



VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
Stormwater and Flood Plain Oversight Committee Meeting
January 24, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Downers Grove Public Works Facility
5101 Walnut Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois

I. CALL to ORDER

Chair Scacco called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. A roll call followed, and a quorum was established.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Scacco, Ms. Borman, Mr. Iovinelli, Ms. Mills

Members Absent: Ms. Schultz, Mr. Wicklander

Staff Present: Julie Lomax, Stormwater Administrator
Andy Sikich, Director of Public Works

Public Present: None

III. APPROVAL of July 20, 2020 Minutes

Ms. Borman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Iovinelli, to approve the July 20, 2020, minutes. **Motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

New member, Kelly Mills, was welcomed to the SWFPOC.

The 2021 SWFPOC Year End Report was reviewed. No meetings were held in 2021.

Community Rating System (CRS) Program for Public Information (PPI) was reviewed, including the project list. The goal of the PPI is to inform and educate the public about floodplain, flooding, disaster preparedness, and flood insurance.

VI. STAFF REPORT

A. Nan Newlon

Nan Newlon was the Director of Public Works from 2009 – Feb 2020. Nan was awarded the American Public Works Association (APWA) Top 10 Public Works Leaders in 2018. As Director of Public Works, Nan championed environmentally sustainable and green initiatives, such as solar panels at Public Works, hybrid and CNG vehicles, rain gardens and pollinator gardens, and recycling events. Nan passed away on January 15, 2021, from brain cancer.

B. Stormwater Capital Plan 2022-24

The Village Long Range Plan includes the Stormwater Capital Project Plan 2022-2024 with an estimated cost of \$7.5 million. The Plan recommends 12 stormwater projects over the next 3 years. The following projects are planned for 2022: Wisconsin Avenue Drainage Improvements (east of Belmont), Lyman and 62nd Drainage Improvements, Otis / Grant / Florence Drainage Improvements, and Sterling & 39th Drainage Improvements.

C. Bioswale Program

The bioswale program was introduced about 10 years ago and was revitalized in 2021 with public outreach - a new brochure and a video. After the video was sent out in the weekly e-news and information was included in the fall DG Times newsletter, over 40 residents reached out with interest in the program. In 2021, six (6) bioswales were installed. The Village continues to include \$30,000 in the annual budget for the bioswale program.

D. Stormwater Utility Fee (SWU)

When the SWU was created in 2013, the plan called for an increase of 8.7% every year to slowly meet the financial needs to maintain and expand the stormwater management system. The SWU rate for 2020 did not increase. The SWU rate for 2022 increased to \$14.65 per ERU. One ERU (Equivalent Runoff Unit) is 3,300 square feet of impervious – the average impervious for a single family home. The projected revenue from the SWU for 2022 is \$5.48 million.

E. ComEd Open Lands Grant

The Village was awarded a ComEd Open Lands Grant to create a rain garden / native planting area at the Public Works facility. The project will provide living exhibit to educate and inspire residents. The project will be done this year.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Ms. Borman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mills to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Motion carried by voice vote of 4-0.