

January 13, 2014 – Oakland Flood Commission Meeting

Chairman Lew Levy started the meeting at 7:45 p.m. There was a discussion about the PPI/FEMA meeting, flood Insurance premiums and future increases, making sure information gets out to the residents, the Mayor's letter and publication of Crossroads. Informational pamphlets received from FEMA have been placed in the library and Borough Hall and are available to residents.

Roy Bauberger has prepared CRS information for Nick Agnoli as to what we are doing and what equipment we have available. He also talked about the initial Warning system and residents being advised to leave and that once this is done the emergency crews will not return later. Phone numbers of residents are very essential for reverse call warning. He also reported on the County meeting that he attended and that money will most likely be available for the buy outs. He also reported on the flood gauges that have been placed.

There was a discussion about the flood gates at the Pompton Falls. Apparently during a storm the sensor was struck by lightning and the computer was not in operation. The DEP does not have a protocol in place. Oakland did not receive any warning that the system was down and the flood gates were not operable. This is something that needs to be checked into so that our police department is notified immediately. Fortunately this did not occur during high river water.

We would like to get information out to the residents about CRS and a meeting is planned for February 10th. Notification of the meeting will be put into newspapers and a flyer will be prepared and sent to residents.

Respectfully,

Lois Smid, secretary

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Chairman Lew Levy, Tony Smid, Ted O'Grady, Steve Farley, Roy Bauberger,

Mayor Linda Schwager, Council Liaison Chris Visconti

Absent: Dot O'Connor (illness), Gina Steele (work)