



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
BOROUGH OF DORMONT STORMWATER AUTHORITY
HELD ON WEDNESDAY MAY 15, 2024 6:00 PM**

**DORMONT MUNICIPAL BUILDING - 1444 HILLSDALE AVENUE
DORMONT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WITH VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM (Optional)**

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Treasurer James Mastronie at 6:05pm.

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

Present: James Mastronie, Treasurer
Rosey Kipp, Secretary (Virtual)
James Olchowski, Board Member (Virtual)

Absent: Frank Stumpo – Vice Chairperson
Jennifer Nolan-Kremm - Chairperson

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

Members of the Public Present: None

Comments from the Solicitor: No report

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Mastronie reported that current collections for the month of March were \$20,564.97; delinquent collections were \$ 13,503.87; the balance in the P L G I T Operating Account as of April 30 was \$810,610.93. The bill list is in the amount of \$33,414.39. The total collection rate through April 30 is 76.7%. Interest income with PLGIT through April is \$14,686.38.

Engineer's Report: John Heyl, LSSE, announced that the final NPDES permit was issued on May 6. The Borough received \$200,000 from the Small Water and Sewer program; a joint meeting was held with Council on April 22 to discuss the TMDL Dormont Park project – LSSE will prepare a rendering for public outreach use. Storm sewer work on Phase 1 Piedmont Ave. is complete, pavement restoration will not be done until the utility companies complete their work; work on Phase 2 Piedmont Ave. storm sewer work is complete and pavement restoration will be coordinated after the utility companies complete their work. The Espy Ave. rain garden project began in May and will take about 60 days to complete. Bids for Crosby Avenue came in higher than bid limits – formal bid documents will have to be developed for the bid.

Solicitor Report: The Solicitor reported that the fully executed easement for Espy Avenue rain garden has been filed with the county.

Manager's Report: Grass reported that all documents have been submitted to DCED for reimbursement of payments 1 and 2 for the Piedmont Phase 1 grant. The renewal of the public official's insurance is on the agenda to be approved. Tricia has finished the final requests from the auditor for the 2023 audit. Tricia undertook the preparations and attended the Dormont Goes Green event. A proposal has been submitted by Urban Landscapes for upgrades to the rain garden on W. Liberty Avenue for Board consideration. A joint meeting was held with Council to review and discuss public outreach for the Dormont Park TMDL project.

Committee Reports:

Finance & Legal- No Report

Education & Outreach – Rosey Kipp reported that the Dormont Goes Green event was a great opportunity for interaction with the public and that the DSWA booth and plant giveaway was very well-received. There was a discussion about how much the park and play structure are used and the importance of a well-designed public outreach process. There was a consensus that DSWA should have a booth at Dormont Day with the poster-board rendering of the TMDL project. James Olchowski suggested that we promote the tree planting with signs, events, and door hangers.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mastronie, second by Olchowski to approve the consent agenda:

- A. Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2024
- B. Bill List – May 2024
- C. Treasurer's Report – May 2024
- D. Engineer's Report – May 2024
- E. Manager's Report – May 2024
- F. Payment – Invoices from Solicitor (May 2024)
- G. Payment – Invoices from Engineer (May 2024)
- H. Payment – Invoices from Manager (May 2024)

Public Comments: None

Motion Approved: 3-0

Action Items:

- A. Motion to Table by Mastronie, second by Kipp to table the proposal/recommendation from Urban Landscapes for additional planting and landscape material until after a review by the Engineer. Grass requested that LSSE supply a list of plants that are acceptable.
Comments: None
Motion Approved: 3-0
- B. Motion by Mastronie, second by Kipp to authorize LSSE to prepare bid documents for a comprehensive catch basin repair program that includes the Crosby Avenue repair.
Comments: None
Motion Approved: 3-0

- C. Motion by Mastronie, second by Olchowski to authorize payment in the amount of \$1,650 to Professional Governmental Underwriters, LLC for the renewal of the Authority’s 2024 public officials’ insurance coverage.
Comments: None
Motion Approved: 3-0

- D. Motion by Kipp, second by Mastronie to authorize Dormont pool sponsorship for 2024 in the amount of \$250.
Comments: None
Motion Approved: 3-0

- E. Motion to Table by Mastronie, second by Kipp to table the sponsorship for the Dormont Street Fair. Grass stated that records indicate that this was paid twice in 2023 and she will straighten this out with the Borough.
Comments: None
Motion Approved: 3-0

Discussion Items:

Grass suggested installing the proposed Dormont Park TMDL design at the park for people to view – LSSE will prepare the information board. Rosey Kipp announced that the Borough is working with the Audobon Society for Dormont to become a “Bird Town” at a meeting on May 20 at 6pm. The Shade Tree Commission is working on this project.

Comments from the Public – None

Adjournment: Motion by Mastronie, second by Kipp to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm.