



**Town of Porter
Stormwater Management Board**

**303 Franklin Street
Porter, Indiana 46304**

Minutes from the Meeting of May 25, 2010

The meeting was opened at 5:06 P.M. with President William Cantrell leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion was made to approve the April 27, 2010 minutes as presented by Jon Granat, second by William Cantrell. Motion Passed 2 – 0 .

No Treasurer's Report was presented.

Motion to approve accounts payable vouchers of \$2,096.01 as submitted was made by Jon Granat, second by William Cantrell. Motion Passed 2 – 0 .

Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer requested Stormwater Board purchases a 4" trash pump for use during rain events. The 2" pump currently used is not good for ditches and retention ponds. Quotes were received from Global Industries for \$2,271.00 and from American Machine and Tool for \$3,899.00. Granat asked if it would be portable by town trucks. Brueckheimer stated it would be portable and can be interchanged with hoses borrowed from the Fire Department for discharge. Motion was made to approve the purchase of a 4" trash pump from Global Industries not to exceed \$2,500.00 by Jon Granat, second by William Cantrell. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Director of Engineering, Matt Keiser reported the Portage / Eugene flooding from Peterson Ditch overflow caused by the 4" rain last week was a substantial amount of water. He will be working with homeowners to clean up the ditch. He will be looking at driveway culverts that are possibly blocked with debris. He stated these issues help cause the homes to be inaccessible. Porter County doesn't perform regular maintenance. They will come in and fix the ditch and then ignore it until years later when the issues resurface. If regular maintenance of the ditch was done this wouldn't continue to happen. He will contact Porter, Chesterton and Porter County to see if a combined effort could be done to maintain the ditch.

Keiser also updated the board that the Wood Street project was started and is at 40% completion. He was hoping to be paving the road by Friday.

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There was no old business.

Under new business the Board discussed the combination of lots for Mr. Ken Gumz of 700 S. 23rd St. The request falls under the ordinance describing the residential requirements for combination of lots for MS4 billing purposes. Mr. Gumz confirmed his tax bills were combined by County Auditor in 2009. Motion was made to approve the combination of lots for Mr. Gumz at 700 S. 23rd St. by Jon Granat, second by William Cantrell. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Also under new business public education was discussed. William Cantrell noted the Rain Barrel Workshop was a success. There were quite a few residents in attendance. Mr. Keiser added we need to educate the public but not necessarily go overboard but we need to keep the public aware of the Town's actions and projects. Jon Granat asked if there was a way the Town could do something with the children at the Summer Park Program. He said he would check with the Park Board to see if time allows for an MS4 segment. Cantrell suggested creating a tape of some type to be able to share with residents being audio or video. Granat revisited the Eugene street issues and questioned who was responsible for the maintenance and replacement of the driveway culverts. Granat was advised by Brueckheimer and Keiser that the homeowner is responsible.

Also under new business Ditch clean up was discussed. The possibility of getting PACT workers to clear the ditch of over-growth and debris was quickly dismissed due to liability issues. There are tools and equipment necessary and the Public Works would have to supervise the people. They have tried to do a Volunteer Day in the past and got no responses to the request for community involvement. Brueckheimer added that the ditches and culverts are the responsibility of the property owners according to Town Code. Keiser added that County has talked about cleaning ditches but nothing has been done.

Under public comment Chip Mang of 772 Wagner Road inquired on combining lots for billing purposes. He stated he has 2 adjacent lots and has the Combination of Lots Request Form but needed more direction on the process. Keiser advised Mr. Mang on the procedure.

Jennifer Klug of 300 Lincoln St. offered that the Town Ordinance regarding homeowner responsibility of the ditches and culverts were listed in Ordinance 93 or 95 in the Codification Book.

There being no other business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Jon Granat, second by William Cantrell. Motion passed 2 – 0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 P.M.

President, William Cantrell

Vice-President, Jon Granat

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Treasurer, Daniel Colbert

Secretary, Sue Huyser