



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

Minutes from the Meeting of February 23, 2010

The meeting was opened at 5:04 P.M. with President William Cantrell leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

All Officers Present - William Cantrell, Jon Granat, Daniel Colbert.
Also at the meeting were Secretary, Sue Huyser and Town Engineer, Matt Keiser.
Public Works Director, Brenda Brueckheimer was absent.

Motion was made to approve the January 26, 2010 minutes as presented by Jon Granat, second by Daniel Colbert. Motion Passed 3 – 0 .

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Bill Cantrell, second by Jon Granat. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Motion to approve accounts payable vouchers of \$2,164.42 as submitted was made by Daniel Colbert, seconded by Jon Granat. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Due to the absence of Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer there was no report.

Town Engineer, Matt Keiser reported Ms. Brueckheimer is doing well and Sarah and crew are doing a great job helping with both sanitary projects currently underway in Porter. Mr. Keiser also stated the LTAP conference was great. He learned about low impact subdivision developments and the benefits of rain guards. Mr. Keiser would like to hold a Saturday workshop in the future to educate the residents on rain gardens and Low Impact Developments.

Under old business Mr. Keiser reported the Wood Street project will be put out for bids after the sewer projects start to wind down. The two projects should be nearing completion, weather permitting within a week to a week and a half. Ideally the projects will be completed before the spring thaw.

Under new business Mr. Keiser suggested the stormwater board consider raising the stormwater rates parallel to the sewer rate increase. Mr. Keiser would recommend doubling the rate to bring the stormwater yearly revenues to reach \$250,000.00 which is needed to fund the 5 year plan of projects. Mr. Cantrell noted there is currently \$60,000.00 allocated for wages and operating expenses. If we increase we could possibly spend roughly \$200,000.00 on projects. Mr. Cantrell would like to formulate a plan to present to the Town Council. Mr. Keiser will outline the stormwater projects that could be done with \$250,000.00 and will present it at the March meeting.

Also under new business there was a discussion of the Stormwater Board absorbing some

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of the operating costs to relieve the Sewer Fund of paying for all associated costs. It was discovered that the Stormwater Fund is padded to help cover the administrative costs and is currently paying a portion of those amounts.

There was no public comment. However, Mr. Granat requested to review the materials provided at the LTAP Conference. Mr. Granat also questioned if stormwater could be installing lines while the sewer project on Franklin Street was underway. Mr. Keiser informed Mr. Granat that the sewer project on Franklin Street was not causing any excavation.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 P.M.

President, William Cantrell

Vice-President, Jon Granat

Treasurer, Daniel Colbert

Secretary, Sue Huyser