

**MINUTES
PAWLEYS ISLAND
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
AFTER STORM IRMA**

DATE/PLACE: September 12, 2017
Temporary Town Hall Trailer – Pavilion Park

PRESENT: Mayor Bill Otis, Mike Adams, Ashley Carter & Sarah Zimmerman

ABSENT: Rocky Holliday

Mayor Otis stated that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss what happened to the island as a result of Storm Irma.

Ryan Fabbri stated that no one expected the impact of Storm Irma to be as significant as it was to Pawleys. We have pretty much the same problems we had with Hurricane Matthew, but on a smaller scale such as the Matthew sand dunes on the south end were mostly gone and the sand is washed over onto Springs Avenue, which will take heavy equipment to remove it by Goodson Construction. He has talked to DOT who agreed to reimburse us for that expense. The cost for equipment from Goodson for cleanup and dune work has gone up slightly because of the increase in the cost of diesel fuel. Coastal Science is evaluating the beach and will give us an update of what they think we should do at this point. The north end and the middle of the island is not as bad as the south end. The State permits are good but we also need the cooperation from the Corps of Engineers. CSE has been working on those permits and that is what we are waiting on now. There is a possibility that this may not be covered by the Federal Disaster declaration, but Ryan thinks that we will get FEMA funding. However, that should not be the deciding factor as to whether we rebuild the dunes; if dunes need rebuilding we should do it then try to get reimbursement from FEMA. The question remaining for Council to decide on is, do we rebuild just the south end dunes or the entire island, or do we do just what CSE recommends. Based on what happened last year to push up sand dunes on the entire beach, it cost approximately \$320,000 but the south end had to be done repeatedly because it would continue to wash away as it was pushed up, but this project should be less than that. There is also a section of the road on Springs Avenue that has washed out that needs to be repaired soon. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to authorize Ryan Fabbri to move forward with what CSE and/or Goodson Construction recommends us to do to protect what we have. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**

Ryan stated that we flew a drone over the island 2 days prior to the storm and will do it again in the next few days, to be able to have a comparison of the beach before and after the storm.

The next Town Council meeting will be tomorrow, September 13, at the Chapel at 5:00.

Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn. Mike Adams seconded. All in favor.

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