

## **MINUTES**

February 22, 2018 Flood Advisory Board  
25 Lenox Avenue  
Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442

**CALL TO ORDER** "In conformance with the Open Public Meetings Law, P.L., Ch 231, adequate notice of this meeting setting forth the time, date, place and purpose of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building and mailed to the Suburban Trends. The Flood Advisor Minutes binder was at the meeting to meet CRS requirements."

### **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  
Joe Christiano  
Steve Grayberg  
Erik DeLine, Council Liaison  
Maria Kent (excused)

Also in attendance, Al Evangelista, OEM Manager and Ed Merrill, Environmental Officer

**MINUTES-** Josie made a motion to accept the January minutes, as corrected and Pat seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**BUDGET-**The requested FAB budget for 2018 was presented by Lauren for the Board's approval. The budget is similar to last year's budget. \$100,000 was requested for river de-snagging/de-silting, and habitat restoration/reforestation was added as another way to mitigate flooding. This amount comes from the Borough's capital budget so the Board has no direct control over this money. \$3,000 was allocated for Public Outreach (public information/CRS requirements). \$1,000 was included for river assessment documentation to keep the Borough and DEP up to date on river conditions. The budget also includes \$1,000 for administrative expenses like map printing and record management. The Lake Restoration Committee is allocated \$43,000 for lake treatments, removal of obstructions, waterway quality and public outreach. The Storm Water Management Committee is allocated \$1,000 for public outreach and educational seminars such as the rain barrel and rain garden presentations. Steve G. made a motion to accept the budget as written and Pat seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**OEM PRESENTATION-** Per Al Evangelista, the Disaster Mitigation/Preparedness Event will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. He will send a reverse call to residents prior to the event. He will have the presentation videotaped as well. He requested that the Board plan a 10-15 minute presentation for the residents including putting the NOAA screen up for residents to see. Lauren will contact the local PTAs and Paul Amoroso, School Superintendent, to have them distribute information about the event to the public. Per Al, 14 people have signed up for CERT.

**PROPOSED BUILDING IN RIVERDALE**-The builder is requesting variances for signage and set-backs. They propose to build one building with 3 apartments and 3 retail outlets. The hearing is postponed until March 22 for corrections to be made to the application. Per Ed, they need to address the illegal removal of vegetation in a riparian zone.

**2018 RIVER ASSESSMENT**- Al advised the Board that OEM has a licensed drone operator who may be able to help the board with flood assessment and offered to have him attend the next month's meeting to discuss further. Ed suggested that we catalog reaches and label them to possibly get additional CRS credits. Al mentioned the possibility of putting the drone footage on various social media. Per Lauren, we should wait on scheduling the river assessments until we meet with the drone operator but the river assignments are as follows:

- Ramapo-Beth, Josie and Bill,
- Upper Wanaque-Thomas Kiritsis (drone operator)
- Lower Wanaque-Steve F. and Erik
- Upper Pequannock-Lauren, Steve G. and Joe
- Lower Pequannock- Ron Doncoes.

Lauren will advise the Board as to what needs to be documented utilizing the Operating Procedures checklist. Steve F. will update the GIS forms to match Lauren's checklist. The Board intends to complete all work by June. Erik will arrange to have Borough ID's made up for Steve F., Beth and Joe.

**DEP and FLOOD MAPS**- Lauren advised that there is no update but Ed said that Skupien is still conferring with the DEP. Erik will follow up with Kevin.

**GAUGES and OUTFALLS**-Per Al, the work is still in progress. The money has been allocated and Al will contact Darmofalski to check the status.

**RIVER WORK**- The Borough is waiting on permit issues and ecological restrictions to continue the river maintenance work.

**LAKE RESTORATION COMMITTEE**- Steve G. will present this year's Lake Management Plan Review to the Council at the Council meeting this Wednesday. Steve will review with Erik prior to the presentation. Concerns include reviewing the boating laws to update local codes, considering a launch fee for non-residents and/or a restriction based on engine size. Parking of trailers is also a concern.

**STORM WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**- SWM is preparing for the spring Rain Barrel demonstration. Lauren will post a notice on the Facebook page and Steve F. will post on the Borough's website. He will wait for RSVPs and then will order the rain barrels. Steve F. also suggested that we try to coordinate with the County's efforts to do habitat restoration and flood mitigation.

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**: Per Erik, the Borough has plans to construct a Community Garden on the vacant property on the corner of Haroldson Place and Rive Edge Drive. The garden will consist of raised beds (6 inches) with 8 foot high flood zone -friendly fencing. There was some concern among Board members that the structures would be destroyed in a flood event.

**FLOOD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**- Josie contacted U.S. Senator, Bob Menendez, expressing support for the Sustainable, Affordable, Fair and Efficient (SAFE) National Flood Insurance Re-authorization, a bill he introduced to re-authorize the National Flood Insurance Program. She received a letter from him referencing the proposed bill which would extend the program for another 6 years and keep down flood

insurance costs in a fiscally responsible way as well as investing in various community-based programs that expand dunes, sea walls, levees and other flood-mitigation efforts. (SAFE NFIP 2017)

**CLIMATOLOGY**-Per Joe, January and February were the wettest months last year. He would like to add Wanaque Reservoir data to his report going forward. Al suggested adding the Charlotte Reservoir, as well. Al advised that he is replacing the weather station and wants to see if the company can integrate the information into the website. There was some discussion about whether or not it would be helpful to create pamphlets for residents on such subjects as home elevations, pools, rain gardens, etc. Ed said that he would review what we already have on hand from FEMA and advise the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**- Steve G. made a motion to adjourn and Pat seconded the motion and the motion carried. 9:27pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Schall