



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

Minutes from the Meeting of January 25, 2011

The meeting was opened at 5:03 P.M. with President William Cantrell leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Organizational appointments were made for 2011. Dan Colbert nominated William Cantrell as President, second by Jon Granat Vote 3 – 0. Dan Colbert nominated Jon Granat as Vice-President, second by William Cantrell Vote 3 – 0. William Cantrell nominated Dan Colbert as Treasurer, second by Jon Granat Vote 3 – 0.

Motion was made to approve the December 28, 2010 minutes as presented by Jon Granat, second by Dan Colbert. Motion Passed 3 – 0 .

Motion to approve the January 1 – 21, 2011 accounts payable vouchers of \$2,017.37 as submitted was made by Jon Granat, second by Dan Colbert. Motion Passed 3 – 0 .

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented was made by William Cantrell, second by Jon Granat. Motion Passed 3 – 0.

Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer did not have a report but wanted to thank the Stormwater board for the projects completed this year. Everything is draining well and she has not had any issues, however, we have not had any substantial rains. Progress is being made in the complaint area. The only complaints she has had recently are culvert complaints and those are property owner issues not Town issues.

Director of Engineering, Matt Keiser requested approval for \$35.00 to attend the Purdue Stormwater Conference in West Lafayette. Jon Granat made the motion to approve the attendance fee for Mr. Keiser to attend the Stormwater Conference, second by Dan Colbert. Motion Passed 3 – 0.

Mr. Keiser reported the Stormwater Master plan had 19 areas identified one and a half years ago. The yellow items have been completed and the pink items are on a schedule through other projects. There are only a few areas left on the master plan. Area 9 is going to be a large project that will take some collaboration with Chesterton, Porter and

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the Stormwater Board to complete. Area 2 & 13 were briefly discussed at the previous meeting. Mr. Keiser feels these should be priority. He will be looking into any available grants to help with the funding of the project. There are possible federal funds in the form of an 80/20 grant. There is currently property for sale located at the corner of Waverly and Knoelke which is wetlands/forest. Mr. Keiser suggested looking at acquiring the property for storm water “maintenance/treatment”. Jon Granat inquired how accurate the master plan is on estimates for each project. Matt Keiser and Brenda Brueckheimer both felt they were not accurate at all.

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Under the public comment section there was some discussion regarding the flooding issue in the area of 351 Waverly Road. The storm water seems to be flowing south instead of north to the Little Calumet River. Brueckheimer said she will probe the area to see if a proposed culvert is in fact buried.

Also under public comment William Sexton, owner of 419 Franklin St. discussed flooding issues from the paved alley behind his property. He claims the flooding is due to the alley being 10” higher than his home. The alley was paved under previous Public Works Director, Art Powell. Brueckheimer said all alleys in the downtown area need work.

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 5:23 P.M.

President, William Cantrell

Vice-President, Jon Granat

Treasurer, Daniel Colbert

Secretary, Sue Huyser