



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
BOROUGH OF DORMONT STORMWATER AUTHORITY
HELD ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 7:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

Chairman Seth Davis called the virtual meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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

Seth Davis, Chairman
Chad Greenlee
Gary Klimowicz, Secretary
Ron Hastings, Treasurer

Absent: Frank Stumpo, Vice-Chairman

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

Members of the Public Present:
Councilman President Jeff Fabus

Comments from the Chairman: Seth Davis reported that two GEDF grant awards have been announced for the Authority in the amount of \$200,000 for Athens Alley Phase 2 and \$185,000 for Louisiana at LaSalle. He thanked everyone that worked on the grants and also Senator Fontana for supporting the applications.

Comments from the Public: None Registered

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Ron Hastings reported that August 2020 current collections were \$6,904.94; no delinquent collections; the balance in the Operating account at August 31, 2020 is \$477,620.29; the balance in the Contingency account - \$50,000.00. Ron reviewed the September bill list in the amount of \$16,955.63 and the budget to actual report for the month ending August 31, 2020. The collection rate is 85% which is about the same as it was last year at this time.

Engineer's Report: John Heyl reviewed the written report. Heyl reported that there are photos included from a heavy August 28 rainfall in Athens Alley after the Phase 1 work was completed: the 11th Alley pre-construction meeting was held on August 13, 2020 and the work will begin as soon as the Contractor receives his delivery of material; Heyl noted that the GEDF grants have been announced and the Authority was awarded the two for which applications were made. LSSE has submitted a Service Order Authorization to begin the work for the inlet and catch basin inspections for the Arkansas Avenue watershed.

Interim Manager's Report: Debby Grass reviewed highlights from the written report that was submitted to the Board. She reported that a virtual meeting was conducted with the Engineer from Mt. Lebanon and the Dormont Borough Manager and Engineer to discuss possible joint projects on Scott Road to control the run-off into the Piedmont Avenue watershed. Mt. Lebanon indicated that they have no public facilities in that area but that they could help facilitate discussions with the church and cemetery. Any facilities that could be installed on private property would qualify the owners for credits under the Mt. Lebanon ordinance. She reported that she and Tricia have begun to prepare a preliminary 2021 budget and that a Finance Committee meeting would be scheduled for September. Material was prepared and submitted for the Fall 2020 Borough newsletter. The annual MS4 report was reviewed with the Engineer and it is ready for submission. She met with Borough personnel and representatives for Tree Pittsburgh on September 9 and an application for Tree Pittsburgh spring planting grant was submitted. Grass, Levander, and Chad Greenlee attended some of the PMAA educational sessions. Grass is looking into an option to digitize all of the Authority's records.

Committee Reports:

Finance & Legal- There will be a Finance Committee meeting on September 29 to discuss 2021 operating budget and the Capital Improvement Plan

Education & Outreach- Gary Klimowicz discussed a video that was produced by Avalon and stated that he might look into producing a similar one for the Authority's website and Facebook. Chad reported that he had attended some sessions of the PMAA conference during the first week of September.

Consent Agenda:

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

- a. Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2020
- b. September Bill List in the amount of \$20,193.95
- c. Treasurer's Report for September 2020
- d. Engineer's Report for September 2020
- e. Interim Manager's Report for September 2020
- f. Payment to Solicitor in the amount of \$599.50
- g. Payment to Engineer in the amount of \$1,786.85
- h. Payment to Management Services in the amount of \$4,319.53

Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: None

Motion Carried 3-0

Action Items:

Motion by Klimowicz, second by Hastings, to authorize a Service Order Authorization for LSSE in the amount of \$6,500 to undertake the inspection, clean out, and preparation of an RFP for the repair of the catch basins in the Arkansas Avenue watershed.

Public Comment: None

Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Davis, second by Greenlee to authorize a \$40 rain barrel credit for Mindy Mastruserio, 1234 Biltmore Avenue as recommended by the Interim Manager.

Public Comment: None

Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Davis, second by Klimowicz to confirm that the Authority will conduct virtual meetings for the rest of 2020, specifically September, October, November, and December.

Public Comment: None

Motion carried 4-0

Discussion Items:

Mr. Davis confirmed that he is moving out of Dormont and will have to resign his position on the Dormont Stormwater Authority Board. He regretfully is tendering his resignation.

Comments from the Public – Other Items

Council President Fabus congratulated the Board on their successful efforts to obtain the GEDF grants that will ensure that additional projects will be undertaken to address stormwater problems in the Borough. He also thanked Mr. Davis for his service to the Borough and expressed his regrets that the Borough will be losing him and his family.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm by Klimowicz, second by Greenlee. Motion carried 4-0.