



VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
Stormwater and Flood Plain Oversight Committee Meeting
July 20, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

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

I. CALL to ORDER

Chair Gorman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A roll call followed, and a quorum was established.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Gorman, Ms. Borman, Mr. Delves, Mr. Iovinelli, Mr. Ruyle, Mr. Scacco, Mr. Wicklander

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Kerry Behr, Stormwater Administrator
Julie Lomax, Stormwater Administrator

Public Present: None

III. APPROVAL of December 16, 2019 Minutes

Mr. Ruyle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scacco, to approve the December 16, 2019, minutes. **Motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A revised Harassment Policy was provided to Committee Members.

VI. STAFF REPORT

A. May Rainfall

On Sunday, May 17, the Village experienced widespread flooding. From Thursday, May 14, through Sunday, May 17, we received about 5.6 inches of rainfall – with 3.2 inches on Sunday and approximately 1.5 inches between 5:00 and 6:30 pm. The Village received hundreds of calls, and staff spent many weeks following up with residents. May 2020 was the wettest May on record. May 2019 was second wettest, and May 2018 was the third wettest. Over the last 2+ years, the Chicago area has received about 30" more rainfall than average.

B. Stormwater Capital Plan

Given the financial impact of the pandemic, the contract with Hey and Associates to develop a stormwater master plan to address areas the Village without Level of Service (storm sewer and/or ditches to safely convey about 95% of rainfall events) has been put on hold. Staff will develop a smaller capital plan in house for 2021.

C. New Director of Public Works

On February 7, Nan Newlon retired as Director of Public Works. On February 10, Andy Sikich started as the new Director of Public Works.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Staff reported on the Ordinance revisions (Residential Storage Systems). Some sample plans were shown with sizes and details. Each lot is unique and design engineers have been customizing the BMPs to the site restrictions. For smaller projects (like new garages) the development engineers work with the homeowners to determine BMP requirements and provide suggestions.

Mr. Ruyle stated the new home that was built next door (that has RSS) was functioning wonderfully.

Chair Gorman suggested providing some samples of the RSS designs on the Village website in order to assist permit applicants in understanding their options, to limit the need for rigorous engineering, and to reduce time delays for resubmittals.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Mr. Wicklander made a motion, seconded by Ms. Borman to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Motion carried by voice vote of 7-0.