

M I N U T E S
VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
FLOOD MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regularly scheduled and noticed Meeting held in Village Hall (Regatta) at 7:30 p.m. on March 27, 2012

PRESENT:

Paul Ryan, Acting Chair
George Schieferdecker
Anthony Gelber
Andres Hallstrom
Norman Rosenblum, Mayor
Richard Slingerland, Village Manager
Dan Sarnoff, Assistant Village Manager

EXCUSED:

Peggy Jackson, Chair
Benny Salinitro

ABSENT:

Craig Casterella

Meeting was convened at 7:45 by Acting Chair Ryan.

Multi Hazard Plan has been submitted and initial feedback from FEMA is positive. Second required public meeting was held the previous evening at BOT Meeting. We anticipate that the Plan could be returned with comments from FEMA to the Village in one to two months. At that point, any corrections will be made by staff in conjunction with Committee and Consultants (ETG) and then the Village Board will be able to approve it. At that point, we will be able to apply for more federal grants and start the Community Rating System (CRS) process. In the meantime, we are in the pipeline for OEM grants – 3 to 6 months lead time for announcements, which should be after the final Plan is approved, which is a requirement of the grants.

The Committee discussed the “cumulative” portion of local law which can negatively impacts our residents in a potentially very punitive fashion. Village Mgr and Mayor committed to have a revision to our local law discussed at next BOT Work Session on April 2nd with the idea of setting a public hearing on the change for the last BOT Meeting in April. This change will take away 100 points from total overall CRS potential of 4,500 points, but everyone agreed this was a small price to pay to protect our residents from draconian economic sanctions.

Dan Sarnoff advised that there is a new Repetitive Loss list that goes back to 2004 or perhaps before that. No further information is available at this time.

There was a meeting with George Latimer and Pat Keegan (Nita Lowey’s office), coordinating with the NYS Department of State Codes Division, regarding repair vs.

alteration in buildings in the Flood Zone. The State advised that no change in policy was made, and they provided guidance to the Village on how we can amend our policy and approach in such a manner that our residents benefit from the new approach.

Silt removal is planned to take place again in the Village this Spring. The Village will obtain three quotes, to remain within budget, for the dredging of areas where silt is building up again. It was noted that Tony Gelber and Peggy Jackson (and Village Mgr) observed that heavy re-siltation has occurred at the North Barry Ave Extension Bridge (near EMS). This is primarily due to sand and dirt being washed down from the upstream area of Saxon Woods and is not attributable to previous silt placement on banks washing back into Mamaroneck River. Mr. Slingerland also had observed and noted significant amounts of sand and silt built up in the “East Branch” of the Sheldrake River, which washes down parallel to Fenimore Road, and then ends up being deposited in the Sheldrake River next to Bub Walker Park. We also discussed the advantages of doing bank restoration/plantings to prevent future erosion.

Also discussed was the need for a study to determine the cost effectiveness of purchasing silt removal equipment – either a used Menzi Mucker, or perhaps an Excavator, for the long run vs. putting the job out for bid every year. Hopefully, we can get a report on this.

The subject of Parkland was also discussed. It was agreed that the Village should compile an inventory list of all such properties in the Village and formally officially declare them as parkland. This will give us “bonus points” for our CRS rating. This will necessitate a Resolution and Act of the Board to formalize these parks, and will be done at the next Work Session.

Mr. Gelber has submitted ideas to the Village Mgr and this Committee regarding changing the geographical confluence of the Mam’k and Sheldrake Rivers in Columbus Park to help alleviate flooding. The Committee has asked the Manager to forward these ideas on to the Army Corps of Engineers. Tony also did some computations on the amount of runoff that the Village suffers from because of the drainage from I-95. A one inch rainfall equals approximately 350,000 gallons of water per hour. Given that all of this runoff (contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons, salt, and other road chemicals) enters our rivers and contributes to flooding, it is easy to see that – with a 3 mile stretch of I-95 draining into the Village – approximately 1 million gallons of extra water per hour/per inch of water enter our drainage basin. The Committee requested that Mr. Slingerland advise the Army Corps of this and ask if some remediation could take place or, barring that, that some cost/benefit credit be given to the Village since this extra water originates from a Federal Road.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Paul A. Ryan