

**TOWN OF NEWBURGH
STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD
MINUTES JANUARY 26, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dana Grace, J.T. McCarty

ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENT: Alonzo Moore, Streets Commissioner; Bill Kavanaugh, Town Council Liaison; David Hynes, Town Engineer; Chris Wischer, Town Attorney; Lori Buehlman, Town Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Grace called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

MINUTES

Mr. McCarty moved to adopt the minutes as presented. Mr. Grace seconded the motion and it carried.

REPORTS

Town Council Liaison

Mr. Kavanaugh said the Town Council reappointed Mr. Grace for another three-year term. Mr. Kavanaugh and Mr. Moore retain their appointments for 2015.

Town Engineer

Mr. Hynes said he attended a County Council meeting late last year and the topic of the Magazine property drainage was mentioned. At that meeting, the Council felt the town is not doing all it can to help solve the problem, Mr. Hynes said. He said he had mentioned to Mr. Magazine that he should give the town an easement to his property, which Mr. Magazine refused. Mr. Hynes said the county is working on the issue and Mr. Magazine has sent IDEM a video of the drainage problem.

Mr. Wischer responded that the town representatives, including himself, had left from the meeting with the county and Mr. Magazine thinking that the county had agreed to take the lead on the project and the town would assist as needed. Mr. Wischer is of the opinion the town is waiting for directions from the county as to what should be done next.

Mr. Hynes said he expects to hear from the county engineer. He also discussed the issue with Bob Dale, who lives behind Mr. Magazine. Mr. Dale would like to install rain barrels. Mr. Hynes said he doesn't need permission to do that, unless he altered the drainage on his property.

Town Attorney

Mr. Wischer updated the Board on the status of the Williams petition for rezoning. He said the Site Review Committee has been reactivated and has met on the issue. Mr. Hynes is responsible for investigating drainage issues. The plan will be considered by the Planning Commission in the rezoning petition.

Mr. Hynes said part of the property is in the flood plain. However, a large drainage pipe has been installed to accommodate this type of development. Mr. Hynes said a retention pond on the site would not be effective, as storm water drains directly to the river.

Mr. Wischer said there is a meeting among their representatives and town representatives next week. Mr. Grace said rezoning this property is just one issue. Mr. Wischer said the property north of the Williams' property will offer more drainage concerns. It drains into the culvert that has presented problems.

Mr. McCarty said it is a challenge all should embrace, since it signifies progress. Mr. Grace said growth on that side of town is needed.

Mr. Wischer said they are asking that 35 acres of the property be rezoned to Commercial, but that is not all in the Wal-Mart proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

Kilinski Minor Subdivision

Ms. Buehlman said the Planning Commission has recommended approval of the minor subdivision application. The property owner wants to add 50 feet to his lot. He will purchase the 50 feet from his neighbor. Nothing can be constructed on the extra space. Mr. Wischer said it is basically a lot line adjustment. Additional property has already been added to the property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harrell. That was his first minor subdivision application. There will be no drainage difference if the properties are joined, Mr. Wischer said. There is a drainage plan noted on the plat and Mr. Hynes has reviewed it, Mr. Wischer said.

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the drainage plan. Mr. Grace seconded the motion and both voted in favor.

COMMENTS

Mr. Grace asked Mr. Hynes to examine a portion of his property. There is a drainage pipe in the adjacent lot that discharges at the bottom of the hill. He has seen water bubbling up out of the pipe and soil around it.

Mr. Hynes said it could be a clogged drain or it could be a sewer department issue. Mr. Grace added that he is concerned that the erosion happening around the pipe may clog the drain at the street. Mr. Hynes said that pipe is on the sewer plans, so it can be located. Mr. Grace said there is an easement on the property.

Mr. Grace said there was equipment in the area when a force drain was installed. The pipe could have been driven over and damaged.

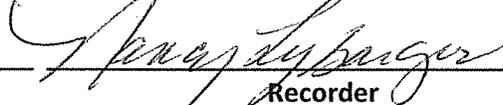
Mr. Hynes said he has passed the report on the Frame Road drainage to County Engineer, Steve Sherwood. He wanted the board to know that he had made the overture that the town is willing to work with the county on drainage matters.

If the area is annexed, Mr. Hynes said the property owners will have to abide by the town's drainage ordinance. He asked what should be done if he knows of issues that will not meet ordinance requirements. Mr. Wischer said there are impact issues in the ordinance. Mr. Hynes said the county must follow the same rules as Newburgh, too. Modeling is used now to predict future usage, he said.

ADJOURN

Mr. McCarty moved to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. Mr. Grace seconded and the motion carried.


Chair


Recorder

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