

**MINUTES**  
**Morris County-Flood Mitigation Committee (MC-FMC)**  
**30 Schuyler Place - 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey**  
**December 18, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by FMC Vice Chair Thomas Pepe.

Members present:

Betty Cass-Schmidt	Michael Obremski
Andrew Crawford	Joseph Pawelczyk
Louise Davis	Thomas Pepe

Members with an excused absence

Gary Large

Also attending:

Deena Leary, Director, Department of Planning & Public Works  
Christine Marion, Director, Planning & Preservation Division  
Jennifer McCulloch, Coordinator, Flood Mitigation Program, Office of Planning & Preservation

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

Chair Louise Davis announced that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting had been provided and filed with the Town of Morristown, the Morris County Clerk, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the September 18, 2017 meeting were reviewed and on a motion by Betty Cass-Schmidt, which was seconded by Mike Obremski, the Committee approved said Minutes.

**PROGRAM UPDATE**

Ms. McCulloch provided the following updates:

- **Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (pFIRMs)** – On November 1st, FEMA held meetings with municipal officials to discuss the revised pFIRMS as well as the map adoption process. Please see *document A* for details of this briefing. FEMA is hoping to begin the 90-day appeal period in mid-January.

On November 8th & 9th, FEMA also held two public Open Houses to review resident's specific flood risks and flood insurance responsibilities. In total, 587 families attended these meetings, see *document B* for an analysis by municipality of those attending.

- **CRS Assistance Program** – the CRS User Group met on November 28<sup>th</sup>, with representatives from NJ-Dept. of Environment Protection, our Insurance Services/CRS Specialist, and CRS municipal officials - including Parsippany and Montville, which are considering joining the CRS Program and our CRS User Group.

Ryan Whytlaw of NJ-Dept. of Transportation gave a presentation on Evacuation Zones in NJ, a new initiative. He provided the group with multiple maps delineating draft evacuation zones in Morris County for their review and comment

Watershed Management Plan (WMP) – we have successfully obtained the waiver from the CRS program that will allow us to not include the Pequannock Watershed in our WMP; as such, the project may be feasible now. It was agreed that this effort may be tabled until the we are past the appeal period of the Preliminary FIRM maps.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 5:45 p.m., on a motion by Betty Cass-Schmidt, seconded by Joe Pawelczyk, the FMC closed the open portion of the meeting pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, and per the Committee’s standard resolution language, voted to conduct a closed session wherein the subject of real property acquisition shall be discussed.

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

At 6:10 p.m., on a motion by Betty Cass-Schmidt, seconded by Joe Pawelczyk, the FMC returned to open session by unanimous vote.

The following actions were taken, as a result of Closed Session deliberations:

- **Resolution 2017-09 – Lincoln Park – South-3 Project Area – 71 Riveredge Road - Preliminary Approval** – Application for one property for a total of \$196,746, with an estimated match of \$52,393 from a NJ-DEP Green Acres grant. On a motion by Joseph Pawelczyk, seconded by Thomas Pepe, the committee granted unanimous Preliminary Approval.
- **Flood Acquisition Plan (FLAP)** – was approved by all present, on a motion by Betty Cass-Schmidt, seconded by Joseph Pawelczyk.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Christine Marion presented Mike Obremski with a Resolution of Appreciation from the Board of Chosen Freeholders for his excellent service as a member of the Flood Mitigation Committee and his role in shaping the program and assuring its continued success.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Joseph Pawelczyk, seconded by Mike Obremski, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 22nd at 5:30 pm in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Offices of Planning & Public Works, located at 30 Schuyler Place, Schuyler Annex Building, in Morristown, New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer N. McCulloch