

**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 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, Chairman
Meghan Sloan
J. Andrew Bevilacqua
Thom Bach

Also Present

S. Johnson, Interim Asst. PW Director
Ald. K. Fortunati, BOA Liaison

Excused: John Casey, Ald. C. Gaynor

II. Public Participation

None.

III. Consideration of Minutes

Ms. Sloan and Mr. Bevilacqua made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Zabinski reported the annual Connecticut Association of Wetland Scientists would hold their meeting and conference on March 8, 2018.

Mr. Johnson stated he would attend the conference.

V. Unfinished Business

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

Bayview/Field Court project – Review of coastal street flood monitoring from Sunday, January 28-30, 2018, that included water depths and photos. He provided an overview of the flood monitor which he stated would take place through February and March. He stated it also provided wind speed, wave height, etc.

Point Beach – no update.

Calf Pen/Beachland Avenue – Mr. Johnson stated there was no new information. He reported they are preparing a spring bid package for road elevation this spring and summer. He stated they expected to be finished by the fall of 2018.

Milford Point Road – Mr. Johnson stated there was no new information. He stated with this project they were also preparing a spring bid package for road elevation this spring and summer, with an anticipated finish date of fall 2018.

Morningside Revestment – Mr. Johnson reported RACE Engineering responded to DEEP questions on the revetment phase 1. He also reported RACE is preparing the phase 2 bluff seawall/revetment application for DEEP and Army Corp.

Gulf Street/Welches Point Road/Bluff area – Mr. Johnson reported RACE contractor completed soil core drilling at the toe of the bluff as well as along the north side of the roadway.

Wildemere/Walnut Beach – Mr. Johnson reported GEI's summary or the questions and answers from the December FECB meeting and the conference call responses from Director Saley and he was shared with the Board.

Crescent Beach – Mr. Johnson reported GEI's summary or the questions and answers from the December FECB meeting and the conference call responses from Director Saley and he was shared with the Board.

Pelham Street beach access – Mr. Johnson reported these are COWIE projects and that they are working with DEEP on the pre-application.

Gulf Beach Breakwater – Mr. Johnson reported this is also a COWIE project and that they are working with DEEP on the pre-application as well. Discussion ensued regarding the encroachment recently found.

Mr. Johnson also reported he is reviewing CDBG-DR projects and would be submitting extension requests with updated project budgets and timelines as needed to HUD.

Mr. Bach commented regarding the Reef Ball concept and its benefits.

Chairman Zabinski commented regarding a pilot location and that Milford would be a good location. He also stated he was looking for a summary of the timing of the projects and which projects are already funded and where work can begin.

Mr. Johnson stated Calf Pen/Beachland and Milford Point Road have been permitted, but have not gone out to bid. He continued with an explanation of the structure of each project and the long time gaps. Mr. Johnson reported the Wildemere/Walnut Beach project was funded for \$325,000 for the initial design. He stated another \$200,000 was awarded by HUD, which was not needed. Mr. Johnson explained the potential to reallocate those monies.

Mr. Bevilacqua asked if that was Storm Sandy money.

Mr. Johnson replied yes and that they are continuing to work on those time lines.

Chairman Zabinskii asked that the matrix originally created by Mr. Wassmer and Mr. Pidluski be recreated so that this Board can have a better idea of each of the projects. A lengthy discussion ensued.

B) Update: Resilency Plan – Mr. Johnson reported the City is working on the Hazardous Mitigation Plan as well as the community rating system which was developed and submitted. He also spoke of the municipal storm water report which is in the process of being updated. He commented it would be helpful to have public outreach on those sustainability plans. Mr. Johnson stated HUD is always looking for public input on some of the projects.

Ms. Sloan suggested an open house type of forum for the public to observe each of the projects. Discussion resumed.

Mr. Bach thanked Mr. Johnson for bringing the information to this Board, adding it brings much value to the meeting and progress.

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

VII. New Business

None.

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

The Board adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary