

EBFC Minutes 2/25/13

Present were M Miller, P Ohsberg, I Kasanoff, J Biruk, P Davis, N Delameter, B Stanton, T Pascarella, L Reilly, D Budin, H Friedman, G Dutcher, K Manuel, P Ellsworth, Y Day, K Holcherr, D Cope, G Samuels, E Steiglehner, J Granito, L Davis

Miller gave a copy of the Resolution in support of the continuance of NFIP subsidies additionally urging an immediate start to Nat'l Academy of Sciences study of the affordability of Flood Insurance to the elected officials present. She will be bringing this forward to the Delaware County Committee re: Economic Development and will email the same for tailoring to each as needed to the villages, Hardenburgh and Halcott as well as MCS & RCS. This draft included the recommended changes from our last meeting.

As per the FEMA buyout program, Miller gave a brief summary of potential tax implications for the three municipalities, prepared by the Assessors & Davis, with the village of M'ville potentially losing 1.3% of total taxable value, Fimnns 5.2% and Middletown .29%. This is based on pre-flood values, which have already been shifted since Irene by our local assessors. Davis spoke to that process and he and Miller spoke to a need for the municipalities to do long range planning re: developable areas, zoning and etc. within the current boundaries of each to help support the tax base going forward. Pascarella confirmed that back taxes owed by property owners who are in the buyout program would, as a part of the closing of sale re: the buyout, be paid in full.

Graydon Dutcher presented an updated spreadsheet re: EWP projects, which will be completed by this fall. As the sponsor of these, Middletown will be bringing forth a resolution for all projects to go to bid as they soon as they come in, which will facilitate the process. Dutcher will work w Miller on this resolution. Dutcher also spoke to the next set of project extension letters, which will be going out shortly for signatures; these will get us through the finish of the work. Delameter confirmed that Soil & Water will be providing construction oversight. Kasanoff confirmed that all EWP projects, due to the use of Federal & State Funds, will require prevailing wage rates. Dutcher, Davis, Manuel and Miller along with Pascarella, Kasanoff & Ohsberg discussed the LFHM Analysis and Planning templates, which will be expanded to include more of the areas the Flood Commission was formed to address, including structures in Hardenburgh, Halcott, above the village of Fimnns, Bull Run above M'ville, below the village of M'ville to the Stone School House and below Clovesville. Davis &

Miller, using info provided by Kasanoff and Ohsberg will get the updated drafts to Dutcher prior to 3/11/13. The idea behind this expansion is that a. those projects have impact on our valley population centers, b. even if they are not current high priority items for funding, we have a better chance down the road to have these projects funded if they are included now and c. this expansion is entirely in keeping with the Flood Commission's goal of region-wide mitigation and planning.

Pat Davis spoke to the numerous potential 'point gathering' actions taken already by his office as well as the Commission and the Town/Villages. He also reported that the CAV (Community Assistance Visit), which we thought would happen this spring and subsequent ISO (Insurance Services Org.) visit will probably be delayed due to Sandy having complicated the picture for SEMO and FEMA.

Miller briefly reviewed for the sake of all present the agreed upon disaster procedures we put into place in the fall, given the potential at that time for Sandy to hit us as well as taking into consideration other disasters going forward as a reminder. There will be 6p.m. meetings each evening leading up to and during a disaster declaration period for all who can make it from which a press release will be generated for the public. Municipalities will meet daily as per their own needs but contact will be maintained throughout, with phone calls in the a.m. post-meetings to make sure everyone is on the same page. The emergency sub-site on Middletown's web page will be activated, a public info officer will be appointed and the 586-1115 # will also be activated to give regular information updates to the general public.

We will be having a series of events for the 250th of Middletown & 100th of Fleischmanns – at which the EBFC will be doing community outreach as well as at our May meeting (5/30), which will be at 7p.m in (tentatively) Town Hall and concerning all EBFC plans, CRS and etc. Peg Ellsworth said that the LTCRS Grants can be used to do recovery funding and that this would be discussed at the meeting immediately following this one.

During the public comment period, Granito asked about flood buyout properties being developable going forward; Davis explained they are not.

Next Meeting is March 25th 10a.m. in Town Hall.