**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, in Conference Room C of the Parsons Government Complex. Vice Chairman Bach called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**I. Roll Call**

Board Members Present Also Present

Michael Zabinski, Chairman

Thom Bach S. Johnson, Asst. PW Director

Meghan Sloan Ald. C. Gaynor

Andrew Bevilacqua

John Casey

**II. Public Participation**

Dave DeLuke - 27 Point Beach Dr – stated he was here to ask if any review of Point Beach Drive, regarding the drainage be made a priority. He stated in the short time he has lived on Point Beach Drive the water condition is getting worse and impacting their ability to live a normal life. He commented on the small parcel of land that he owns, the high taxes they pay and the lack of ability to enjoy the quality of life they should.

Linda Baumgarten - 102 Broadway - here with my neighbor. Her cousin lives on the beach side. She stated there is an exposed gas pipe is exposed. The water tide comes halfway up where the new houses were built. It appears the water levels are just getting worse and worse. Interrupt wave action and recovery some of the sand for our beaches.

**III. Correspondence**

None.

**IV. Consideration of Minutes of the August 13, 2019 meeting**

Mr. Bach and Mr. Casey made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2019 meeting with the following correction:

Under consideration of minutes, the minutes should read ***Chairman Zabinski*** called the meeting to order, not Chairman Zabinski.

Motion carried unanimously as corrected.

Chairman Zabinski asked Mr. Johnson about the Wildemere Beach review and where they stood with it.

Mr. Johnson stated he did not have it yet. He stated he did have Crescent Beach review that he would forward to the members of the Committee.

**V. Unfinished Business**

A) Update: Drainage Projects and CDBG Projects:

Bayview Beach – Mr. Johnson reported they are in a hurry up and wait mode. The also reported there were two bidders. Mr. Johnson reported they met on August 1 and that they are still waiting for a traffic control plan. He stated it appears they are delayed until next spring.

Mr. Bach asked how the residents were notified.

Mr. Johnson stated he has reached out to the various beach associations. He stated the good news is that the time line on the project has been extended. A brief discussion ensued.

Point Beach – Mr. Johnson distributed handout, explained some of the out flow pipes. Continued with an explanation of the handout, referencing the streets they are looking at. He also reported he met with John Gaucher of DEEP on these projects. He also reported he reached out to the Engineering Department to see what they have in regard to designs for this area.

Mr. Bach asked what the next steps were.

Mr. Johnson stated it would be to update the designs and recommendations to see what would be the best steps forward. Discussion ensued.

Calf Pen/Beachland Avenue – Mr. Johnson reported the project is 99% done. The final grading seems to have resolved the drainage issues. He stated they also need to treat the phragmites along the marsh.

Milford Point Road - Mr. Johnson stated he did not have an update, and that the project had not gone out to bid.

Mr. Casey asked if there was a particular reason for the holdout for the project not going out to bid.

Mr. Johnson stated it is just a matter of finalizing the paperwork before sending it out.

Morningside Revetment – Mr. Johnson reported this project would out to bid this fall.

Gulf Beach/Welches Point Road – Mr. Johnson reported he is waiting for proposals from RACE, as well as an update on cost.

Wildemere/Walnut Beach – Mr. Johnson reported the living plans were submitted to DEEP and that they had not responded favorably or otherwise. He stated it is likely they will have to address questions regarding public access and private ownership. Mr. Johnson also reminded the Board part of that project was a shoreline survey for about 14 of those public access areas. He also spoke about the exposed man hole at Wildwood Avenue and clogged outfall pipes at Smith and Ann Streets.

Chairman Zabinski suggested the Engineering Department look at the end of Waterbury Avenue. A brief discussion ensued.

Crescent Beach – Mr. Johnson stated he met with Army Corp back in the spring and that they had a number of questions. He reported in response to those concerns he was recommending a scaled back portion of the project. A brief discussion ensued.

Pelham Street – Mr. Johnson reported this project is finishing up.

Gulf Beach Breakwater - Mr. Johnson reported the design just is not acceptable.

Mr. Johnson commented he found an 1882 coastal shoreline survey as well as inland wetland areas and tidal areas. A brief discussion ensued.

Ms. Sloan asked how the city decides which catch basins are cleaned out.

Mr. Johnson explained the highway foreman goes out and also they tend toward high flooding areas. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Bach spoke about preventative maintenance, knowing what the budget is and making sure we are doing something about maintenance.

Mr. Johnson stated sometimes it is resources.

Mr. Bach stated people come to these Flood and Erosion Control Board meetings month after month and things just are not getting done. Discussion resumed.

Chairman Zabinski asked Mr. Johnson to invite Mr. Gaucher to the next meeting regarding Wildemere/Walnut and the Gulf Beach projects. He also stated it was time to share the issues this Board and Milford is having with the local and state elected officials.

B) Update: Resiliency Plan –Mr. Johnson stated he had no report.

C) Update: Program for Public Information (PPI) – no report. Mr. Johnson stated he would have the DPLU Director come to the next meeting. He stated Mr. Griffith was unable to attend tonight.

**VII. New Business**

None.

Being no further business to discuss, Mr. Casey and Ms. Sloan made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen A. Kennedy Recording Secretary