

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
Stormwater and Flood Plain Oversight Committee Meeting
December 12, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Downers Grove Public Works Facility
5101 Walnut Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois

I. CALL to ORDER

Chair Gorman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A roll call followed and a quorum was established.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Civito, Mr. Crilly (arrives 7:05 p.m.), Mr. Ruyle,
Mr. Schoenberg, Mr. Wicklander, Chair Gorman

Members Absent: Mr. Austin, Mr. Scacco

Staff Present: Karen Daulton Lange – Stormwater Administrator

Public Present: Mr. Jay Kessen, AMAC Environment & Infrastructure and Lynn
Kessen, 8745 W. Higgins, Chicago, IL

III. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2013 MINUTES

Mr. Ruyle made a motion to approve the September 12, 2013 minutes.
Seconded by Mr. Schoenberg. Motion carried by voice vote of 5-0.

Chair Gorman asked that if there was an item members wanted to discuss at a meeting, to let him know so that he could place it on an upcoming agenda.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Community Investment Program Update - Ms. Daulton Lange announced the budget is on the Village's website. She explained how the Community Investment Program budget plans for projects and capital expenses for the next five years. A review of the drainage and stormwater projects for the 2014 capital budget followed in more detail. It was noted by Ms. Daulton Lange that all storm water-related work in the village was moved to the Enterprise Fund of the stormwater utility. Ms. Daulton Lange addressed questions from the Committee and encouraged members to email her with additional questions if they had any after reviewing the budget.

Chair Gorman mentioned that in the future he would like to address maintenance and operations, which was one of the items the Stormwater Master Plan was trying to bring up to appropriate standards.

V. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Daulton Lange referenced her handout of the 2014 meeting dates. She asked members to review it and let her know of any conflicts since she had to publish the list in January.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) - Due to DuPage County being declared a disaster area after the April 2013 flood, the State of Illinois received a certain amount of funding of which 15% went to various HMGP program funds. Ms. Daulton Lange shared how the village applied, under a preliminary application, for funds to purchase certain real estate and/or properties in the flood plain, thereby receiving up to \$3M if the village pays 25%. Owners of 12 properties (8 houses and 4 vacant parcels) responded that they would be interested in the program. Ms. Daulton Lange stated she would be filing the final application tomorrow with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and hoped to hear in the spring of 2014 if the final application has been approved. Details followed on next steps.

On another matter, Ms. Daulton Lange announced that Dan Schoenberg became a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and was recognized at the October Illinois Section dinner meeting.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Staff referenced the updated list of members' contact information. Chair Gorman welcomed new members Civito and Winklander. A question followed regarding the future selection of a pro tem Chair position in the Chair's absence and directed staff follow up with the Village Attorney.

Asked if there was HMGP grant funding available to fund some of the above-discussed projects, Ms. Daulton Lange indicated there was not. She shared some of the challenges in filling out various applications for certain grants. Other questions followed on whether additional properties existed under the HMG program, wherein Ms. Daulton Lange estimated there were about 25 properties initially on the pre-application and all were notified but some owners chose not to respond. She explained the steps that follow once funding is granted to the village for removal of the structures, which ultimately become open green space. The Chair shared another option where a municipality will purchase properties with municipal funds with the intent to resell them to a developer who would elevate the structures.

VIII. ADJOURN

Mr. Crilly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schoenberg. Motion carried by voice vote of 6-0.