



**Town of Porter  
Stormwater Management Board  
303 Franklin Street  
Porter, Indiana 46304**

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2024**

The meeting opened at 5:00 pm with William Lopez leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers Present-William Lopez, James Eriksson and Mitch Reynolds.  
Also, at the meeting was Tammie Sufana, Michael Barry, and Reggie Korthals.

**Appointment of Officers and Secretary-**

Mr. Eriksson made a motion to nominate Mr. Lopez as President, Mr. Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Lopez made a motion to nominate Mr. Eriksson as Vice President, second by Mr. Reynolds. Motion Passed 3-0.

Mr. Lopez made a motion to nominate Mr. Reynolds as Treasurer, second by Mr. Eriksson. Motion passed 3-0

Mr. Lopez made a motion to retain Mrs. Sufana as Secretary, Mr. Eriksson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion to approve the minutes of January 23, 2024 as written was made by Mr. Eriksson, second by Mr. Reynolds.  
Motion passed 3-0.

Motion to approve the accounts payable voucher in the amount of \$21,270.47 as submitted was made by Mr. Eriksson, second by Mr. Reynolds.  
Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurers Report –Mr. Reynolds states the current balance is \$972,007.27.

MS4 Permit Update-Reggie Korthals states we are the beginning process of completing annual report. We do not have to submit all the documents if the decide to audit then we will have to supply them. She has given Mr. Barry a copy of draft she gave to IDEM. We are part of NWSWAG and they have the Contractors/Developers Certification

meeting coming up March 8 and they should have close to 200 contractors/developers signed up. When they complete training they will have a certificate.

Ms. Korthals mentions the town now has an Environmental Sustainability Commission and she was elected the chair. Sustainability is part of what town does. Federal dollars want to see stormwater master plan and some kind of sustainability.

Public Comments-Bruce Snyder, 860 Quail Ridge, Hunters Glen Subdivision- has issues with the easements at back of property. At the entrance to subdivision across Hwy20 there is a pond that was attached to their pond. He is asking for relief in two areas, one to maintain the two pipes and two to dig original trench in his yard and add some rocks.

Carol Buehler, 890 Quail Ridge, Hunters Glen Subdivision-the influx of all the rain and water from across the street since they opened up the drains when it rains a lot it backs up to half of her yard and it pools by her house.

Mr. Barry states there are three basins in subdivision. HOA is responsible for basins and pipes are the responsibility of town. What he would like to do is hire an engineer to figure out if the drainage calculations are correct. He is not sure if when they connected the other pond if the calculations were done. He also would like to start a maintenance plan where we check to make sure things are draining correctly. He also has Global is looking at all the pipes in the subdivision.

Mr. Eriksson made a motion to get a quote for engineering of that area, Mr. Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Reports by Michael Barry-Updates-Mr. Barry states we got approved for the Lake Michigan Coastal Grant for \$30,000 grant with a match \$30,000. He was told that they have another pot of funds they will give us \$30,000 with no match.

He filled out a Resiliency document required for NIRPC and sent back to Lake Michigan Coastal and they told him that our form was the best form filled out. There is a lot of funding for resiliency projects. MS4 dollars are earmarked for water quality and we tend to spend it on water quantity. Ditches function under water quality. He is looking to get a grant for a resiliency projects.

Master plan will be on website. He is going to go through the old one and reprioritize it first.

Carlson Corners-February 12, NIPSCO met out there and they are arguing internally about where gas lines should go. He would like to start working on the project in pieces

and start with clearing some trees and brush. The biggest problem is Marquette is the big trees they can get out of the way. Mr. Lopez comments clearing the trees should be a good start. Mr. Barry comments it should not cost as much as it did as a ditch project. Mr. Eriksson made a motion to get quotes for removing trees and brush on Carlson Corners, Mr. Reynolds made second. Motion passed 3-0.

Indian Trails/Woodlawn- He just received the report and is still going over it. He will report on it next month.

Waverly/Bailey- He has received some drawings today along with easement documents and cost estimate of \$800,000. The project at Waverly/Bailey is designed by Global. He is looking to go out for bid after he has them make a few minor corrections. Mr. Eriksson made a motion to put the project out for bid, Mr. Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Old Business-NONE

New Business-Great Lakes Engineering Contract- Mr. Eriksson made a motion to approve Great Lakes Engineering Contract, Mr. Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

SEH Contract-Mr. Eriksson made a motion to approve the SEH Contract, Mr. Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Board Comments-Mr. Lopez welcomes Mr. Reynolds to the board.

Adjournment-Mr. Eriksson made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Reynolds seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

William Lopez, President  
Mitch Reynolds, Treasurer

ATTEST: Tammie Sufana, Secretary