

**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 12, 2018**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, in Conference Room C of the Parsons Government Complex. Chairman Zabinski called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Michael Zabinski, Chairman
Meghan Sloan
John Casey
T. Bach

Also Present

S. Johnson, Interim Asst. PW Director
Ald. C. Gaynor

Excused: J. Bevilacqua, Ald. K. Fortunati

II. Public Participation

None.

III. Consideration of Minutes

Mr. Casey and Ms. Sloan made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Zabinski questioned why the Board had not received an updated spreadsheet for tonight's meeting.

V. Unfinished Business

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

Bayview Beach – Mr. Johnson reported the project is expected to be completed September 13, 2018.

Calf Pen/Beachland – Mr. Johnson reported the project is scheduled to be completed in December 2018. He also reported the project has been legally noticed. He stated there would be a site walk next Tuesday for anyone who would be bidding. Mr. Johnson stated the bid opening is scheduled for July 11, 2018. He also reported Fuss & O’Neil are the construction administrators.

Milford Point Road – Mr. Johnson reported the project is scheduled to be completed in December 2018. He stated this would be the next project to go out to bid. He also reported the final paperwork is pending as mitigation offset and that they are waiting to determine the amount due to the Army Corp. A brief discussion ensued.

Pelham Street – Mr. Johnson reported there are several things going on with this project. He stated they are still in the design concept with COWIE. He also stated they are looking for paperwork that can document that the unpermitted structure (stairs) existed prior to 1995. He continued with an explanation of the handout (diagram). Mr. Johnson stated the ADA component also needed to be addressed.

Mr. Casey questioned wheelchair access from Pelham Street to the beach if an ADA access ramp is designed. A brief discussion ensued.

Morningside Revetment – Mr. Johnson reported the project is scheduled to be completed June 30, 2019.

Gulf Street/Welches Point Road/Bluff Area – Mr. Johnson reported the project’s design phase will be completed September 30, 2018. If the permitting has not been completed by September 30, 2018, any design plans will need to be updated to reflect those conditions before construction can be awarded. He stated it was expected this project and some of the other projects would have an 18 month window for completion. Mr. Johnson reported the abutter notices would be going out shortly.

Chairman Zabinski questioned the letterhead. He stated the letter should come from the Public Works Department. He also asked about public hearings.

Mr. Johnson stated there would be future public hearings.

Mr. Casey asked the deadline on the permit.

Mr. Johnson stated he did not have that information with him, but noted RACE Coastal is the engineer on the project. A brief discussion ensued.

Gulf Beach Groin – Mr. Johnson provided the Committee with a letter he received from Josh Helms. He stated he is waiting for guidance from COWI.

Mr. Casey questioned the request. He stated while he understood the original engineer on the project may have left, the consultant is still the same. Mr. Casey stated he would like to see the Army Corp's original comments. A brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Zabinski asked what other projects COWI is working on.

Mr. Johnson stated the Pelham Street project. Discussion resumed.

Mr. Casey asked the amount of the COWI contract, the amount expended to date and the status of their work under the scope of the contract. He stated he has been asking for this information for many, many months. He also stated this Board needs to know what tasks have been completed to date.

Mr. Johnson stated there is a preliminary plan.

Mr. Casey stated this Board should be consulting with the city engineer regarding this project. He pointed out a lot of work has already been done and it seems like they are moving backwards.

Mr. Johnson stated he would get an update from COWI and reconfirm with the city engineer for any details.

Wildemere/Walnut Beach – Mr. Johnson reported proposed design is still in discussions and that the Army Corp of Engineers and DEEP are reviewing the project applications. He also reported soil bore samples would be taken at Laurel Avenue and Bittersweet to determine soil composition. A brief discussion ensued.

Crescent Beach – Mr. Johnson reported this project triggered an additional review as it is adjacent to Woodmont Beach USACE project.

B) Update: Resiliency Plan –no report.

VII. New Business

Mr. Johnson asked the Board to add new business to the agenda regarding the CRS process and the Board's role.

Mr. Casey and Mr. Bach made and seconded a motion to add an agenda item, CRS process and the role of the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Johnson stated in January 2015 this Board adopted as a role of the Board, the function of disseminating public information. He stated on June 28, 2018 the PPPI would be meeting with the Department of Homeland Security and looking to document what has been achieved for the Community Rating System program. He stated that Milford had received a level 9 representing a 5% discount to homeowners on their National Flood Insurance policy (NFIP).

Chairman Zabinski questioned is anyone really receives the 5% discount on their insurance and that he would like to see that credit and where and how it is applied to the homeowner.

Mr. Johnson provided the Board with a handout of PPL committee notes. A brief discussion ensued regarding the 5% discount.

Chairman Zabinski asked Mr. Johnson what he was looking for from this Board.

Mr. Johnson stated they are looking for an update of what has been accomplished over the last three (3) years that will be submitted on June 28, 2018. He provided an update to the Board and asked them to review the draft. He asked if there were any further comments or edits to contact him so they could be included in the review.

Mr. Bach suggested plans, public meetings be included as well. He stressed the meetings that were held were very important to the work that has been conducted to date.

Mr. Johnson said the past public meetings were included in the review process and documented elsewhere, but he would request that the Walnut Beach and Crescent Beach meetings be added to the narrative section of report.

Chairman Zabinski stated the other item under New Business is to schedule a field trip to Stratford Point Living Shoreline. He asked the Board members their availability in August or September. A brief discussion ensued, and it was the consensus of the Board that September would be better.

Mr. Johnson stated he would schedule the visit.

Chairman Zabinski stated he was not available for the July meeting. A discussion ensued regarding the July and August meetings. Chairman Zabinski stated he would email the Board to determine the best month to meet.

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 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary