

MINUTES

February 24, 2022 @ 7:32pm
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.” In addition, notice of remote meeting call in number and web access were made available on the Borough website, Facebook page and at the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Lauren Venin, Chairwoman (excused)	Josephine Brown
Steve Flormann, Co-Chairman	Joseph Christiano (excused)
Pat Lenoy, Corresponding Secretary	Kathleen Cole
Cristiane Jennings, Recording Secretary	Julie Doncoes
Maria Kent, Council Liaison	Harold Vandermark

VISITORS

None

SALUTE TO THE FLAG, MOMENT OF SILENCEWELCOME/ INTRODUCTIONS – Steve welcomed attendees and thanked everyone for their continued support.

MINUTES – Motion by Josie Brown to accept the December meeting minutes, seconded by Hal Vandermark, all in favor. Motion by Julie Doncoes to accept the January meeting minutes, seconded by Pat Lenoy, all in favor.

Open Public Comments – No public present.

River Assessment 2022 – Hal Vandermark will guide our new drone operator, Mike Koch, on where to complete the video survey before the leaves come in. Steve Flormann will share maps with Hal to be used as a guide.

Workshop Plans – Hoping to get landscapers involved to discuss rain garden plans. Keep it simple. Plan to create a PDF packet to distribute to residents and through schools using material from rain garden event from a few years ago. It was mentioned to keep rain garden at least ten feet from house.

Logs on Dam – Councilwoman Maria Kent has been mentioning the log jam at every council meeting since January. DEP has been involved, and so has the NJ Division of Dam Safety, but they explained it takes time. Maria will continue to follow up until it is cleared.

Dawes Highway Bridge – No update.

NFIP Expiration and Reform/Risk Rating 2.0 – Josie Brown explained the deadline has been extended again until March 17, 2022, and there has been no movement with NFIP bills HR 5802 and HR 3128. As private citizens we are encouraged to reach out to Mikie Sherrill’s office.

Green Infrastructure – Haroldson Place Habitat Restoration Project meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, March 1st, 7:30pm at Borough Hall. Invasive species will be removed, and native plants will be planted in its place in late April to early May.

Flood Buddy/Climate Action – Maria Kent shared details of an online tool called Flood Buddy to help determine if your home is in a flood zone and that can provide an insurance quote as well. She also provided copies of an article on climate action using buzz words of sustainability and resilience. A lot of precipitation is expected in the future, and changes will need to start at the local government level. By the year 2100 sea levels are expected to rise by five feet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT – Haroldson Place Restoration Project presentation scheduled for Tuesday March 1st, 7:30pm at Borough Hall. Permits will be submitted and expected to be approved quickly.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE – Julie Doncoes advised parks are being updated, including Gallo, Willow and Hershfield Park. Pervious walkway at Hershfield will cost approximately \$250,000 to replace. According to DEP, it needs to be able to absorb water and not allow run off. It would be helpful if it can qualify for safe routes to school grant. Maria Kent will suggest it at the next council meeting. Deadline to apply is October 2022.

FLOOD LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – See above.

CRS COMMITTEE – Al Evangelista will have OEM Hazard presentation March 16, 2022. CRS audit is in August. Liz Brandness will send reminders during the summer. Drone footage is planned to be done before leaves come in.

CLIMATOLOGY – Rain total for January was 3.23 inches. February so far is at 2.86 inches. First quarter so far is 6.90 inches. Reservoir is at 297 feet. Ramapo River is near eight feet.

ADJOURNMENT – Josie Brown made a motion to adjourn, and Hal Vandermark seconded the motion at 8:21pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Cristiane Jennings