

**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 10, 2018**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, in Conference Room A of the Parsons Government Complex. Chairman Zabinski called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Michael Zabinski, Chairman
Meghan Sloan
John Casey
Thom Bach

Also Present

C. Saley, PW Director
S. Johnson, Interim Asst. PW Director
Ald. C. Gaynor, BOA Lisison

Excused: J. Bevilacqua, Ald. K. Fortunati

II. Public Participation – None.

III. Consideration of Minutes

Mr. Bach and Mr. Casey made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Zabinski stated Sacred Heart University was unable to attend. He stated Mr. Johnson would reschedule for May.

V. Unfinished Business

a) Drainage Projects and CDBG Projects. Mr. Johnson provided the Board with the project updates as follows:

Bayview/Field Court project – Mr. Johnson reported the design will be completed by September 2018. Continued with report

Mr. Bach asked the difference with the level of design in 2018 compared to 2017.

Mr. Johnson stated there was no difference. He stated the plans that will be submitted will include the enhancements, SOR, along with the design. A brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Zabinski asked about the permitting process and the expectations and the fact that Milford continues to spend money, not knowing if the plans will in fact be permitted.

Mr. Johnson explained the designs needed to be submitted. Discussion resumed.

Ms. Sloan stated she had several questions. She asked how long the performance period and how long will it take to get to the final design and would the engineers have adequate time.

Mr. Johnson stated he did not know.

Mr. Casey interjected and stated it is generally a 12-month process. He stated the designs that are submitted are usually permit ready. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Johnson stated the Gulf Street Welches point projects have been submitted. They are moving forward to be completed by September.

Point Beach – no update.

Calf Pen/Beachland Avenue –

Milford Point Road –

Morningside Reventment –

Gulf Street/Welches Point Road/Bluff area –

Wildemere/Walnut Beach

Crescent Beach

Pelham Street beach access

Gulf Beach Breakwater

Chairman Zabinski asked Mr. Johnson how it was decided to spend the money for each project.

Mr. Johnson explained public access, public infrastructure were some of the factors that went into the decisions. He explained as you enter Walnut Beach, near the condominiums there is earth and berm that will be enhanced.

Mr. Casey asked if the \$178,000 was for both outposts.

Mr. Johnson stated it was for design only.

Chairman Zabinski suggested the walkways be enhanced. Discussion resumed.

Mr. Johnson recommended another public outreach to let people know what is going on, recognizing meetings have been held previously. He stated the last project Pelham Street is shaping up to have two components, which includes the stairs and the bluff. A seawall that was built sometime ago was built without permits therefore DEEP will not allow additional permits. He stated the complication is that DEEP statutes, bluff are structures, which are intended to erode. No infrastructure on the site. Preserve public access for the stairs. The bluff will continue to erode and could potentially jeopardize some of the houses in that area. Discussion ensued.

Regarding the infrastructure projects the first project will be for Beachland Avenue elevation. Mr. Johnson stated the hope is it will go out to bid in the next few weeks. Commitment to HUD is to complete Beachland Avenue (\$638,250, plus a city match 212,750) and Milford Point Road (combined award \$668,718). He stated they have received the permitting and will be moving forward with an anticipated completion in December 2018. The Bayview project is the other infrastructure project (\$2,301,000 which includes a city match). He and Saley met with the consulting engineer. He reported some final surveys and catch basin surveys were in the process of being completed. Deerfield Avenue at the base will be a sand wall. He stated there is an existing wall in place, which is buried. He stated they would attempt to secure some type of easement. Anticipating permit review be completed December 2018, with a five month construction period beginning March 2019. He stated there are preliminary designs for the groin structure. \$503,500 is the award for that project. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Casey stated he would like to see the plan, which he has requested previously.

Director Saley stated he would get that to him and the Board. He reported they have been looking into various quarries for the rock. He stated transportation is the issue moving this size rock. He also pointed out Milford has never built a groin. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Johnson reported regarding the Moringsidereventment project. He stated permits have been submitted. He stated they are projecting a projection as of 9/5/19. Construction access and easement still needs to be finalized.

Mr. Bach asked about Point Beach.

Mr. Saley stated that project would be done internally. He stated there is a 36" outfall pipe that will be outlined.

Chairman Zabinski asked about public outreach and what projects should go out.

Mr. Johnson stated HUD would like to see public input sooner than later. Beachland Avenue and Milford Point Road, would be the first two. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Zabinski recapped that Mr. Johnson would set up a public meeting for the Beachland Avenue project.

Mr. Casey asked the plan for funding for the construction phase of the projects.

Mr. Johnson stated they only have rough estimates. He stated as a Board a priority list could be established and dollars assigned.

Mr. Casey asked if any of the projects were on the 5-year capital improvement plan. Discussion ensued.

B) Update: Resiliency Plan – Mr. Johnson reported

C) Update: Long term policy – Coastal Resiliency Policy Review – no report.

VII. New Business

None.

Being no further business to discuss, Mr. Casey and Ms. Sloan made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary