



**TOWN COUNCIL OF BRINY BREEZES  
NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM WORKSHOP AT TOWN HALL  
4802 N. OCEAN BLVD., BRINY BREEZES, FL 33435**

**MARCH 10, 2016, 9:00 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call:** President Thaler called the Workshop to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Deputy Town Clerk Cooper called the roll: Michael Hill, Susan Thaler, Christina Adams, Ira Friedman, Robert Jurovaty were present; James McCormick absent with notice; John Skrandel excused. Guests attending: Josh Overmyer (CRS Specialist, FL Emergency Management), Edward Fernandez (Arcadis Hazard Mitigation Planner), Macy Fricke (Arcadis Hazard Mitigation Planner), and Tom Oglesby (BBI).
- II. Additions, Withdrawals, Deferrals, and Arrangement of Agenda Items:** None
- III. Ex-Parte Communications:** None
- IV. Items for Council Discussion:** Discussion regarding the Town’s participation in the National Flood Insurance Program: salient points –

Community Rating System (CRS)

- Communities earn points by taking action annually that mitigates potential losses due to flooding
- By taking action to participate in the system, Briny would get 800 points initially, good for a 5% discount for FEMA flood insurance in Zone AE and X over a 5-yr period. For each additional 100 action points, the Town can earn an additional 5% discount.
- Corporate buildings except for Ocean Clubhouse, Quonset huts and D-3&4 bath houses are outside of these Zones and would not qualify for any discount.
- To qualify for larger premium discounts, all units in Zones AE and V need to have “flood vents” (or breakaway walls/skirting) that allow flood waters to enter and evacuate the area under buildings / units without damaging structural supports

New Flood Zone Designations

- Government expects to approve the new survey of US elevations based on the 1988 North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) which will replace the 1929 survey currently in use. The change comes with new flood zone designations.
- In Briny, most all of Districts 3 & 4 are in new Zone AE, the 100-year floodplain. The OCH and first four rows on the east side of Districts 1 & 2 (closest to the beach) are in newly created Zone “V”, the 500-yr flood plain exposed to flooding related to 3-foot ocean waves. Structures with Flood insurance in these two zones can receive flood insurance premium reductions by town participation in CRS. The other areas of Briny will get no premium discounts related to Town participation in the CRS
- In the new system, minimum floor level for habitable structures is 6-feet above mean sea level (MSL) as measured by NAVD. The old level was 7’ above MSL as measured by a different standard. There is not a reduction in the minimum floor level; only a change in how it’s measured.

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Additional Info from FEMA Reps

- Maximum amount of coverage offered by FEMA is \$250k per home and \$100k for personal property.
- Only 49 Briny units in Zone AE (D-3&4) currently have flood insurance. Avg. premium is \$846/yr. Twenty-eight units outside the special flood hazard area have avg. premium \$200/yr.
- Only 6 flood losses claimed in the last 38 years in Briny
- According to FEMA reps – Federal law requires that any substantial addition to a unit in a flood area (one that raises the market value of the home by 50% or more) requires that entire home be raised to 6' above MSL and that an elevation certificate must be issued by competent authority.
- Propane tanks in flood zone need to be anchored (strapped).

FEMA e-Grants

- Fed Gov't provided \$90M for 2016 pre-disaster flood mitigation projects for Florida. Expect funding at this level to continue for next few years, but not certain
- Requires matching funds
- Open to applications Mar 15 – May 3, 2016; Notice of award in September 2016
- Funds released in two years from application date. No work can commence before funds released
- Projects must be assets/property/infrastructure owned by Town, or Corporate assets/property/infrastructure subject to a maintenance agreement with Town (Town maintains asset)
- Projects qualifying include pumps that mitigate flooding; may also include seawalls (St Augustine Seawall Project / public seawall mentioned) and emergency back-up power dedicated to flood mitigation pumps and maybe sewage pumps. Power project partially dedicated to mitigating flooding may qualify. Other projects not discussed include wind mitigation efforts like heavy duty roof bolts in buildings, hurricane windows and doors and even a new sewer system.
- Any projects submitted must include a cost-benefit analysis

- V. **Public Comments** related to National Flood Insurance Program only: Included in above
- VI. **Adjournment:** MOTION to adjourn was made and seconded (Thaler/Jurovaty) at 12:12 PM. After a call for comment, motion passed unanimously.

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Michael Hill, Mayor

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Susan Thaler, President

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Christina Adams, Alderman

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Ira Friedman, Alderman

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Robert Jurovaty, Alderman

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James McCormick, Alderman

ATTEST:

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Robert Jurovaty, Town Clerk Pro Tem

For relevant testimony, discussion, or oral reports, etc. please refer to the audio CD available at the Town Hall.