

MINUTES
Morris County-Flood Mitigation Committee (MC-FMC)
30 Schuyler Place - 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
September 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chair Louise Davis.

Members present:

Julie Baron	Louise Davis
Gary Large	Michael Obremski
Joseph Pawelczyk	Laura Szwak

Members with an excused absence: Thomas Pepe

Also attending:

Deena Leary, Director – Planning & Public Works Department
Christine Marion, Director - Planning & Preservation Division
Jennifer McCulloch, Program Coordinator – Flood Mitigation Program (FMP)

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Chair 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 August 15, 2016 meeting were reviewed and on a motion by Julie Baron, which was seconded by Michael Obremski, the Committee approved said Minutes.

PROGRAM UPDATE

Ms. McCulloch provided the following updates:

- **Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (p-FIRMs) status** – the Morris County map adoption process remains delayed as a result of re-mapping in Passaic County along the shared border with Morris County. FEMA is currently revising the Scope of Work with their mapping consultants, including the cost of re-issuing the p-FIRMs. This process will take a minimum of four months (January 2017) before the re-mapping work can commence.

It is noteworthy that FEMA has begun receiving, and responding to, appeal comments from Morris County municipalities.

- **Riverine Inundation Model** - [doc. A] the National Weather Service (NWS) has created an advanced hydrologic inundation model near Pequannock. Utilizing a special river gage on the Pompton River, NWS is able to show live information. By clicking on the gage icon,

you can see the ‘hydrograph’ for this section of the Pompton– which shows the current, exact river height in real time – the hydrograph is color-coded to show the various flood stages for that section of river.

This inundation model is available on-line at: <http://water.weather.gov/ahps/inundation.php> and is one of the NWS’s pilot riverine inundation models.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:37 p.m., on a motion by Julie Baron, seconded by Joseph 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 Julie Baron, seconded by Joseph Pawelczyk, the FMC returned to open session by unanimous vote.

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

- **Resolution 2016-03 – East Parsippany-2 Project Area – 82 Lake Shore Drive – Final Approval** - CORE acquisition funding in the amount of \$172,500 to cover Morris County’s 75% cost-share and a recommendation that the corresponding Grant Agreement with Parsippany-Troy Hills be executed. On a motion by Joseph Pawelczyk, seconded by Laura Szwak, the committee granted Final Approval by unanimous roll call vote.
- **Resolution 2016-04 – Parsippany-Troy Hills–4021-2 Project Area – 53 Lake Shore Drive - Final Approval** - MATCH acquisition funding in the amount of \$64,854 to cover Morris County’s 25% cost-share and a recommendation that the corresponding Grant Agreement with Parsippany-Troy Hills be executed. On a motion by Julie Baron, seconded by Gary Large, the committee granted Final Approval by unanimous roll call vote.
- **Resolution 2016-05 – Lincoln Park–Central-3 Project Area – Preliminary Approval** - Application for seven properties for a total of \$1,617,791, with an estimated match of \$468,625 derived from a NJ-DEP Green Acres grant. On a motion by Joseph Pawelczyk, seconded by Laura Szwak, the committee granted Preliminary Approval by unanimous roll call vote.
- **Long Hill – Gillette and Stirling Project Areas – Grant Extension Request** – On a motion by Gary Large, seconded by Joseph Pawelczyk, the committee unanimously granted a final, 6-month extension on grant funding to these project areas. Funds will be available until April 26, 2017 – there will be no extension granted beyond that date.
- **Lincoln Park – North, Central and South Project Areas – Grant Extension Request** – On a motion by Julie Baron, seconded by Michael Obremski, the committee unanimously granted a 6-month extension on grant funding to these three project areas. Funds will be available until March 19, 2017 – this is the first of two possible grant extensions.
- **Flood Acquisition Plan (FLAP)** – was approved by all present, on a motion by Joseph Pawelczyk, seconded by Laura Szwak; Gary Large recused himself from this vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to review.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Joseph Pawelczk, seconded by Laura Szwak, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the 4th 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