

## MINUTES

### Flood Advisory Committee - Downingtown Borough

January 11, 2024

The Flood Advisory Committee for Downingtown Borough met in a regular session on January 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Board Members present: Cori Trice, Max Howard, Jack Moyer, and Matt Bush. Board members Dan Castaldi, Alex Rakoff and Phil Dague were not present.

#### **Approve December's Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve December's meeting minutes, committee vice chairperson Max Howard made the motion, committee member Matt Bush seconded, motion carried unanimously. Action regarding previous months' meeting minutes was deferred.

#### **Deferred Business**

Emergency Response Plan Status Check – Borough Emergency Management Coordinator Mark Force is currently working on the plan and updates will be provided at future meetings as available. Max Howard asked about the plan incorporating responses to events like earlier this week. FAC to invite Mark to a future meeting.

PEMA Buy Out Program Update – Matt Bush gave an update regarding the status of the program and noted that the grant has been approved and funds are now available; offer letters have begun to go out; coordination and permitting are currently ongoing with expected settlement dates of approximately first quarter of 2024 and demolition during the summer of 2024.

#### **New Business**

Update on Downingtown Resiliency Fund – Defer to next month, public kickoff meeting on March 20, time to be determined.

Update on Downingtown Strong – Defer to next month.

Grant Funding Update – No update, Matt Bush gave a background on the grant application.

Background Information on Lincoln Avenue Detention Basin – Matt Bush presented a summary on the Lincoln Avenue Detention Basin.

#### **Review committee-led and citizen-led projects** –

- i. Finish and publish the web page we have discussed – Max made a motion, Jack Moyer seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- ii. Heavy duty stream clean-up before Fall storms and in early Spring
  - a. Data collection methods – no update but there was discussion regarding setting something up later in the spring, possible Earth Day. Max asked about removing sediment at Lancaster Avenue bridge. Civil Air Patrol might be a good resource for cleanups.
- iii. Reverse 911 program to the homes in the 100 year and 500 year known flood zones – update on list of properties in these zones – no update at this time.
- iv. Set up the non-USGS monitoring stations and figure out how to get that information to residents – no update at this time, currently seeking funding to implement.

#### **Citizens to be Heard**

John McMichael of 310 Mary Street asked about meeting minutes availability on Borough website.

Dawn McMichael of 310 Mary Street asked about utilizing the Downingtown Municipal Water Authority to get information out to residents regarding flooding. She also asked about a system to notify residents for flood / emergency preparedness.

Ryan McCormick of 112 Brandywine Avenue noted need for notification system.

**For the Good of the Order**

Max Howard asked about reporting increments of USGS gauging below Downingtown.

Cori Trice mentioned that Grant DeCosta from the Brandywine Conservancy reached out to get our project list and they are currently reaching out to municipal managers and the County Emergency response

**Adjournment**

Committee vice chairperson Max Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., committee member Jack Moyer seconded; motion carried unanimously.