



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
BOROUGH OF DORMONT STORMWATER AUTHORITY
HELD ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 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 Chairperson Jennifer Nolan-Kremm at 6:07pm.

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

Present: Jennifer Nolan-Kremm – Chairperson
Frank Stumpo – Vice-Chairperson
James Mastronie - Treasurer
Rosey Kipp, Secretary (Virtual via Zoom entered at 6:07)

Absent: James Olchowski, Board Member

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

Comments from the Chairperson: Chairperson Nolan-Kremm reported that the Dormont Stormwater Authority received two (2) awards at the annual PMAA conference for community engagement – one for electronic communication and one for community events. This is an honor for the Authority and for the Borough – as a small Authority we are now recognized statewide.

Comments from the Public: John Stinner introduced himself to the Board as the new Borough Manager and stated that he looks forward to working with the Stormwater Authority and staff.

Members of the Public Present: John Stinner, Borough Manager
Jen Mazzocco, Council President
Mila Erlinghagen, Exchange Student

Treasurers Report: Treasurer James Mastronie reported that current collections for the month of August were \$2,817.95; delinquent collections were \$2,873.54; the balance in the P L G I T Operating Account as of August 31 was \$791,827.53. The bill list is in the amount of \$24,915.82. The total collection rate through August 31 is 82.7%. Interest income with PLGIT through August 31 is \$29,439.08.

Engineer's Report: John Heyl, LSSE, reported that the revised Dormont Park TMDL advertisement for the Authority will be provided in October – LSSE is working with the manufacturer on a revised layout. Contractor is working on final issues for close out of Piedmont Avenue projects. The Espy Avenue

contractor still has a lot of work to do – there was a discussion with Board members and J. Heyl and a reduced payment is recommended until weeds and dead plants are removed and mulch is replaced. Contracts have been signed and a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled with A. Folino to begin the inlet/catch basin repair project. The GEDTF grant application has been filed. The MS4 progress report has been prepared for submission to DEP.

Comments from the Solicitor: The Solicitor reviewed material relative to the Espy Avenue rain garden project – contracts, payment request, pictures, information from Engineer.

Manager Report: Grass and Chairperson Nolan-Kremm attended the PMAA awards banquet in Hershey, PA to accept two (2) community engagement awards for the Authority. Most of this month was spent on preparations for the residential tree program (we will be planting approximately 25 trees) and the Dormont Street & Music Festival which is scheduled for October 5. The Borough has requested two (2) trees in the area of the community garden. A meeting has been scheduled for October 2 with B. Crooks, TreeVitalize (W. PA Conservancy) to visit all sites to identify locations and species for the planting. Grass reviewed the Year 6 MS4 status report with J. Valinsky, LSSE and sent out letters to residents in the Dwight/Louisiana avenues area reporting that detergents have been detected in the outfalls.

Committee Reports:

Finance & Legal – no report

Education & Outreach – reviewed residential tree program; door hangers were distributed.

Applications will be taken until September 30. T. Levander reviewed the details for the DSWA booth at the October 5 Street Festival.

Consent Agenda:

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

- A. Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2024
- B. Bill List – September 2024
- C. Treasurer’s Report – September 2024
- D. Engineer’s Report – September 2024
- E. Manager’s Report – September 2024
- F. Payment – Invoice from Solicitor September 2024
- G. Payment – Invoices from Engineer September 2024
- H. Payment – Invoice from Manager September 2024

Public Comments: None

Motion Approved: 4-0

Action Items:

- A. Motion by Stumpo, second by Mastronie to authorize the Authority officials to sign the contracts for the 2024 Catch Basin/Inlet Repair contracts with low bidder A. Folino Construction, Inc. for \$97,700.00 contingent upon the review by the Solicitor.

Public Comments: None

Motion Approved: 4-0

- B. Motion by Stumpo, second by Mastronie to authorize upgrades and maintenance to the W. Liberty Avenue rain garden in the amount of \$2,217.25 as itemized and proposed by Urban Landscapes.
Motion Approved: 4-0

- C. Motion by Stumpo, second by Mastronie to authorize the Manager and Engineer to update and submit the Year 6 Annual MS4 report to DEP.
Public Comments: None
Motion Approved: 4-0

- D. Motion by Stumpo, second by Mastronie to move Item 13A (payment for the Espy Avenue rain garden) from a discussion item to an action item.
Public Comments: None
Motion Approved: 4-0

- E. Motion by Mastronie, second by Stumpo to authorize partial payment in the amount of \$54,000 to All Phase 2 for work completed on the Espy Avenue Rain Garden.
Public Comments: None
Motion Approved: 4-0

- F. Motion by Nolan-Kremm, second by Olchowski, to appoint Jennifer Nolan-Kremm as a delegate to the PMAA conference and Deborah Grass as the Alternate for voting purposes.
Public Comments: None
Motion Approved: 3-0

Discussion Items:

Heyl and Grass recommended that the Dormont Park Phase 2 TMDL project be considered as the grant project to submit for the next round of the statewide Local Share Account (LSA) grant - the deadline is November 1 to submit projects. The CFA has still not announced funding from the last round.

Comments from the Public – Jen Mazzocco, introduced herself as the Council President and thanked the Board for its work and reported that they no longer get complaints and concerns from residents in heavy storms. She recognized the good work that has been done by the Board. She asked for the Board to provide feedback to the consultant working on the Borough’s comprehensive plan.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.