



**Town of Porter
Stormwater Management Board**

**303 Franklin Street
Porter, Indiana 46304**

Minutes from the Meeting of November 24, 2009

The meeting was opened at 5:00 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, Town Engineer, Matt Keiser and Public Works Director, Brenda Brueckheimer.

Motion was made to approve the October 27, 2009 minutes as presented by William Cantrell, second by Jon Granat. Motion Passed 3 – 0 .

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

Motion to approve accounts payable vouchers of \$1,097.07 as submitted was made by Jon Granat, seconded by Daniel Colbert. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer had no report from the Public Works Department.

Town Engineer, Matt Keiser reported The Wood Street / Porter Ridge area needs to have a pipe put in to tie into an existing pip to drain the stormwater to Peterson Ditch. This area of town was hit hard during the excessive rains late October early November. Mr. Keiser requested approval to move forward with engineering in the amount of \$5,600.00 and repairs in the amount of \$32,000.00 for this area. Mr. Keiser stated this hits Area 15 of the Master Plan. Ms. Brueckheimer added the Wood Street / Porter Ridge area is an emergency and should be first priority, as a few homeowners were unable to access their homes due to the street flooding. Motion to move forward with the Wood St. / Porter Ridge project was made by William Cantrell, seconded by Daniel Colbert. Motion passed 3 – 0 .

Another area of town needing work is the Eugene / Portage Ave. area of town. Mr. Keiser wants to encourage Porter County to help with the maintenance and cleaning of Peterson Ditch. He believes that if the Town would maintain their own tributaries this might help his attempt with the County. Motion was made to move forward on the acquiring the

topography for the Eugene / Portage area by Jon Granat, seconded by Daniel Colbert. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Also included in Mr. Keiser's report was an update on the Amtrak boring. He has not received any quotes yet because this area is still in the planning stages but needs to be completed before the trail goes in. Mr. Keiser believes this could possibly be included in the Redevelopment Commission trail cost. Mr. Keiser will contact Haas and Associates regarding this project.

Being no Old Business the board moved on to New Business.

Under new business Town Engineer Matt Keiser reported he would be participating with Jennifer from Chesterton at a Stormwater Educational project at Westchester Intermediate School for the 5th graders. This falls under Public Outreach for 2009 for the MS4 compliance.

Mr. Keiser identified he would like to see the Town move forward with the disconnection of sump pump lines and gutters from the sanitary sewers. He stated it starts with Public Education informing them that this practice is not allowed and how to disconnect these lines. He reported the Building Commissioner has authority to enter homes and can deputize someone under his direction to do so.

Also under new business there was a request to combine lots regarding Stormwater Billing. Andrew Royko of 530 S. 23rd St. in a written request would like to have his 5' wide parcel added to his residence for billing purposes. Mr. Keiser will check into this request and will discuss it at the next meeting.

Under Public Comment Jim Else of 256 Woodlawn Ave. had a complaint regarding the sidewalk that was replaced by Woodruff and Sons after Indiana American Water had the water main replaced. Mr. Else said the sidewalk was replaced at a lower grade which causes his sidewalk to flood. Ms. Brueckheimer and Mr. Keiser will check into the issue. Ms. Brueckheimer requested photos of before the replacement. Mr. Else said he would gladly supply the photos.

Under Board Members Comments there was discussion to cancel or hold the December meeting as scheduled. The next meeting will be December 22, 2009.

There being no other business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Jon Granat, second by Daniel Colbert. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 P.M.

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President, William Cantrell

Vice-President, Jon Granat

Treasurer, Daniel Colbert

Secretary, Sue Huyser