

MINUTES

February 28, 2019 Flood Advisory Board
25 Lenox Avenue
Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442

CALL TO ORDER “In conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting of the Flood Advisory Board has been posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building and notification made to the Suburban Trends.”

SALUTE THE FLAG/MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL Lauren Venin, Chairwoman
Steve Flormann, Co-Chairman
Pat Lenoy, Corresponding Secretary
Beth Schall, Recording Secretary
Julie Doncoes
Josie Brown
Maria Kent
Joe Christiano
Erik DeLine, Council Liaison

Also in attendance; Al Evangelista, OEM Manager

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

MINUTES Lauren made a motion to approve the February 28, 2019 minutes and Pat seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted as corrected.

DRONE REINSPECTION Lauren would like to schedule a drone pilot to do the entire stretch of the rivers, or at least the Wanaque River. The stream cleaning is done so she would like to see the results. There are trees down by Carlough field and DMK has been notified. Per Al, an annual OEM practice drill searches of the rivers will be done going forward to satisfy CRS requirements.

He reported that he received a letter from the State Police stating that the borough would not get the \$6,000 FEMA reimbursement for the river clean up because it was old debris. He did receive \$15,000 for DPW and new police vehicles for other storm related reimbursements. He would like to have better debris records in the future. Al will schedule the drone reinspection and will advise Lauren, as well as the police, fire and OEM departments, when it is scheduled. The annual Flood Preparedness Seminar is scheduled for March 20, 2019 at the municipal building at 7pm. It will focus on self-preparedness for residents. A reverse call will be sent urging new residents to attend. He reported that the fact that a lot of houses are out of harm's way, there has been less impact on other homes in the borough. During the last event, no trees came down but two trees hit power lines.

DATA STORAGE There is no new information at this time.

DEP/FEMA MAPS The borough is waiting on the Fairfield/Pequannock appeal engineering contract with Joe Skupien. FEMA denied appeals from Pequannock, Fairfield and Montville townships. The appeal in Pompton Lakes was denied but the DEP acknowledges that the alternate calculations have merit. There was a discussion of the fact that Pequannock is formally appealing its maps to a Scientific Resolution panel. This consists of independent, scientific experts who would review the maps and give their opinion. The 5 panelists include technical experts on hydrology, FIRMS, etc. NIBS manages the process by selecting the experts for the panel. Experts can not be residents of the state. The township selects 3 from the NIBS short list and FEMA selects the other 2.

This would be done in 90 days or less and the decision would be binding. Steve said it would be a risky move because the borough would have no other recourse after that. He stated that if Pequannock wins the Scientific Resolution Panel, it could help Pompton Lakes.. If their application is approved, Pompton Lakes could pursue a LOMR (Letter of Map Revision) at that time. Joe Skupien is keeping Kevin and Erik apprised of the situation. Steve recommended a helpful website by The Economist (FloodEconomics.com). It details case studies and homeowner stories from FEMA and Flood Plain Managers.

AL will make a request to remove logs from the dam and he requested that the wooden bridge at Acid Brook be removed. He wants the bridge removed before it becomes an impediment to the river. It is situated on private property and he wants to approach it as a property maintenance issue. Lauren will follow up with Sal and Erik will follow up also.

COMMITTEES:

LAKE RESTORATION COMMITTEE There was no meeting last month but it is rescheduled for March 12, 2019. Bernadette Arenciba is the new Chairwoman of the LRC and Maria will act as the liaison between the FAB and the LRC.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Steve stated that we have received the Rutgers Master Plan. He said that the plan is a good overall approach but the committee was expecting more details. Additional plans for the willow field complex and Morris canal greenway will be submitted to Rutgers for review and inclusion in the Master Plan.

A Rain Garden event is scheduled for March 16, 2019 at 12:00 at the Civic Center and consists of 3 attendees as of this meeting.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE Per Erik, there was no meeting this month. The possibility of a new membership makeup was discussed. They also want to keep the position of Environmental Officer open in case we get a new person in the future.

FLOOD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE Josie started writing letters to the co-sponsors of the Menendez bill. Lauren will circulate copies of Josie's letter to the FAB. Lauren requested that we

send these letters as private citizens. There was a brief discussion of the new New Jersey Stormwater Bill.

CRS Liz requested contact info from FAB members and all members filled the form out and Beth gave the information to Liz after the meeting.

CLIMATOLOGY The reservoirs are still over capacity but are trending down. In January we had 6.62", which is the wettest January so far. * out of the last 9 months were the wettest on record as well. February is not looking to be a record month. We had 3.71" as of this meeting, which is on the high side of average.

ADJOURNMENT Joe made a motion to adjourn and Pat seconded the motion. 830pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Schall