

- Bob Mainberger PE , of Hatch Mott MacDonald LLC provided an update on the Borough's beach activities , planned activities for the summer and a recap on the present status of the NJDEP and USACE beach renourishment program for our area (Northern Ocean County)
- Previous plans to have the USACE project out to bid by the end of 2015 obviously did not happen
- There are a variety of things that have happened which created this delay.
 - Legal issues w/ DEP and court challenge by group of miscellaneous homeowners from Pt. Pleasant to Long Beach Island that the NJDEP is overstepping their boundaries by initiating Eminent Domain condemnation proceedings to acquire the lands for the project to take place
- DEP will continue to pursue project regardless of outcome , and if decision is unfavorable will probably appeal
- From the technical side the DEP and Army Corp. are moving forward with eminent domain
- Army Corps. And NJDEP have indicated inability to resolve outstanding issues with Point Pleasant, Bay Head, or Berkley Township will not prevent the project from happening they are on the perimeter of the project main section , the NJDEP and USACE are meeting this week to determine limits of truncated remaining area of the project if needed , NJDEP indicated that the USACE is looking for any truncation of the project limit provide for at least 50% of the project volume.
- There are various easements throughout the remaining area of the project in Mantoloking, Brick, Toms River, Etc. still to be resolve , however many easement documents and fair offer letters to holdouts have been processed
- Mantoloking has 9 properties who have not settled voluntarily
 - 5 properties which are vacant have has the appraisals completed and fair offer letters processed
 - 4 properties which have existing homes are still involved in the completion of appraisals due to the complexity of appraisal issues and methodology
- Beach Clubs in the project area- NJDEP indicates that all outstanding issues with the clubs with the exception of 4 have been resolved
- We expect the seasonal return of sand Mid May thru Mid-June
- We have access structures prebuilt for 4 primary beach access points Williams, Albertson, Lyman and Downer , others will be worked on and we expect the beach will be fully accessible for the summer
- Seawall has 4-8 ft. of exposure (Downer North to Herbert) In this area the shoreline is most difficult because the historical development of the lots land mass in this area was more to the east , so the seawall is easterly in this area and more exposed to the ocean waves
- DPW will be starting Bulldozing as opportunity and sand availability arises
- One property owner north of Herbert has agreed to allow the Borough to access their property to take the excess from the Army Corp. project and transport same to the beach so this will allow the bulldozers to get down to the beach

- However as a backup plan , the Borough has already committed to purchase sand as needed to create access ramps to the beach for the bulldozers
- Due to historical background erosion we loose on average of 2 ft. of beach each year. Super Storm Sandy took 10-15 years' worth of sand away setting the shoreline to the west
- A question was posed regarding the present viability of the USACE Replenishment Project since the original approval was dated 2003. Mr. Mainberger indicated that Federal policy requires any project that construction is not initiated within 5 years of approval must go back through a re-examination, This project was revisited and was deemed a viable project in early 2015
- Jonas was declared a Federal Disaster by the President
 - Bulldozing , safety fencing access path repairs will be covered under a 75%federal - 25%Municipal cost share , the Borough will be prudent in expenditure of funds and coordination of work

Other notable advancements regarding the progression of the USACE project were acknowledged inclusive of the processing of the PPA (Project Partnership Agreement) between the NJDEP and the USA; and the development and submission of the project State Aid Agreement(SAA) to the Borough for the project for review