

MINUTES
RARITAN & MILLSTONE RIVERS FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION
MAY 24, 2017

Chairman Jurewicz called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Chairman Jurewicz 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 Complex, 379 South Branch Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844 on May 24, 2017. 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, Somerville, Somerset County

Municipalities Absent: Bridgewater, Raritan, Rocky Hill 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 announced the next work session will be held on June 28, 2017 at the Franklin Municipal Building.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Correspondence

Chairman Jurewicz reported a letter and email was sent to the Army Corps of Engineers inviting them to the September meeting. To date, there has been no response. Chairman Jurewicz reported a survey has been distributed to the members of the Commission and he has received three (3) responses to date. Chairman Jurewicz reported the Commission’s grant application to NJ American Water has been denied.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Sluka presented the following report:

- 1) Claims for Payments:
 - #180 Void \$0
 - #181 Vella, Singer & Associates \$100
- 2) Income:
 - a) Franklin - \$250

- 3) Budget Encumbrances (none)
- 4) Donation of Gift to RMRFCC (none)

The aforesaid Treasurer’s Report was moved by Montgomery, seconded by Hillsborough and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasurer Sluka presented the following Finance Committee Report reporting the balance of the account is \$9,385.57 as of May 24, 2017. Said Finance Report was approved upon motion by Montgomery, seconded by Hillsborough and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

PRESENTATION/SPECIAL GUEST

Chairman Jurewicz suggested inviting Chris Obropko, Rutgers, to the work session in June focusing on grants and projects. Mr. Obropko made a presentation last year at Duke’s Farms about the Raritan River Watershed. He noted there are people from Rutgers reaching out to him. Mr. Belanger noted Hillsborough is working with him to retrofit old detention basins.

OLD BUSINESS

Presentation to Municipalities

Chairman Jurewicz reported he worked with Mr. DeRochi and the power point presentation is ready. He expressed his hope to present to municipalities over the summer. He noted it is a 15 minute presentation. Mr. Sluka explained how to get on a municipality’s agenda for July and August, noting June’s agendas are most likely filled. Chairman Jurewicz and Vice Chairman DeRochi will make the presentations.

June Event/Meeting

Mr. Singer offered his office for the Work Session.

NEW BUSINESS

Options for Grants

Chairman Jurewicz reported on last week’s work session. He stated the Commission needs to find something in their scope to work on. He stated a basic survey was distributed for feedback and projects.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Mr. Singer asked if they can reach out to Rutgers for the camera and work with them to link web pages. Chairman Jurewicz stated he was hoping to use camera in the presentation. He stated he has informed the County OEM about the camera. He announced the next work session is June 26th at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Onderko, Manville, reported he is heading to Trenton next week to request the NJDEP for \$2 million in grant money. He reported Alex Peterson from the Army Corps of Engineers has responded to him with links.

There being no further 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.

COMMENTS FROM CHAIRMAN

Chairman Jurewicz reported he has sold his home in Manville in three (3) days and the closing will be in June. He stated he will have to step down as Chairman and noted he will be in the audience. He will help with the presentation. There was a discussion regarding if the Mayor of Manville can appoint or the Mayor of Hillsborough can appoint him.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

Chairman Jurewicz stated the two work sessions this year were successful.

Mr. Thomas announced the canal dredging begins in the fall.

Mr. Sluka reported Somerville is in their 7th year in the Rain Barrel Program, noting they have partnered with Raritan and Bridgewater. Chairman Jurewicz asked if the Commission can get involved.

Mr. Sluka reported on the Route 206 Green Space Project. He stated it is not intended to be a lake. He reported on the \$12 million project from the NJDEP. He stated there have been delays as a result of the rain.

Chairman spoke on detention basins holding a lot of water and then letting it out. He spoke of high water with 1-2" of rain, noting the visual data is there. Mr. Thomas stated they are just bib courts built with porous pavement. Mr. Belanger stated there is a lot of porous pavement in town in parking lots.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Somerville to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Said motion was seconded by Hillsborough and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie McCarthy (on behalf of Scott Thomas)
Recording Secretary