



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

**Minutes from the Meeting of August 23, 2011**

The meeting was opened at 5:01 P.M. with President William Cantrell leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers Present - William Cantrell, Jon Granat and Daniel Colbert. Also at the meeting were Secretary, Sue Huyser, Director of Engineering, Matt Keiser and Public Works Director, Brenda Brueckheimer.

Motion was made to approve the July 26, 2011 minutes as presented by Jon Granat, second by Daniel Colbert.

Motion Passed 3 – 0 .

Motion to approve the August 1 - 18, 2011 accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$2,903.85 as submitted was made by Daniel Colbert, second by Jon Granat.

Motion Passed 3 – 0 .

Dan Colbert provided the Treasurer's report stating the revenue after approving above claims was \$99,534.36.

Motion to approve the treasurers report was made by Jon Granat, William Cantrell seconded. Motion Passed 3 – 0.

Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer noted the Marquette Ditch will have the outlet installed. Brueckheimer also informed the public they will have firewood from this project available to the residents for pick up.

Brueckheimer also gave an update on the Little Calumet River debris removal. The volunteers will be out Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> to remove a log jam. The stretch of the Calumet has been cleared from Waverly, behind Woodlake Springs, up to the Mineral Springs Bridge.

Director of Engineering and Redevelopment, Matt Keiser reported the Park Avenue project has been closed out. There was a driveway repair complaint that Apex Excavation will take care of and reseeding has been done. The first seeding did not have adequate germination to fully replace the grass.

Keiser also reported if the town supplies the culvert box for Waverly Road it will relieve the town from the mitigation with IDEM. INDOT will do the repairs if the Town purchases the culvert box. The cost is roughly \$24,820.00.

Motion was made by Jon Granat to approve the expense of \$24,820.00 for the

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Waverly box culvert, second by Daniel Colbert. Motion Passed 3 – 0.

Mr. Keiser also stated he and Brueckheimer attended an MS4 meeting informing them of new regulations on Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) which states any pipe 24 inches and greater needs to be mapped and recorded each quarter. Keiser requested approval to purchase a waterproof handheld Garmin GPS hiking tool which includes a built in 5 megapixel camera for \$650.00. This unit will suffice for the IDEM requirements. The alternative is to purchase a smaller version of the GPS unit and a waterproof camera. Jon Granat asked if this unit could be shared with the Public Works Department. Brueckheimer said she mentioned a handheld GPS unit last year but never purchased one.

Motion was made by Daniel Colbert to purchase the GPS unit not to exceed \$650.00, second by Jon Granat. Motion Passed 3 – 0.

Under old business Mr. Keiser reported that the Town has received over 60 responses to the forms indicating drainage issues. These forms will be reviewed to identify substantial issues to small ponding in residential yards. Some of these will include major and minor town repairs and or major and minor resident repairs.

William Cantrell informed the audience that the Storm Water Board was formed a little over 5 years ago and they have made many improvements. He also pointed out the storm water regulations are an unfunded federal mandate.

Mike Dzialakiewicz of 366 Lake Vista Ct. addressed the board. He stated that in the last six years his home has flooded 3 times. July 2<sup>nd</sup> of this year he had 5" of water in his basement, in September of 2009 he had 4' of water in his basement, in January of 2008 he had 3" of water in his basement and the lake was frozen. He has lived there long enough to observe the volatility of the lake levels. According to Mr. Dzialakiewicz the lake is currently low but he is wondering if there is something upstream that has been built or changed to create the flooding of properties downstream. Property erosion is also a concern of his.

Brenda Brueckheimer stated the entire cul-de-sac has flooding issues. The lake is coming into the house. It is not a sump pump failure for these residents. She has spent countless hours in that cul-de-sac pumping water away from the homes.

Mr. Keiser addressed the erosion concerns by informing the residents they are typically required to protect their own property. The vacant lot next to Mr. Dzialakiewicz was flooded. Mr. Keiser suggested it was poor designing on behalf of the developer and or builder. If the home was built under the 100 year flood elevation, there is nothing the town can do about that and it would require legal recourse against the builder. Ms. Brueckheimer added it was a spring fed lake which has been lower but she has seen it a lot higher than its current elevation. Mr. Keiser wants to identify if the first floor living space is below the 100 year flood elevation. There are options that can be looked at to help control the

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elevations of the lake.

Barbara Suarez of 378 Lake Vista Ct also addressed the board. She stated she realized the flooding problems shortly after moving into town. She was informed by the Porter County Assessor's office it is the Town's responsibility to maintain their property. Pratt Lake was identified as Town of Porter Park property therefore falling under the Town of Porter's Stormwater Board. She also added the Little Calumet River also falls under town jurisdiction. The County Assessor told Mrs. Suarez that if the bridge was opened up on Mineral Springs it would alleviate flooding issues but the town refuses to do anything about it. She is concerned about the lake overflow affecting her and her neighbors. Mrs. Suarez also stated it was the town's responsibility to ensure that homes are built on good land, not in wetlands. She begged that no more homes be built in her subdivision because she was informed by the Army Corp of Engineers that only 10% should have been filled in. It was not monitored by the town and now it has become a flooding issue. She closed stating it's not the residents' problem it is the town's problem due to having jurisdiction over the lake.

There was no new business.

There being no other business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Jon Granat, second by William Cantrell. Motion passed 3 – 0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 P.M.

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President, William Cantrell

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Vice-President, Jon Granat

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Treasurer, Daniel Colbert

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Secretary, Sue Huyser