

June 9, 2014 – Oakland Flood Commission meeting

Lew Levy, chairman started the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Lew spoke about the DEP/FEMA assessment . There is a list of properties involved in payouts. As to insurance if the lower level of a house could be used for living space it must be above the flood level. The new maps will be available shortly. Roy Bauberger advised that the new “No Wake” signs are being put into place. There will be at least 5 signs. One in particular at the boat launching ramp to warn boaters. No speeding on water is enforceable. He has been doing river assessment and hazards have been identified. He is working on what is needed and doing cost analysis. He reported on the buy out on Roosevelt properties. He further reported on the Trout Unlimited project and river bank stabilization. There was a meeting with Trout Unlimited and this may have to be put out to competitive bid process. DEP permits will need to be obtained before any work can be started. It is doubtful that any work on the Ramapo through Trout Unlimited will occur this year. Generators are needed to keep the Borough in operation during emergencies.

Lew spoke about the raising of homes and the cost. Properties will need to be identified. Home owners will need to have their paperwork ready when funds are made available. They will also need to have money to start work some of which eventually will be reimbursed through flood insurance. There will be monies available through Affordable Housing and this may help some of those affected. Dan Hagberg does have a list of properties in question.

Also discussed was wall damage on Ramapo Terrace. DOT is expected to come in and assess the damage along the Allerman Brook. Projected building on McCoy Property was discussed and the additional run off into the Allerman Brook.

Ted O’Grady noted that many of the walls in his neighborhood have been affected by the river and questioned the possibility of the lake being lowered in Pompton for repairs.

Lew noted that the BiCounty Project off Long Hill and Breakneck has again been in the news. The building of houses on this property and the effect on the water system and streams through the area. Apparently papers had been signed in 2007 approving building on this site. The town would like to purchase this property to preserve it as open land but funds are not available at present.

Bill Wolford present at the meeting asked to speak and questioned what affect the shopping center project in Mahwah at the Rt.287/Rt.17 intersection will have on the Ramapo and how storm water will be managed.

Respectfully,

Lois Smid, secretary

PRESENT at the meeting:

Lew Levy, Tony Smid, Steve Farley, Dot O’Connor, Gina Steele, Ted O’Grady, Chris Visconti, Council Liaison, Roy Bauberger, OEM

ALSO present: Councilman Pat Pignatelli

And Bill Wolford

