

**MINUTES
RARITAN & MILLSTONE RIVERS FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION
DECEMBER 14, 2016**

Chairman Jurewicz called the meeting to order at 7:11 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 Somerset County Administration Building, 20 Grove Street, Somerville, NJ 08876 on December 14, 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, Somerset County

Municipalities Absent: Bridgewater, Raritan, Rocky Hill, Somerville, 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 announced the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at the Manville Municipal Building.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Franklin, seconded by Millstone to approve the minutes of October 26, 2016 as submitted. Said motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.

Correspondence

Chairman Jurewicz spoke of an email from the Army Corps of Engineers in response to the Commission's November letter to the Corps regarding the Study. He spoke on the press release in connection with the Commission's letter that resulted in articles in the Courier News and the Star Ledger and interviews on New Jersey News on Channel 13. He recommended the Commission construct a presentation to be shown to the municipalities.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chairman Jurewicz presented the following Treasurer's Report:

- 1) Claims for Payment:
 - a) Ann Marie McCarthy, \$600.00
 - b) Singer Vella & Martinez - \$400.00
- 2) Income – None

A motion was made by Hillsborough, seconded by Franklin to approve the aforesaid Treasurer's Report. The motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Jurewicz presented the following report:

- The available balance of the account as of approval of the above payments \$9,333.57.

Said motion to accept the Finance Committee Report was made by Manville, seconded by Millstone and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Vice Chairman Dixon spoke on getting funding to do smaller projects, "shovel ready" projects. He spoke of getting funding from the State and other agencies, such as Rutgers to do projects that would benefit all the communities.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Chairman Jurewicz stated he has received the final report and will forward it to the Engineering Committee.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Chairman Jurewicz stated the webpage will be updated and if possible to post the Channel 13 video on it as well as the letter to the Army Corps and the Press Release. He suggested sending the Channel 13 video to the municipalities.

PUBLIC PORTION

A motion was made by Millstone, seconded by Franklin to open the public portion. Said motion carried upon voice vote.

There being no comments made at this time, a motion was made by Montgomery to close the public portion. Said motion was seconded by Somerset County and carried upon voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Jurewicz spoke of the State Flood Commission and asked for two names to be considered for appointment. He reported the first meeting is January 18th and they have one year to prepare a full report regarding the Delaware/Passaic/Millstone/Raritan Basins. He noted this Commission has a voice at the table.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 Meeting Schedule

After a brief discussion, the following 2017 Meeting Schedule was adopted unanimously upon motion by Manville and seconded by Millstone:

Month	Date	Location/Time	Topic
January	01/25/17	Manville/7:00 p.m. 325 North Main Street Manville, NJ 08835	Reorganization/Regular Mtg
February	No Meeting		
March	03/22/17	Franklin/7:00 p.m. 475 DeMott Lane Somerset, NJ 08873	Regular Meeting
April	04/26/17	Hillsborough/7:00 p.m. Location to be determined	Work Session
May	05/24/17	Hillsborough/7:00 p.m. 379 South Branch Road Hillsborough, NJ 08844	Regular Meeting
June		Event to be determined	

July	No Meeting		
August	No Meeting		
September	09/27/17	Manville/7:00 p.m. 325 North Main Street Manville, NJ 08835	Regular Meeting
October	10/25/17	Franklin/7:00 p.m. 475 DeMott Lane Somerset, NJ 08873	Work Session
November	No Meeting		
December	12/13/17	Somerset County/7:00 pm 20 Grove Street	Regular Meeting

2017 Budget

Chairman Jurewicz reported the Treasurer will prepare the 2017 Budget, noting it will be the same as 2016 and adoption would be at the January 25th meeting.

2017 Dues

After a brief discussion, the 2017 Dues for the Commission were set at \$250 per municipalities and for Somerset County upon motion by Somerset County, seconded by Hillsborough. Said motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

2017 Professionals

After a brief discussion, the salary for Recording Secretary was set at \$200 per month and for Attorney for \$100 per month upon motion by Montgomery, seconded by Millstone. Said motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

2017 Executive Board

Chairman Jurewicz asked if anyone is interested in any of the positions to let him know by January 18th.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mr. Thomas spoke on a historical home in Franklin that needs to be elevated on Canal Road in Griggstown.

Chairman Jurewicz stated it has been a pleasure to work with the Commission this year, noting it has been a tough year. He wished all happy holidays and a prosperous 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Franklin to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Said motion was seconded by Millstone and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie McCarthy
Recording Secretary