



**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
BOROUGH OF DORMONT STORMWATER AUTHORITY
HELD ON WEDNESDAY MAY 20, 2020 7:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

Chairman Seth Davis called the virtual meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Roll Call: The following members of the Board were in attendance:

Seth Davis, Chairman
Chad Greenlee
Gary Klimowicz
Ron Hastings

Not in Attendance: Frank Stumpo

Also Present: Ena Lebel- Solicitor
Deborah Grass – Interim Manager
Tricia Levander - Finance
John Heyl, Engineer- LSSE

Members of the Public Present:
Mayor Jason Walsh
Councilman Jeff Fabus
Mary Foley
Dan Lloyd
Bert Lloyd

Registered Comments from the Public Agenda Items: None

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Ron Hastings reported that April 2020 current collections were \$15,733.85; delinquent collections were \$1,973.65; the balance in the Operating account at April 30, 2020 - \$553,643.63; the balance in the Contingency account - \$50,000.00. Hastings also reviewed the June bill list in the amount of \$24,952.75 and the budget to actual report for the month ending May 31..

Engineer's Report: John Heyl reviewed the written report. He reported that he has received the final pay request from Colosimo for Athens Alley but it will not be processed until the contractor provides a schedule regarding final pavement restoration and the line striping on Kelton Avenue. Improvements to Piedmont Avenue may have a positive impact on the rate of runoff to Latonia Avenue. We are still waiting for announcements for PA Small Water and Sewer grants and for the GEDF Grants through the Commonwealth Financing Agency (LaSalle Avenue and Louisisana Avenue and Athens Alley Phase 2). Bids were opened on May 11 for 11th Alley Improvements – the low bid is Baiano Construction in the amount of \$47,970.

Interim Manager’s Report: Debby Grass reviewed highlights from the written report. She reported that she and Tricia Levander have been working on final items for the 2019 audit with Maher Duessel. The audit should be available to review with the Finance Committee when the draft is complete in late June. It must be filed with DCED by June 30. Grass reported that information about the bills, meetings, annual report, public education, virtual meetings, and other issues were prepared and posted to FB, Twitter, Savvy Citizen, and the website. Levander continues to work with PNC to access on-line bank statements and to investigate interest bearing accounts for the Authority. Grass prepared the article for the Dormont Summer Newsletter and continues to work with Committee members towards producing a virtual workshop over the summer. Grass attended the bid opening on May 11 and provided the information to Council. Grass also followed up with residents, Borough officials, and the Engineer regarding stormwater complaints that were received during the past several weeks.

Committee Reports:

Finance & Legal- No Report

Education & Outreach- The Committee reported that they are still attempting to schedule some public education opportunities but will probably have to be virtual workshops. Grass will work with Stormworks, Audobon, and TreeVitalize to set something up.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Klimowicz, second by Davis to approve the consent agenda

- a. Meeting Minutes for April 15, 2020
- b. May Bill List in the amount of \$24,052.75
- c. Treasurer’s Report for May 2020
- d. Engineer’s Report for May 2020
- e. Interim Manager’s Report for May 2020
- f. Payment to SMGG in the amount of \$720.00
- g. Payment to LSSE in the amount of \$7,375.01
- h. Payment to Grass Root Solutions in the amount of \$3,811.90

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Action Items:

Motion by Davis, second by Hastings to approve the rain barrel credit for Angela Mayer, 1145 Hillsdale Avenue - all documents have been submitted and an inspection of the property is complete

Public Comment: None

Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Davis, second by Hastings to table the 11th Alley bid award. The Board noted that this project was not included in the budget but that it could be awarded after additional analysis if the funds are available. Heyl reported that the Borough is not moving forward with paving projects in 2020 – the Authority would be responsible for restoration of the alley until the Borough moves forward with its paving projects. The Board decided to revisit this project at the next meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Table carried 4-0

Discussion Items:

The Board reviewed a number of complaints from residents at this time:

2811 Connecticut Avenue – Mary Foley indicated that she is representing her parents. There is constant water running onto the property and the yard has become a marsh. Dan Lloyd and Bert Lloyd (2811 Voelkel Avenue) verified that there is always water running from Voelkel Avenue to Connecticut Avenue and that PA American has replaced pipes and water leaks recently but that there is still water on the flat part of the street. They have discussed this problem with the Borough Engineer and have been referred to the Stormwater Authority. LSSE has reviewed the situation. The storm sewer that comes from Voelkel to Connecticut crosses between 2817 and 2819 Connecticut. There did not appear to be signs of this pipe being broken in this area. There is no information on the pipe that comes from 2811 Connecticut. The Board asked Mr. Heyl to add this to the CCTV contract that will be prepared in June.

3263 Beacon Hill Avenue – Levander read an email to Council from Rob Rock, a resident at 3263 Beacon Hill Avenue. He reported water seeping through the foundation after the storm water settles on a depression located at the intersection of Beacon Hill and the ally next to the house. The Board reviewed the pictures and the complaint. It does not appear that it is a stormwater system problem. It appears that the water may be entering the property from an ADA curb that was disrupted and not repaired by PA American Water Company. No Authority work is planned for 10th Alley. Grass will respond to the property owner.

3053 Windemere Avenue – the property owner Patrick Flaherty reported a problem with storm water coming onto his property. This problem began about 2 years ago and has gotten progressively worse. During storm events, there is water that springs up from the ground in the back yard (map attached) runs down the hill and pools in about a 6-inch deep trough against the foundation of the house. At this level the water escapes by a drain about 12 feet away. Recently the water has been spilling over the spill plate into the house. It was noted that water from Alabama Ave. is dumped onto Annapolis at this discharge point. The Board asked Mr. Heyl to add this to the CCTV contract that will be prepared for investigation of several other complaints.

Grass asked the Board about whether they wanted to conduct in-person or virtual meetings for June, July, and August due to the continuing restrictions on public meetings.

Motion by Klimowicz, second by Greenlee to advertise virtual meetings for the months of June, July, and August. Motion carried 4-0

Comments from the Public – Other Items

Councilman Fabus asked if there was a timeline for the next phase of the Athens Alley project. Mr. Heyl responded that there are several grants that have been submitted but there have been no announcements at this time. These are for LaSalle, Louisiana, and the next phase of Athens Alley.

Mayor Walsh suggested that the Board work with the zoning consultant of the Borough to address sustainable issues in the zoning ordinance. Davis suggested we might prepare some slides to be included as part of our public education efforts during the public outreach.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 by Davis, second by Stumpo. Motion carried 4-0.