes. We will partner with Arbor Housing to implement this grant. We are continuing to work on our other CDBG for wells and septic systems. Much of the work can be done without personal contact so we are still making progress although it may be slower than normal. Our consultants have started on the workforce housing study and are able to do much of the work without personal contact. They are doing phone interviews and collecting and analyzing data.

Public Transportation: First Transit continues to operate their normal routes with extra cleaning and asking passengers to sit away from others. These routes are essential for people to get food and medicine. Arc of Steuben has chosen to close its routes to the public to protect its vulnerable population. Their public ridership had dropped steeply. Hornell Area Transit is only operating routes within the city. The 211 helpline is doing what it can to assist people with essential transportation.