



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

**Minutes from the Meeting of February 24, 2009**

The meeting was opened at 5:00 P.M. with William Cantrell leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

All Officers Present - William Cantrell, Jon Granat, Daniel Colbert.

Also at the meeting were Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer, Town Engineer Warren Thiede, Town Attorney Patric Lyp, and town residents Jennifer Klug, and representatives from Worthington Steel.

Motion made to approve the January 27, 2009 minutes as presented by Jon Granat, second by William Cantrell. Motion Passed.

Motion made to approve the Budget Report of February 24, 2009 as presented and pay claims of \$1961.75 by Daniel Colbert, second by Jon Granat. Motion passed.

Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer reported that she went to the LTAP 2009 Stormwater Drainage Conference on February 12, 2009. Information on getting stormwater out of pipes underground and eco friendly drainage systems was presented. Jennifer Godzala was thanked for her letter to the EPA on MS4 standards.

Town Engineer Warren Thiede reported that proposed EPA changes are approximately five years away. This will result in stricter controls that will cost more to monitor.

Grant funding through Lake Michigan Coastal with reimbursement up to one hundred thousand dollars is one option. A request to work with Brenda on securing a grant was made.

The Dunes Creek Cost Sharing Watershed primarily targets private land owners. A public awareness program to get the word out to residents should be investigated.

Save the Dunes is having a workshop on April 13 at the Bass Pro Shops in Portage from 8 to 5. The morning session will cover water conservation, with technical information in the afternoon.

Jon Granat questioned if the federal stimulus package provided funding for stormwater drainage issues. Warren Thiede responded that the package does, and that a fund request was submitted.

Calls have been received in regards to the billing of parcels at a rate of four dollars per parcel to fund the MS4 program. Owners of multiple parcels that have not been combined into one plot are wondering what their options are. The Town can combine them into one parcel for billing purposes if there is clear intent on multiple lots with a single residence.

A possible solution would be for the property owners to come before the board and request a waiver of the fees. This would place the burden on the property owners. A suggested procedure to outline the unified lots would be required to ensure that the board is consistent on how fees are waived. It is possible to do this retroactive to the start date.

Representatives from Worthington Steel questioned the ERU calculations for their bill, as the entire property is surrounded by swales that allow 99.9% the water to percolate into the ground. Warren Thiede explained how aerial photos were used to find the hard surface area and ground surface area. These areas were then given a coefficient of runoff used to calculate the storm water runoff from the parcel. The a coefficient of runoff times the parcel area times the 100-year, 1 hour rain event is the total calculated runoff from the parcel. This number was then divided into the established ERU (0.5cfs) to calculate the ERU's for each site. Because this is a special condition, an offer to tour the area was made to the Board. Brenda, Warren, and Jon will tour the property. Worthington is glad to pay the bill in exchange for future considerations on its billing rate. Worthington could be used as an example of what can be done with a property.

The possibility of extrapolating addresses from maps of the Town of oddball lots to provide an exemption of multiple parcels was brought up.

There being no other business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Jon Granat, second by William Cantrell. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M. The next meeting will be at 5 P.M. at the Town Hall on March 24, 2009

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President  
William Cantrell

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Vice-President  
Jon Granat

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Secretary/ Treasurer  
Daniel Colbert