



The Avalon Home and Land Owners Association

BOROUGH ENGINEER, TOM THORNTON GAVE A REPORT ON THE BEACHFILL PROJECT.

There have been meetings with the NJ DEP Department of Coastal Engineering and the US Army Corps of Engineers. They have indicated it would be helpful if Avalon joined with other communities in order to save costs. As a result a joint request for bids went out from Sea Isle City and Avalon. These bids were received on January 8. The low bid from Great Lakes had a mobilization charge of \$2 million (of which each community would pay half) and a cost of \$7 per cubic yard from the borrow area in Townsend Inlet. The cost to pump about 500,000 cubic yards is about \$4.5 million. Funding for the project is currently not available from the State or the Corps; future reimbursement of the costs might be available.

Permits are in the process of being obtained. Work is to start on April 1 and finish by July 1. The area to 26th Street is included in the project. Originally the area of concern was from 9* to 18th Street, and the amount of sand was for that area. The additional sand, if available, will enable wider beaches to be constructed. A survey of the borrow area will be carried out during the project to determine if additional sand is available to pump onto the beach.

The Corps of Engineers is looking at back-passing sand up the beach, and the initial feasibility study looks promising. It may not be cost effective to use a system similar to that at Indian River, Delaware to move sand from the southern beach.

The outfall pipe at 22nd Street has taken a beating, but its repair is not included in the current project. The Corps has admitted that its design for the pipe was faulty, however, they will not necessarily pay for the cost of repairs.

In answer to a question it was stated that the sea wall in Townsend Inlet is functioning as it should.