**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MARCH 9, 2021**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 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 S. Johnson, Asst.PW Director

Andy Bevilacqua Ald. C. Gaynor

John Casey

Thom Bach

Meghan Sloan

**II. Public Participation:**

Patricia Nugent – 141 Morningside Drive – expressed her concerns with the Morningside Reventment project. She asked the status of the project, updates from Race Coastal, updates regarding specifications.

Jay Pinto – 20 Elaine Road – stated he was speaking regarding the flooding and pump stations on Point Beach Drive. He also asked about concrete walls. He stated it was his understanding Race Coastal was the engineer on the project and that the project would be going out to bid.

David DeLuke – 27 Point Beach Drive – stated he spoke with the mayor regarding the continued flooding on Point Beach Drive and requested funding be set aside as early as April-June to rectify the problem. He stated this project should be given top priority.

Guadalupe Garcia-Tsao – 38 Hilldale Court – she expressed concerns with the reventment and erosion. She also asked when this project would be going out to bid.

Christina McCaughey – 161 Morningside Drive – expressed concerns regarding the reventment project, stating it is at a point of being a dire need. She also spoke about the serious consequences such as serious coastal erosion. She asked why this project has not begun.

Carol Klingele – Wildemere Beach – expressed her concerns as to why the Wildemere Beach/Walnut Beach projects have not moved ahead. She implored the Board to move the project forward.

**III. Correspondence**

None.

**IV. Consideration of Minutes.**

Minutes were not available and deferred to next month’s meeting.

**V. Unfinished Business.**

A) Update: Drainage Projects and CDBG Projects:

Assistant Public Works Director Steve Johnson provided summaries of the following projects:

Bayview Beach, Point Beach, Calf Pen/Beachland Avenue, Milford Point Road, Morningside Reventment, Gulf Street/Welches Point Road/Bluff,

Wildemere/Walnut Beach, Crescent Beach, Pelham Street, Gulf Beach Breakwater.

Mr. Johnson went over the proposed plans for the Wildemere/Walnut Beach projects. He also reported he had conversations with the major stakeholders, i.e. GEI, ACOE, DEEP, National Marine Fisheries.

Mr. Bach stated he has asked many times that all the stakeholders need to be in one room in order to move forward. He asked about the permit application. He pointed to the Stratford, Connecticut project that was approved and moved forward.

Mr. Casey commented about ownership, maintenance, and public participation.

Chairman Zabinski stressed the importance of working with one agency, then move on to the other agencies. He also stated it was important to have conversations with the mayor.

B) Update: Resiliency Plan – no report.

C) Update: Program for Public Information (PPI) – no report.

**VI. New Business**

None.

Ms. Sloan stated this would be her last meeting as she will be moving. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to contribute, listen to her thoughts and insight.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Zabinski thanked Ms. Sloan for her service and wished her and her family well.

Being no further business to discuss, Chairman Zabinski adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy Recording Secretary

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