**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**October 13, 2020**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, via Zoom teleconference. Chairman Zabinski called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**I. Roll Call:**

Board Members Present Also Present

Michael Zabinski, Chairman Mr. Johnson, Asst. PW Director

Andy Bevilacqua

Megan Sloan

Mr. Bach Bach

Excused: John Casey

**II. Public Participation:**

Gino Tarantino - 170 Broadway -speaking regarding the Wildemere/Walnut Beach projects. Real Estate taxes that were paid by those properties in the Wildemere/Walnut Beach in addition to the names of the various associations.

**III. Correspondence**

None.

**IV. Consideration of Minutes.**

Mr. Bach and Ms. Sloan made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020 with the following corrections:

Chairman Zabinski stated he had a correction on p.2 Wildemere/Walnut Beach project report should state “*Mr. Johnson did not have any contact with DEEP or Army Corp.*

Mr. Bach stated under the Point Beach update, 6th paragraph from the bottom of p. 2, in the last sentence replace the word “concert” with “*connection*.”

Chairman Zabinski referred to pg. 4 of the minutes, last paragraph stated this Board is “*waiting*”.

Mr. Bach recalled at that meeting promises were made that things were going to get done. He recalled it was Congresswoman DeLauro’s aid that said they would move this project along. He stated that should be added to the minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

**V. Unfinished Business.**

A) Update: Drainage Projects and CDBG Projects:

Bayview Beach – work has been done she the last meeting. 4 of the outfalls have been fixed which has made a tremendous difference to 4 different streets. today, the rain came down so fast the water just could not get out of the pipes fast enough.

Director Saley added there was a high tide event, but the water did not go over the burms and the backflow preventers worked.

Point Beach – Westcott and Mapes did the design work. The hope is the work will be done next summer.

Mr. Bach asked about a preventive maintenance program put in place to keep the back flow preventors fully working. A brief discussion ensued.

Director Saley stated they are excited to put in a similar system as they just did in Bayview which would provide relief to the residents on Point Beach and the surrounding streets.

Calf Pen/Beachland Avenue – Director Saley reported this project is complete except for some plantings that still have not been done.

Milford Point Road – Director Saley reported they are working on getting this project out to bid.

Morningside Revetment – Director Saley reported this is another project they are working on working on getting out to bid.

Gulf Beach/Welches Point Road/Bluff Area – Director Saley reported they are looking into some grants for this project.

Wildemere/Walnut Beach – discussed earlier. Director Saley spoke about the beach nourishment and working towards the Laurel Beach area. He stated the size of the burm and location would be for this Board to make the final decision.

Crescent Beach – Director Saley reported they are still waiting for approval.

Gulf Beach Breakwater – Director Saley stated they are waiting for direction on this.

Mr. Bach – commented he feels this Board has not had any direction from any of the agencies, adding the meetings took place many, many months ago. He expressed his frustration and the need to get someone to get this project moving. Mr. Bach commented this Board needs to go with what the engineers have recommended, as well as approvals, input and of course support from those agencies.

Director Saley spoke of the migration of sand in the Laurel and Cedar Beach areas. He commented if this Board is serious about doing something, we need to make it a smaller scale and move forward from there after we see how it works. He spoke about the possibility of a dune. He also noted an area of concern is the area from Costa Azzurra down which will require some sort of Beach stabilization.

Mr. Bach stated this Board needs to get the concept approved and locked to move forward. He stated this Board needs an approved project in hand.

Mr. Bevilacqua stated the question seems to be, what is approvable? Discussion ensued.

Chairman Zabinski asked if there was anyway the city could move forward with approvals or get some commitments from the various agencies.

Director Saley suggested submitting a smaller project to DEEP for approval to begin to move forward. Discussion ensued.

B) Update: Resiliency Plan – no update.

C) Update: Program for Public Information (PPI) - Mr. Bach recalled there was at one time a map that had the homeowner’s names on it. He stated it would be beneficial to this Board to try and locate it. A brief discussion ensued.

**VI. New Business**

None.

Mr. Bach commented with regard to the Walnut Beach/Widemere Beach projects that he wanted to see the entire projects get done, and not done in phases. Discussion resumed.

Director Saley stated he would work on setting up a Zoom meeting with Army Corp and/or Deep. The other agencies to consider would be the US Marine Fisheries, as well as others potentially. A brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Zabinski stated based on the discussion, it was his understanding Director Saley would be contacting Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro’s office, Senator James Maroney’s office in Hartford as well as DEEP and US Marine Fisheries.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy Recording Secretary