

**TOWN OF NEWBURGH
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD
MINUTES JUNE 15, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dana Grace; Greg Bailey; J. T. McCarty

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

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

REPORTS

Town Council Liaison

Ms. Buehlman said the Street Department is working on a Cypress Street ditch and has filled a ditch on St. Catherine parallel to Sharon Road with cocoa fiber instilled with grass seed.

The next project will be on Cypress, then one on Main Street.

She said as of May 15, liens have been placed for one renter and eight property owners for failure to pay stormwater fees. Since the collection program began with the Town, she said 48 owners and 26 renters have been cited for collection. Names of people who can't be located are turned over to a collection agency. Past due bills for \$25 or less are written off after several months.

Town Engineer

Mr. Hynes followed up on an email he sent last week concerning West Jennings and failing stormwater pipes that were discovered during sidewalk work. He said it is a matter of time before they collapse. He encouraged the board to inventory all the stormwater pipes to know the extent of weaknesses in the lines. He said for \$2,400, a camera can be sent through all the Jennings Street line. For \$7,000, the camera can be sent through the lines and Commonwealth will review of the video and to make recommendations.

Most of the lines are 12-inch and can patch and fill inside with a flexible liner that will harden, Mr. Hynes said. He warned that sometimes an excavation is necessary and that would increase the expense.

Mr. McCarty moved to recommend to the Town Council spending the \$7,000 for the inspection, review and recommendation. Mr. Bailey seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Kavanaugh asked Mr. Hynes if all those lines were installed at the same time. Mr. Hynes said he doesn't know, but all should be inspected within the next 60 days (before the street gets paved). He said a mirror could be used on most of the runs and if they look okay, move to the next. If not, use the camera to inspect the whole run.

Ms. Buehlman will add the recommendation to the Town Council agenda.

Staff

Ms. Buehlman said the sidewalk project is going well. Water Street paving is complete and the lines are marked. Also, the new parking design at the Old Lock and Dam Park has been instituted, with Rivertown Trail running south of the parking now.

Mr. McCarty said a fence on the south side is needed on the green space between the condos and the Edgewater. He said it is a safety hazard that nothing blocks accidental falls into the river.

Leanna Hughes said there are deed restrictions that the town agreed to when the previous condo owners signed the lot over to the town. No fencing is one of the restrictions. She suggested a line of low shrubbery to block the drop off to the river.

Ms. Buehlman said there are several other locations in town along the river that pose the same threat.

Mr. McCarty said it's an unanticipated 40-foot drop from the edge.

NEW BUSINESS

MS4 Services

Ms. Buehlman updated the board on her May meeting in Indianapolis with MS4. She asked the board to engage Commonwealth to help complete the more complicated sections of the audit and annual MS4 report.

She noted the mapping was completed last year and will be included in the upcoming report.

Mr. Bailey moved to engage Commonwealth to help with the audit and annual report for MS4. Mr. McCarty asked Ms. Buehlman how much of the audit and annual report she could do herself if she had time. She said she could get it done, but Commonwealth can do it much quicker. She would like Commonwealth to take on collecting information to develop a stormwater management plan. The \$16,000 cost of this is budgeted, she said, but Commonwealth will bill by the hour.

Another job before the report is marking all inlets in town. There are about 200, she said. Additional ones have been added that need to be included in the marking. The street department can do this but the more detailed tasks, Commonwealth is more suited to do, she said.

Mr. McCarty seconded the motion and it carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Mrs. Hughes noted the budget for stormwater management is minimal. A while back a citizen approached her about a drainage problem caused by the town. She informed the board of an OCRA grant that is available with only a 10 percent Town match. Ms. Buehlman said the biggest hurdle Newburgh experiences in qualifying for any OCRA grant is the income survey. In order for an area to qualify for an OCRA grant, it must meet the low to middle income requirements.

Mrs. Hughes asked if the board keeps a list of prioritized items should funding become available. Mr. Grace said there is a list of projects that need to be done.

Mr. Hynes said the individual who helps the town with OCRA grant applications has had health problems and is out of the office. The department she belongs to is also in flux, he said.

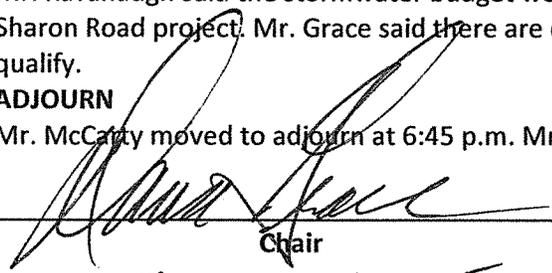
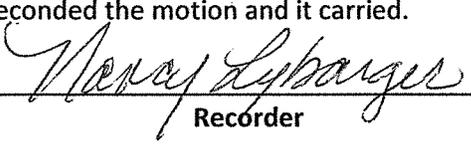
Ms. Buehlman said she will get more information and get back to the board and the Town Council, but the application deadline is September and there may not be enough time to get it completed. However, OCRA grants are offered annually.

Mr. McCarty moved to have Ms. Buehlman investigate applying for the OCRA grant and try to get something filed in time. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Kavanaugh said the stormwater budget would not meet the 10 percent match for the grant for the Sharon Road project. Mr. Grace said there are other projects that are estimated to cost less that might qualify.

ADJOURN

Mr. McCarty moved to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion and it carried.

 Chair  Recorder

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