

**FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held a meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 in Conference Room A of the Parsons Government Complex. Chairman Zabinski called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Michael Zabinski
Thomas E. Bach
Drew Berndlmaier
John Casey
Patrick Tokarz

Also Present

Chris Saley, Public Works Director

II. Public Participation

None.

III. Consideration of Minutes of January 13, 2015.

Mr. Bach and Mr. Berndlmaier made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Zabinski stated he would entertain a motion to re-order the agenda and bring forward item VI New Business – Presentation from the Borough of Woodmont.

Mr. Bach and Mr. Tokarz made and seconded a motion to reorder the agenda and bring forward Item VI. Motion carried unanimously.

V. New Business

Chairman stated he was contacted by Mr. Bonessi who advised him he was unable to attend tonight. He stated John Barrett, Sr. Burgess from the Borough of Woodmont and Frank Luysterborghs.

Mr. Barrett explained Woodmont is a municipality within a municipality. He continued with the background of the Borough of Woodmont. He also explained the portion they received from the City. He also spoke of the services of Woodmont. He stated they too have a Flood and Erosion Control Board in the Borough. He presented a map of the Borough and went on to explain the projects they are doing. He also spoke of the mitigation work that has been done in Woodmont. He continued with a background of the flood mitigation work done in Woodmont.

He stated they are trying to work with the City to do repairs from Sandy and explained the background. He stated after a long drawn out battle they finally received the monies from FEMA.

Chairman Zabinski asked what work they would be doing this year.

He stated they would be doing beach replenishment work that would be done.

Mr. Bach commented what this Board has learned over the months that replenishment is just not the solution.

Mr. Barrett noted it is not a long term solution, but it works for the time. He also commented there has been a flux as to who really should pay for the work.

Mr. Berndlmaier asked if the monies that the City provides to the Borough pay for the work.

Mr. Barrett paraphrased the wording from the City Charter. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Bach pointed out there is 16 miles of coastline in Milford and that this Board is looking at the entire coastline. Discussion resumed.

Chairman Zabinski asked how this Board could work with Woodmont going forward.

Mr. Barrett stated they have a ton of history they can provide, but mostly they want to be a resource for the Flood & Erosion Control Board. Discussion resumed as to the required work in the Borough with the City.

Mr. Casey commented it would be interesting to know of any other Army Corp of Engineer Beaches that need work.

Chairman Zabinski thanked Mr. Barrett and Mr. Luysterborghs for coming tonight. He also pointed out that Mr. Luysterborghs would serve as the Borough of Woodmont's liaison to the Flood and Erosion Control Board.

IV. Unfinished Business

A) Update: RE – Drainage Projects

Mr. Saley explained he has a proposal from Milone & MacBroom (referred to the handouts to the Board members). He stated that was the second step, the first step being aldermanic approval, which they approved.

Chairman Zabinski asked where they currently stand with the 12 projects.

Mr. Saley reported Merwin Avenue has been surveyed and is waiting for Inland Wetlands approval and. He noted the work would be done in-house. He stated the Rock Lane work would also be done in-house, as well as Gulf Beach. Mr. Saley also reported they are moving forward with the coastal

resiliency plan. He noted Milford is just one segment of that process (which also includes Branford and Madison).

Mr. Bach asked if they could receive some kind of a timeline as to the project.

Mr. Saley stated it is moving slowly unfortunately. He also spoke of the tide gate and that he does not believe DEEP will allow the tide gate. He also stated they are continuing to work with the grants. He also explained they are required to obtain a Certificate of Permission ("COP").

Mr. Berndlmaier asked about test bits for geotechnical study. He asked what they are looking for, i.e. contaminated material, etc.

Mr. Saley stated he believe the testing was for soil conditions. He also explained the type of work they are looking to do.

Note: Tokarz left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Casey noted from the handout from Mr. Saley that it is a big project.

Mr. Saley stated he wanted to run the paperwork through the Board before continuing forward. Discussion ensued.

B) Update: RE: Coastal Resilience - covered with IV (A). A brief discussion ensued.

C) Update: RE: RFQ – Study of Milford’s entire oceanfront – Chairman Zabinski noted this is somewhat pre-mature at this point and they would remove this item from the agenda for the time being.

D) Update: Board Bylaws - A brief discussion regarding bylaws. Mr. Bach and Mr. Casey will work to put together a draft for the full board to review before sending it to the City Attorney’s Office for final review.

Being no further business, Mr. Bach and Mr. Berndlmaier made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary