

Oakland Flood Commission Meeting
Bergen County, Oakland, New Jersey
November 8, 2021

- Tony Smid, co-chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve Minutes of the October 11, 2021 meeting made by Roy Bauberger, and seconded by Steve Farley. All in favor.

- Committee Reports:

Roy Bauberger reported on Allerman Brook. It was stated that what the DOT is doing is harmful to the community. The Brook is narrower now than it was previously. The Mayor and council are aware. The restoration of Allerman Brook from Route 287 to Crystal Lake, including the Ramapo River, was discussed. At the meeting with FEMA, restoration, mitigation, and repair was discussed. The FEMA representative was receptive and indicated that FEMA will research what programs, funds and grants are available to meet Oakland's needs. Next Wednesday is the next scheduled meeting. Overall, FEMA's response was great.

Tony Smid discussed what the DOT is doing behind Faber Brothers. It was stated that what is being done is acceptable. Roy Bauberger reported that funneling will increase velocity. He also reported on the damage the storm caused to houses on Franklin Avenue. A request for public assistance has been filed.

In terms of CRS, Roy Bauberger reported that there is a 20 page checklist that was completed in regards to Oakland's warning response system, flood levels, etc. An official Flood Response Plan has been created. It is anticipated that this is worth enough points to go up 1-2 levels. By report, Oakland is in a better position now than prior. Another CRS meeting is scheduled for later this month. Roy Bauberger reported on stream restoration. By report, alot was cleaned and there is nothing in the dam at this time. There are two log jams left, there is a pile up by the weir, and everything by the West Oakland Avenue bridge has been cleaned up. The river is running fast and deep at this time.

Tony Smid and Steve Farley reported on stream inspection. Maps of drainage pipes were received at last month's Flood Commission meeting. Tony Smid stated that pictures will be taken. Maintenance, DOT's responsibility, and the area under 287 were reviewed. Roy Bauberger mentioned that Oakland fared better than other areas, in regards to the past storms.

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

In Attendance:

Anthony Smid-Co-chairman

Roy Bauberger

Steve Farley

Michael Pritchard

Bill Wolford

Respectfully submitted,

Zulema Sanchez,

Secretary