



MINUTES
THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
BOROUGH OF DORMONT STORMWATER AUTHORITY
HELD ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18, 2023 6:00PM

IN PERSON (COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1444 HILLSDALE AVENUE)
AND VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Solicitor Alexis Wheeler at 6:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

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

Frank Stumpo
James Mastronie
Renee Heldman
Jennifer Nolan-Kremm

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

Members of the Public Present: None

Reorganization of the Board:

Motion by Stumpo, second by Heldman to install the following Board members in the Board officer positions:

Chairperson	Frank Stumpo
Vice-Chairperson	James Mastronie
Treasurer	Jennifer Nolan-Kremm
Secretary	Renee Heldman

Motion carried 4-0.

Comments from the Chairman: The Chairman had no official comments

Comments from the Public: None.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Jennifer Nolan-Kremm read the Treasurers Report into the record noting that there were current collections in the amount of \$2,517.10 from Jordan and delinquent collections in the amount of \$1,575.29 for the month of December; there were no credits; the balance in the Operating Account as of December 31 was \$320,000.63; and the balance in the Money Market account was \$151,145.51. Jordan has collected 88% of the amount billed on January 15, 2022 – this is slightly better than 2021. Only \$48,156.84 has not been collected to date. Manager Grass noted that there was a significant ACH deposit from Jordan on January 4 but it will be recorded as a 2023 deposit. The January bill list is included in the Board packet in the amount of \$22,800.35 and the budget to actual report for the month ending December 31, 2022 is included in the Board packet. Grass noted that the fund balance would be almost \$200,000 higher if the Authority had received reimbursement for the Louisiana Avenue project.

Engineer's Report: John Heyl reported that they are preparing the layout/phasing plan for the Dormont Park TMDL – awaiting information from the Borough about playground layout. LSSE will submitted the small water and sewer grant to the CFA in December. The Athens Alley project is completed and final payment made. LSSE issued in-place quantity change order to the contractor for the Louisiana Avenue project and await the contractor's signature on the change order and final invoice for the project. The Borough has been awarded a GEDTF grant in the amount of \$125,000 for the Piedmont Avenue Watershed Phase 1 project. The construction plan has been drafted for review. Heyl reported that he investigated a complaint at 2880 W. Liberty Avenue at the request of the Borough but it appears to be a sanitary sewer illicit connection issue.

Solicitor's Report: The Solicitor announced that there was an Executive Session immediately preceding the regular meeting at 5:30pm to discuss a potential litigation issue. She continued to negotiate the potential litigation with the Engineer relative to the Louisiana Avenue project which was reviewed by Board members in Executive Session.

Manager Report: Deborah Grass reported that we got some good news from Senator Fontana's Office - the Authority was awarded \$125,000 in GEDTF funding for the Piedmont Avenue project – it can now be scheduled for 2023. The acceptance of the grant award is on the agenda for Board approval. Tricia continues to work with PLGIT to complete paperwork and transfer funds from PNC. Grass reported a discussion with the W. PA Conservancy to undertake a residents' tree planting that will be jointly sponsored by the Authority and the Conservancy for Fall of 2023 tree planting. Grass attended a Shade Tree Commission virtual meeting to coordinate with the Commission on the tree planting effort. Grass has been working with the Engineer, Solicitor, and contractor to get the paperwork in place to close-out the GEDTF 2020 grants. Grass is also working with Senator Fontana's office to advance the LSA grant pending with the CFA for the Piedmont Avenue Phase 1 grant. Grass submitted the Spring newsletter to the Borough.

Committee Reports:

Finance & Legal- No report this month

Education & Outreach- No report this month but the Committee will work with the Manager to advance the residential tree planting project and to plan for the summer workshop

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Stumpo second by Mastronie to approve the consent agenda for January:

- a. Meeting Minutes September November 16, 2022
- b. Bill List – December 2022
- c. Bill List – January 2023
- d. Treasurer’s Report – December 2022
- e. Treasurer’s Report – January 2023
- f. Engineer’s Report – December 2022
- g. Engineer’s Report – January 2023
- h. Manager’s Report – December 2022
- i. Manager’s Report – January 2023
- j. Payment – Invoice from Solicitor (DEC-JAN)
- k. Payment – Invoice from Engineer (DEC-JAN)
- l. Payment – Invoice from Manager (DEC-JAN)

Public Comment: None

Motion Carried 4-0

Action Items:

- A. Motion by Stumpo, second by Heldman to approve payment to DEP in the amount of \$2,500 for the MS4 NPDES Individual permit for 2023.
Public comment: None
Motion carried 4-0.
- B. Motion by Stump, second by Nolan-Kremm to approve the 2023 LSSE rates as presented.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 4-0.
- C. Motion tabled. The Solicitor stated that there would be no change to the SMGG rates for 2023.
- D. Motion by Stumpo, second by Mastronie to authorize payment in the amount of \$2,645.68 to the Borough of Dormont for work completed by the public works department for the Sixth Alley Stormwater project.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 4-0.
- E. Motion by Stumpo, second by Heldman to authorize payment in the amount of \$2,500 to Maher Duessel for the completion of a compliance audit for the grant close-out for the 20-GEDTF-073B Athens Alley Phase 2 stormwater project.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 4-0.

- F. Motion by Stumpo, second by Nolan-Kremm to approve the 2023 annual membership in the amount of \$516.16 to the PA Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA).
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 4-0.

- G. Motion by Stumpo, second by Mastronie to authorize the Manager to sign the Award Acceptance Letter for the 22-GEDTF-170 grant in the amount of \$125,000 for the Piedmont Avenue Phase 1 stormwater project.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 4-0.

- H. Motion by Mastronie, second by Stumpo to authorize the Solicitor to work with Independent Enterprises, Inc. to finalize the change order and invoice for the 20-GEDTF-073A Louisiana Avenue stormwater project.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 4-0.

- I. Motion by Stumpo, second by Heldman to table a motion relative to the final invoice for the Louisiana Avenue project until the February meeting.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion Items:

Tricia requested information from Board members regarding the purchase of shirts from Custom Leisure and will send out an email requesting size and preference information.

Grass noted that there is a Board vacancy and asked members to recommend persons who might be interested.

Comments from the Public: None

Adjournment: There being no further business of the Authority, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49pm.