## MINUTES PAWLEYS ISLAND COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING

DATE/PLACE:

August 5, 2020 @ 12:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

PRESENT:

Mayor Brian Henry, Ashley Carter, Guerry Green & Rocky Holliday, Sarah

Zimmerman

ABSENT:

None

## INVOKE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THE TOWN'S MUNICIPAL CODE AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE THE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE ISAIAS

Mayor Henry stated that one of the most visible things left from Hurricane Isaias is the marsh grass that has washed up the island and some washed up sand fencing on the ocean side. If the debris is not on the roadway SCDOT will not pick it up. Some of these piles are quite large. He feels that there is too much debris for the property owners to take care of. Ryan Fabbri stated that in the past, the Town didn't have to bid out the job of cleaning up the debris as it was an emergency situation. So, he will contact Seaspray Construction as they have the equipment necessary to do the job and we have used them in the past to clear beach debris. They charged an hourly rate that includes the truck, bobcat and labor. We paid the bill then sent it in to FEMA and they ended up reimbursing us 75% of the cost however, Mr. Fabbri did not think, with this storm, that we would meet the necessary threshold for the county or the state for reimbursement because it was not declared a disaster event. With Hurricane Dorian last year, it took 3 weeks to find out that it was classified as disaster event. Mayor Henry asked if we submitted the amount of sand lost during the storm, if that would put us over the threshold for the county/state? Mr. Fabbri stated that there are 2 things that must be met. The County threshold for us to meet would be \$231,000 but the State threshold is \$7 million which we will probably not meet. CSE went out to measure the sand loss on our beach and it may be enough for us to get to the county threshold but definitely will not meet the \$7 million. After much discussion it was decided that the property owners will need to clean their property by putting their storm debris to the roadside to be picked up. Any sand displacement is an OCRM issue. There are 10-12 homes where there is a breach in the dune and they will be handled on a case by case basis. Once it is determined what the property owner's options are Mr. Fabbri will contact the home owner's to let them know what repairs will need to be done but doesn't necessarily mean that the Town will need to get involved with that. Council will need to make a decision as to what the Town will be responsible for. All of the breaches were under walkways where either the sand couldn't be pushed up during the renourishment project because the walkway was in the way or by the homeowner when they had a new walkway built after the renourishment project. Ryan Fabbri will email all property owners to tell them that the Town will pick up storm debris but they must put it by the roadside and that it must be separated by piles of vegetative debris separated from broken or storm damaged property and to have it out by the road by August 20th. Beyond that they must dispose of it on their own.

Mayor Henry will reach out to the County to see if they will help us but they may not want to if this is not declared a disaster event meaning they will not get reimbursed for their expense. Mayor Henry, Ryan Fabbri and Ray Funnye will meet to discuss this. Council decided to have an expense cap of \$20,000. Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve invoking the emergency procurement procedures with a cap of \$20,000. Guerry Green seconded. All in favor.

## <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Guerry Green made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Rocky Holliday. All in favor.

APPROVED

16/2/20 DATE 9-14-2020 DATE