

MINUTES
RARITAN & MILLSTONE RIVERS FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION
JANUARY 27, 2016

Secretary McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Secretary McCarthy read the following Open Public Meetings Act Statement:

“In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, be advised that adequate notice of this Meeting of the Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission was made by the posting on the bulletin boards in the participating municipalities and transmitted to the officially designated newspapers, a list of dates, annually, indicating that this Meeting would take place at the Manville Borough Council Chambers, 325 North Main Street, Manville, NJ 08835 on January 27, 2016. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk in the Township of Franklin.”

Municipalities Present: Bridgewater, Franklin, Hillsborough, Manville, Millstone, Montgomery, Somerville, Somerset County

Municipalities Absent: Raritan, Rocky Hill and South Bound Brook

Everyone present participated in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence led by Secretary McCarthy.

INTRODUCTION – OVERVIEW NOTES

Secretary McCarthy reviewed the contact information for the Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission. She announced the next meeting will be held on February 24, 2016 at the Hillsborough Municipal Building.

ELECTION OF 2016 OFFICERS

Chairperson

A motion by Somerville was made nominating Frank Jurewicz as Chairperson for a one-year term ending December 31, 2016. Said motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Vice Chairperson

A motion by Somerville was made nominating Dan Dixon as Vice Chairperson for a one-year term ending December 31, 2016. Said motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Treasurer

A motion by Manville was made nominating Kevin Sluka as Treasurer for a one-year term ending December 31, 2016. Said motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Commission Secretary

A motion by Manville was made nominating Alison Whitman as Commission Secretary for a one-year term ending December 31, 2016. Said motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

1st Trustee

A motion by Millstone was made nominating Scott Thomas as 1st Trustee for a one-year term ending December 31, 2016. Said motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

2nd Trustee

A motion by Manville was made nominating Steven DelRochi as 2nd Trustee for a one-year term ending December 31, 2016. Said motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Board Attorney

A motion was made by Manville, seconded by Somerville to appoint David Singer as Board Attorney for a one-year term ending December 31, 2016 at \$100.00 per month. Said motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Board Recording Secretary

A motion was made by Manville, seconded by Somerville to appoint Ann Marie McCarthy as Board Recording Secretary for a one-year term ending December 31, 2016 at \$200.00 per month. Said motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

ADOPTION OF 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

The following 2016 Meeting Schedule was adopted upon motion by Manville, seconded by Montgomery and carried unanimously upon call of the roll:

<u>Month – 2016</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
January	01/27/16	Manville – 7 p.m.	Reorganization
February	02/24/16	Hillsborough – 7 p.m.	Audit, Tax Review
March	03/23/16	Franklin – 7 p.m.	Army Corps. Report
April	No Meeting	*****	*****
May	05/25/16	Town – 7 p.m.	
June	06/18/16 Sat. or 06/22/16 (Wed.)	Town – 1 p.m. or Town – 7 p.m.	Water Conservation Day (Rutgers)
July	No Meeting	*****	*****
August	08/24/16	Town – 7 p.m.	
September	09/28/16	Manville – 7 p.m.	Yearly Review
October	10/26/16	Town – 7 p.m.	
November	No Meeting	*****	*****
December	12/14/16 (2 nd Wed)	County Bldg. – 7 p.m.	Budget/End of the Year

ADOPTION OF THE 2016

Motion – Reduce 2016 Dues to \$250 per participating municipality and \$2500 for Somerset County

A motion was made by Bridgewater, seconded by Somerville to reduce the 2016 Dues from \$500 to \$250 for each participating municipality and from \$5,000 to \$2,500 for Somerset County. The motion carried as following upon call of the roll:

Ayes: Bridgewater, Manville, Millstone, Montgomery, Somerville
Nays: Franklin
Abstain: Hillsborough, Somerset County
Absent: Raritan, Rocky Hill, South Bound Brook

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Franklin to approve the minutes of December 16, 2015. The motion was seconded by Somerville and carried upon voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Sluka presented the following Treasurer's Report:

- 1) Claims for Payment
 - a) Courier News - \$24.08
 - b) Home News - \$24.64
 - c) Princeton Packet - \$28.35
- 2) Income – None
- 3) Budget Encumbrances – None
- 4) Donation of Gift to RMR FCC (None)

A motion was made by Franklin to approve the aforesaid Treasurer's Report. Said motion was seconded by Millstone and carried unanimously upon voice vote.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasurer Sluka presented the following Finance Committee Report:

- The balance of the account as of approval of the aforesaid payments is \$8,644.07 as of January 27, 2016. Mr. Sluka noted that payment has not yet been received by Somerset County. He noted he would follow up.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Assemblyman Andrew P. Zwicker thanked the Commission for the invitation to the meeting. He stated that he hopes to be a resource to the Commission. He thanked the Mayor of Manville for their meeting.

Chairman Jurewicz recommended that the subcommittees meet once every three months. He stated he would like to update the power point presentation and present it to each municipality. Vice Chairman Dixon expressed his goals to be more accessible to the municipalities and to be a reliable resource to them.

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Jurewicz stated that when the Army Corps of Engineers Report is received, it will be sent to the Engineering Committee for their review. He stated that once the report is reviewed, the Commission will be able to take that information and apply for funding for smaller projects. He expressed his hope they will have the report back by the March meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Jurewicz stated the Commission is working on being more proactive with its website. He stated that in regards to publicity, the Commission needs to reach out to the towns with an updated presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Jurewicz reported on the Executive Board Meeting where they discussed goals and objectives for the Commission. He read the Commission's mission statement from its by-laws. He stated the Commission needs to be a resource for all municipalities in Somerset County. He stated the scope needs to be manageable. He spoke on the weather stations, cameras and working with the OEMs. He spoke on educational programs and working with other agencies. He spoke on assisting municipalities with the Community Rating System. He stated the Community Survey will be re-sent.

PUBLIC PORTION

A motion was made to open the meeting to the public for any matter of concern by Bridgewater. Said motion was seconded by Somerville and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Mayor Richard Onderko, 921 Louis Street, Manville, thanked Assemblyman Zwicker for visiting Manville. He asked the Commission to stay focused on mitigation and he can't wait to see the Army Corps. Report. He asked the Commission to do their due diligence and dive into the details of the report. He stated Manville is part of the Community Rating System with 15% and would like guidance to get to 20%. He spoke of the homes that are being demolished in Manville.

There being no further comments from the public, a motion was made by Franklin to close the meeting to the public on any matter of concern. Said motion was seconded by Somerville and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

Mr. Sluka spoke on programs that Somerville is utilizing such as rain barrels and rain gardens. He spoke on grants Somerville is receiving for land on Route 206.

Mr. Thomas reported the Water Supply Authority has designated their land staging area for their canal dredging project. He spoke on open space land bought by the County at the Trap Rock site in Franklin.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Somerville to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Said motion was seconded by Hillsborough and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie McCarthy
Recording Secretary