

**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2015**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held a meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 in Conference Room A of the Parsons Government Complex. Chairman Zabinski called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Michael Zabinski, Chairman
Director
Thomas E. Bach
Drew Berndlmaier

Also Present

Chris Saley, Public Works

Excused: John Casey, Patrick Tokarz (resigned)

II. Public Participation

None.

III. Election of Vice Chairman

Chairman Zabinski stated with the resignation of Mr. Tokarz from the Board, they would need to elect a new Vice Chairman and stated he would entertain nominations for Vice Chairman.

Mr. Berndlmaier and Mr. Casey made and seconded a motion to nominate Mr. Bach as Vice Chairman.

There being no further nominations, Chairman Zabinski closed nominations.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Correspondence

Chairman Zabinski spoke regarding the letter he received from Rick Grauer, Chairman, Flood & Erosion Control Board, in Fairfield and how they are proceeding since Storm Sandy. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Casey commented Fairfield is further along than Milford.

Chairman Zabinski stated the committee would respond to Mr. Grauer after the next meeting.

V. Consideration of Minutes

Chairman Zabinski noted the April minutes were approved at the June meeting.

Mr. Bach and Mr. Berdlmaier made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried 6 yes with one abstention. (Bevilacqua).

VI. Unfinished Business:

Chairman Zabinski reported Mr. Wassmer left his position with the City due to a job transfer by his wife.

A) Update RE: Drainage Projects - Mr. Saley reported regarding the work at Bayview which is being done by Fuss & O'Neil. He also reported three projects that had been assigned with monies received through DGB monies. He stated Crescent Beach, Walnut, Wildemere Beach, Gulf Beach were some of those projects. Mr. Saley reported the public works department has been doing repairs to numerous catch basins throughout the city. He also spoke of similar issues some of the surrounds towns are facing. Mr. Saley stated they are doing working at Eisenhower Park as far as dredging the upper and lower ponds.

Chairman Zabinski asked the monies being expended.

Mr. Saley addressed the monies being split with the 3 towns (Milford, Branford and Madison). He stated Milone and McBroom were assigned the project.

Chairman Zabinski asked the objective of the study.

Mr. Saley explained it is to explore ideas and investigate the areas that experience the greatest level of flooding during storms. He stated the Federal government is looking for the best cost benefits for each city/town. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Bach stated the question to ask owners of private beach owners is whether they are willing to give up a portion of their beach for protection.

Mr. Saley stated they have discussed various ideas, but that he would rely on the professionals to provide that information.

Chairman Zabinski asked a timetable as to when some possible solutions would be presented to this Board

Mr. Saley stated he would hope to have more information in the next 3-4 months.

Mr. Casey asked about the public component which this Board discussed several months ago,

Mr. Saley addressed the public outreach portion of the program. Discussion resumed.

Mr. Bach asked Mr. Saley if he could provide a spreadsheet to update each of the projects.

Mr. Saley also spoke regarding the Merwin Avenue area. He stated they are in the process of ordering water chambers for the area.

B) Update RE: Coastal Resiliency

Mr. Casey commented regarding the coastal resilience and expressed hope some of the consultants would be able to present some results based on their research.

Mr. Saley stated he was expecting some presentations would be before this Board shortly. He also spoke of two test pilot programs

C) Bylaws

Chairman Zabinski stated the final draft was sent to the city attorney for comment. He stated he hoped the Board would be able to vote on the bylaws next month.

VII. New Business

None.

Chairman Zabinski asked about filling the city engineer position. He stated he thought members of this Board should be involved with the process.

Mr. Saley stated the hiring is handled through Human Resources. He stated he would like to see the staff involved with the process. Discussion ensued.

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

The Board adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary