

**MINUTES**  
**RARITAN & MILLSTONE RIVERS FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION**  
**FEBRUARY 24, 2016**

Chairman Jurewicz called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 Hillsborough Township Municipal Building, 379 South Branch Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844 on February 24, 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:** Franklin, Hillsborough, Manville, Millstone, Montgomery, Rocky Hill, Somerville, Somerset County

**Municipalities Absent:** Bridgewater, Raritan and South Bound Brook

Everyone present participated in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence led by Chairman Jurewicz.

**INTRODUCTION – OVERVIEW NOTES**

Chairman Jurewicz reviewed the contact information for the Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission. He reported that Facebook has been updated with daily pictures and weather forecasts. He noted the County also sends weather forecasts.

He announced the next meeting will be held on March 23, 2016 at the Franklin Township Municipal Building. He reported the meeting will be televised and invitations to the meeting will be sent out to the legislators. He asked if anyone has questions regarding the project or suggestions for small projects to submit them to the Secretary.

**ADOPTION OF 2016 BUDGET**

A proposed 2016 Budget was discussed by the Commission. Income for 2016 is less than 2015 as the County’s portion was decreased to \$2,500.00 and the municipal dues were decreased to \$250.00. Mr. Andreassen reported Somerset County has decided not to fund the Commission for 2016. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the lack of financial support from Somerset County. Also discussed was Somerset County’s direction to the Commission that it has one year to redirect its mission and goals. The Commission also discussed proposed goals and objectives submitted by the Chairman.

**Amend Budget to Change 2016 Dues to \$7,500.00**

A motion to amend the 2016 Budget was made by Franklin, seconded by Somerville and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

The following 2016 Budget, as amended, was presented for consideration and adoption:

Budget 2016	2016	2015 Actual
Date: 02/24/16		
Total Surplus Anticipated		0.00
Miscellaneous Revenues		
Dues	7,500.00	4,500.00
Interest	0.00	0.00
Grants	0.00	981.20
Donations	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>	<b>5,481.20</b>
Appropriations		
Salaries	0.00	0.00
Secretarial Services/Document Writer	2,400.00	2,400.00
Office Supplies	50.00	0.00
Legal Advertising	900.00	884.92
Audit	2,500.00	0.00
Legal Services	1,500.00	900.00
Equipment	400.00	1,360.00
Educational Seminars	500.00	0.00
Meeting Expenses	100.00	0.00
Copies	50.00	0.00
Mileage	50.00	0.00
Postage	150.00	159.00
Contingency	200.00	0.00
Public Relations	1,000.00	150.00
IT/Computer	0.00	0.00
Web	500.00	0.00
Subscription & Dues	0.00	0.00
Grant Projects (Grant Writer/Lobbyist)	5,000.00	0.00
Insurance	0.00	0.00
Prior Year Bills	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>15,300.00</b>	<b>5,835.92</b>
End of Year Loss-Profit	-7,800.00	-372.72
	1,121.14	8,921.14

**Adopt 2016 Budget As Amended**

A motion to adopt the 2016 Budget, as amended, was made by Hillsborough, seconded by Somerville and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Franklin to approve the minutes of January 27, 2016. The motion was seconded by Montgomery and carried upon voice vote.

Chairman Jurewicz announced that the Army Corps of Engineers will be presenting the Millstone River Feasibility Study at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting held in Franklin.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Sluka presented the following Treasurer's Report:

- 1) Claims for Payment – None
- 2) Income – \$5,000.00
- 3) Budget Encumbrances – None
- 4) Donation of Gift to RMR FCC – None

The outstanding balance as of February 24, 2016 is \$13,847.07

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

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Chairman Jurewicz reported that invitations will be sent to legislators for the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. He recommended the Commission reach out to new Assemblyman Zwicker and the Senators regarding an outreach program for grants to elevate homes in flood zones. It was suggested to hold September's meeting in the Lost Valley section of Manville to see elevated and demolished homes.

## **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.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chairman Jurewicz stated the Commission is continuing to work 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. He would get the power point presentation to Mr. DeRochi to update.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

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

## **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

Chairman Jurewicz announced that EKO Flood USA, LLC would be making a presentation at the May meeting. A proposed topic to be discussed is the idea of creating a special flood protection district which would then as an entity seek funding from all the various sources as well as local banks – couple this “district” with the Public-Private-Partnership and it may develop the means to protect the community without help from the Corps of Engineers. The “special district” may be allowed under state statute and if so could lead to a solution for the community.

Mr. DeRochi will be drafting press releases regarding the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting as well as any other upcoming events of the Commission.

Chairman Jurewicz announced he will be presenting six proposed goals to the members of the Commission for the next meeting. He stated the Secretary will email them to the Commission members and asked them to rate their top three for the next meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Montgomery to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Said motion was seconded by Millstone and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie McCarthy  
Recording Secretary