

**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 9, 2017**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, in Conference Room A of the Parsons Government Complex. Chairman Zabinski called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**I. Roll Call**

Board Members Present

Michael Zabinski  
Thom Bach  
J. Andrew Bevilacqua  
John Casey  
Meghan Sloan

Also Present

Greg Pidluski, City Engineer

**II. Public Participation**

C. Klingele- 160 Broadway - President of the Wildemere Beach Association. She stated she wanted to let this Board know the association fully supports the work this Board is doing regarding coastal resiliency. She stated they are more than happy to support the work of the Flood and Erosion Control Board.

L. Puzzo - 20 Brookdale Avenue and 168 Broadway - in favor of anything that can be done in their area. She commented this Board has gotten further than any other previous Board.

B. Carissimi - 64 Kirkside Avenue – she stated while her property is not beachfront, she fully supports all efforts to replenish the beachfront area. She asked the Board to move forward to keep the beaches the beautiful, which enhances the entire neighborhood.

L. Dente - 220 Broadway – expressed her appreciation of the efforts of this Board.

**III. Correspondence** – Chairman Zabinski reported there were a number of emails generated from the Public Works Director.

**IV. Consideration of Minutes**

Mr. Bevilacqua and Ms. Sloan made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **V. Unfinished Business**

Chairman Zabinski referenced the emails from Mr. Saley, Public Works Director. He stated Mr. Saley was unable to attend this evening, but deferred to Mr. Pidluski, City Engineer.

### **A) Update Re: Drainage Projects**

Mr. Pidluski referred the Board to the spreadsheet which showed all of the drainage projects. He reported on the map received from Fuss & O'Neil and the full report regarding the flooding that occurs on Field Court. He explained there is a large diameter pipe that is a manifold along Field Court which feeds into a large pump chamber and provided a detailed explanation of the flooding issues in that area. He stated some of those issues would be resolved with the placement of the pump chamber and also some electrical issues.

Mr. Pidluski provided the Board with an overview of each of the five (5) coastal resiliency projects. He stated the base maps are nearly complete and from there they will move forward with designs. Mr. Pidluski stated there would be a public hearing regarding Wildemere/Walnut Beach on May 22, 2017 at the Costa Azzurra Restaurant and another public hearing on May 24, 2017 regarding Woodmont Beach. He stated that public hearing would take place at the Borough Hall. Discussion ensued regarding the requirements of the public notices for those meetings.

Chairman Zabinski asked about the Naugatuck Avenue project and if it was completed.

Mr. Pidluski stated there were some minor punch list items, but overall it is nearly complete, except the landscaping. He explained there were some problems locating the specified plants for the project, which were specified by the State. Mr. Pidluski stated they are in the process of completing the paperwork.

Chairman Zabinski distributed to the Board three handouts regarding the Morningside Reventment, raising of Beachland Avenue and Crescent and Walnut Beach projects. The Board discussed at length the Bayview Beach, Beachland Avenue, Walnut Beach, Wildemere/Crescent Beach, Gulf Street/Welches Point Bluff, Gulf Street breakwater/Pelham Street and Milford Point Road projects.

Mr. Casey stated it was his understanding this Board had already directed the public works director to move forward on the Morningside Reventment. A brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Zabinski asked if it was the consensus of this Board to move forward.

Mr. Pidluski stated DEEP is willing to give the COP, which is phenomenal

Mr. Bevilacqua asked the projected cost for the Morningside project.

Mr. Pidluski stated he did not have the contract numbers with him.

Mr. Casey and Mr. Bach made and seconded a motion to recommend the additional scope of work and that the budget supports the numbers. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Zabinski asked about the Beachland Avenue project.

Mr. Pidluski recommended the Board move forward with this project. He stated part of the condition is that it will be built the way it was stated it would.

Mr. Casey asked about the Field Court the evacuation drawing that was presented.

Mr. Pidluski explained the intent is to reduce the frequency and intensity of the flooding in that area.

Mr. Casey stated the area in the street seemed to be about 3'. He asked about the design storm for the project. He stated he was looking for more detailed information. He stated it needed to be made clear that although a pump station would be installed, homes would still be flooded. Discussion ensued.

B) Update Re: Resiliency Plan – reported above.

C) Update: Re: Bayview Beach – reported above.

D) Update: Re: Morningside Design and repairs – reported above

## **VI. New Business**

Chairman Zabinski stated the question concerns moving forward with the public hearings and how they would be publicized. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding publication of the hearings, topics, question/answer session, public feedback, etc.

Chairman Zabinski referred the Board to item C handout regarding Crescent and Walnut Beaches.

Mr. Bach provided the Board with a thumbnail sketch of the meeting he attended with GEI Consultants. He stated essentially the approach is that it is a "living shoreline." He spoke of some of the preliminary numbers which are only for discussion at this point. Discussion ensued.

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

The Board adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy  
Recording Secretary