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SPECIAL MEETING

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Friday, July 13, 2018 at 11:00 am

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Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Gross

Roll Call

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Present: J. Roy Oliver
Ken Whildin
Cormac Morrissey, Engineer
Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Oliver at 11:15:00 am and the pledge of allegiance followed..

Roll Call: Mrs. Gross, absent
Mr. Oliver, present
Mr. Whildin, present

Guests present: Mrs. Sherry Valentine
Mr. James Valentine
Mr. Joseph Betz
Mrs. Joann Betz

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Discussion:

1. Bricksboro Bulkhead

Mr. Oliver provided a synopsis of the work, planning and meetings that have taken place to date regarding the Bricksboro Bulkhead and flooding problem in Bricksboro. Mr. Oliver furthered that today's meeting was to present to Mr. & Mrs. Betz and Mr. & Mrs. Valentine the opportunity to utilize the NJDEP general permit that the township is obtaining to reconstruction their existing bulkheads.

Mr. Morrissey showed Mr. & Mrs. Betz and Mr. & Mrs. Valentine a copy of the plan that the township has to complete the bulkhead work in the 65 foot easement area. Mr. Morrissey explained the new bulkhead elevation height will be 7 ½ feet from sand bottom. Mr. Morrissey explained that since the township is a public entity it must pay prevailing wage rates for any work performed including this bulkhead work, the estimate cost of \$600 to \$1,000 per linear foot. A private person rate could be substantially less. The new bulkhead must be within 24 inches of the present bulkhead; toward the water.

Presently the NJDEP is questioning the existence of the bulkhead prior to 1977 as aerials they have viewed do not show the bulkhead. Mr. Morrissey explained that historical aerial maps, a photo and affidavits have been forwarded to NJDEP to prove the existence of the bulkhead. The deadline is July 18th and the township has submitted the materials in time to meet the deadline. Whether the NJDEP determination will be made prior to July 18th is unknown and there is a question as to whether the township will be required to refile.

Mrs. Betz asked the about the height of the bulkhead. Mr. Morrissey explained that the new bulkhead height is 7 ½ feet and is based on elevation. The ‘visible’ bulkhead from land will be about one foot higher than the current bulkhead.

It was questioned whether the ditch would be cleaned as part of this project. It was explained that a permit would be required to do this but the Cumberland County Mosquito Commission can clean the ditch without permits. Further discussion was that this ditch flow has been the cause of some of the flooding problems in Bricksboro.

Mr. Morrissey explained that the permit should be received within the next month or so. Mr. Morrissey explained that the new bulkhead will be made of vinyl and further explained the construction process using this material. Mr. Morrissey explained that once the permit is received the bid specifications will be prepared and bid proposals requested with construction possibly starting in the fall.

It was discussed that the drainage pipe and sluice gate are not part of this project.

Mr. Oliver provided a synopsis of the meeting and asked that any questions can be sent to the Municipal Clerk and she will forward to the appropriate party(ies).

2. Routine Matters

No routine matters were presented for discussion.

Adjournment

Mr. Oliver made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Whildin.

Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk