



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
BOROUGH OF DORMONT STORMWATER AUTHORITY
HELD ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 21, 2021 7:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

Call to Order: Chairman Gary Klimowicz called the virtual meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

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

Gary Klimowicz, Chairman
Frank Stumpo, Vice-Chairman
Chad Greenlee, Secretary
Ron Hastings, Treasurer
James Mastronie, Board Member

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

Members of the Public Present: Mayor Jason Walsh
Kara Walsh
Jessica Piacquadio
Jim Konesky

Comments from the Chairman: The Chairman announced that the Authority is working on many exciting projects this year and that there would be more discussion about two major projects that will be undertaken by the Authority partially funded with grant money.

Comments from the Public:

Kara Walsh, Dormont Arts, provided a presentation that described a new project, Dormont Community Gardens, volunteers will be planting community gardens with fresh produce at two locations: Dormont Park near the Park Pavilion and Beggs Snyder Park near the basketball court. The group will accept donations and volunteers for planting scheduled for May 14 at Dormont Park and May 15 at Beggs Snyder Park.

Motion by Mastronie, second by Hastings to donate a rain barrel to the Dormont Community Gardens for use in Dormont Park. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Stumpo suggested that the Board discuss other ways to support and provide resources for the community gardens project.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Ron Hastings reported that current collections through March 31 were \$22,869.74; the balance in the Operating Account as of March 31 is \$270,540.37; the balance in the Money Market account is \$400,039.85. Ron reviewed the March bill list in the amount of \$23,675.39 and the budget to actual report for the month ending March 31, 2021. The 2021 collection rate to date is 78.8%.

Engineer's Report: John Heyl LSSE reported bids were received for the two GEDTF grant projects on April 15 and the recommendations to award the bids are in the Board packet. He reviewed the projects with the Board by displaying the plans on-screen and discussing the details and budget. He said that they are not recommending the Alternate for Louisiana Avenue because the benefit does not justify the cost. He reported that he reviewed a complaint at 1644 McFarland Road and worked with the Borough to obtain a CCTV of the pipe. The conclusion is that it is not a stormwater issue.

Solicitor Report: The Solicitor reported that the Borough has approved the final draft of the Easement for the rain garden and that we can forward it to the Borough for signatures as soon as we have a legal description to attach to the Agreement. She also reported the final version of the By-Laws has been provided to the Board and that they can be approved by the Board at this meeting.

Manager's Report: Grass reported that she and Tricia continue to prepare documents and provide information for the 2020 audit which is due to DCED no later than June 30. An updated contact list with Board member terms has been prepared and distributed. She and Tricia have attended virtual meetings with the auditors and with PNC regarding fees that have been assessed over the past several months. She reported that Tricia and Joe Polk have taken steps to install the security certificate for the website. She is working with Gary and Chad to pull together the template for the May 14 Spring workshop and to advertise the public meeting for the Rain Garden on May 3. She attended the bid opening on April 15 and continues to work with the county to provide information as the GEDTF projects move forward. She needs Board signatures for the grant contracts so that they can be sent to the county. She reminded the Board and staff that Financial Interest Forms are due by May 1.

Committee Reports:

Finance & Legal- Ron Hastings and Jim Mastronie will schedule a meeting with Deb Grass and Tricia to review the proposals and supplemental information provided by the vendors for the Website Update and Redesign project.

Education & Outreach- Gary Klimowicz reviewed information about the workshop on May 14 at noon and at 6pm and it will focus on residential property compliance issues and sustainable garden ideas. A meeting for the public to discuss and take ideas about the W. Liberty Avenue Rain Garden is scheduled for May 3 at 6pm.

Consent Agenda:

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

- a. Meeting Minutes for March 17
- b. April Bill List in the amount of \$23,675.39
- c. Treasurer's Report for April 2021
- d. Engineer's Report for April 2021
- e. Manager's Report for April 2021
- f. Payment to Solicitor in the amount of \$ 1,336.50
- g. Payment to Engineer in the amount of \$ 6,641.06

h. Payment for Management Services in the amount of \$3,887.28

Public Comment: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Action Items:

Motion by Stumpo, second by Hastings, to accept the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$190,781 from Independent Enterprises, Inc. for the Louisiana Avenue-Phase 2 Stormwater Improvement Project (2020-GEDTF-073A) as recommended by the Authority’s Engineer. The Solicitor noted that this contractor is the same contractor that will be doing the Borough’s street paving project in 2021.

Public Comment: None

Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Klimowicz, second by Greenlee to accept the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$229,016.25 from Independent Enterprises, Inc. for the Athens Alley-Phase 2 Stormwater Improvement Project (2020-GEDTF-073B) as recommended by the Authority’s Engineer.

Public Comment: None

Motion carried: 5-0

Motion by Stumpo, second by Mastronie to adopt the Board By-Laws with revisions dated April 21, 2021.

Public Comment: None

Motion carried: 5-0

Motion by Klimowicz, second by Mastronie to approve the execution of the Rain Garden Easement agreement with the Borough subject to the final legal attachments being prepared and added as attachments.

Public Comment: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

Discussion Items:

The Board discussed the 2021 annual membership with the PA Municipal Authorities Association and the benefits of continuing the membership.

Motion by Stumpo, second by Klimowicz to approve the payment in the amount of \$1,000 for membership in the PA Municipal Authorities Association.

Public Comment: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

Comments from the Public – Other Items

Mr. Jim Konesky thanked the Board for their efforts and for making it easy for people to log on and attend the meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 9:05pm by Klimowicz, second by Mastronie. Motion carried 5-0.