

Oakland Flood Commission Meeting
Bergen County, Oakland, New Jersey
December 12, 2022

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes of the meeting held on November 14, 2022 was made by Michael Pritchard and seconded by Steve Farley. All in favor.
- Lew Levy mentioned that his term as chair for the Flood Commission is up. All were in favor of Lew Levy continuing as chair.
- Lew Levy discussed the Hovnanian Project. Oakland borough has been advised of the concerns discussed in previous meetings. Lew Levy stated that a formal letter can be drafted to the Oakland Mayor stating our concerns and suggestions. Roy Bauberger indicated that he spent a half day with their engineer and Mr. Yakimik, showing them the issues and reviewing the concerns. Discussion ensued regarding compliance with 100 year event, water filtration, who oversees construction, permits and bonds, and state guidelines. Charlie DiPalma mentioned that he attended the planning board meeting and the Board of Education expressed their concern regarding not receiving notice and their budget.
- Roy Bauberger reported that there was a meeting with FEMA today, December 12, 2022. There is a new representative at this time. FEMA is funding more than CRS (Community Rating System). Charlie DiPalma mentioned that he was informed that the project is going out to bid this week. At this time, there is a need for a new Flood Plain Manager.
- Steve Farley inquired as to the River Restoration Project. Per Lew Levy, bids have to go back out again. It is uncertain whether another mussel study will have to be completed. Tony Smid will attempt to contact Nick Agnoli to retrieve the paperwork that Nick Agnoli completed. Roy Bauberger reported on trees that were removed from Potash lake and the trees by the Lenape Bridge. In addition, he reported that there is significant erosion upstream.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

In attendance:

Lew Levy-chair
Tony Smid-co-chair
Roy Bauberger
Steve Farley
Michael Pritchard

Oakland Residents in Attendance:

Charlie DiPalma
40 Nokomis Avenues

Respectfully submitted,

Zulema Sanchez
Recording secretary
Oakland Flood Commission