



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

Minutes from the Meeting of July 22, 2008

The Meeting was opened at 5:00 P.M. by President Ed Pilarski reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The Roll Call of Officers was taken with all Board members present. Also attending were Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer, Town Engineer/MS4 Coordinator Warren Thiede, town resident Jennifer Klug and Porter Cove Homeowners President Nancy Hiatt.

Motion by Jon Granat Second by William Cantrell: To table the approval of the June 24, 2008 minutes until the next meeting pending corrections. Passed

Motion by Jon Granat Second by William Cantrell: To approve the July 22, 2008 treasurer's report to pay claim's of 71,747.87 minus invoice #08-56 of \$1,338.75 and minus invoice #08-55 of \$63,756.60 equaling a new grand total of \$6,662.52. Passed

Public Works Director reported on the temporary emergency repair work preformed at the South Shore tracks and Waverly Rd. replacing a collapsed stormwater culvert. The Public Works Department is cleaning catch basin in house to save the Town money. She also reported the Park Ave and Johnson St. Project are complete and the Public Works crews have removed the hay bales and mowed the drainage areas. The mats used during the grass planting are bio-degradable and will turn over the mowing of the area back to the homeowners in a few weeks. Homeowner Cathy Gillotte of 835 Park Ave asked about a tree on her property she claims was damaged by the construction Brueckheimer will replace the tree. All Board members stated they were very satisfied with the overall project.

Town Engineer/MS4 Coordinator Warren Thiede submitted his Project Status Report for July 2008 and the Yearly MS4 Report to the Board and to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). Also the IDEM will be conducting an Audit in the near future and he will obtain the Rule 13 self-audit instructions for the Board. The Board will have to send a Notice of Intent to the IDEM in order to obtain a new MS4 five year permit in August. Thiede asked the Board to table the paying of invoice #08-55 payment of \$63,756.60 to H & G Underground until they get all releases on the project signed and turned in to the Town of Porter.

Motion by Jon Granat second by Ed Pilarski: To mark for hold invoice #08-55 until all releases on the Park Ave and Johnson St. Project are signed. Passed

In other business Porter Cove Homeowners President Nancy Hiatt of 1227 Essex Drive reported drainage problems along the Prairie-Duneland Trail which abuts her property and the south side of the Porter Cove subdivision. Nancy Hiatt stated "Beginning in 2006 water in the Town of Chesterton's trail easement began standing throughout most of the winter and other times during the year destroying what was once a lush green area." Hiatt contacted the Town of Chesterton and was referred to the Chesterton Park Department Manager Bruce Mathias because the Prairie-Duneland Trail falls under the Parks Department.

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Mr. Mathias informed her that the area in question was just a swale not a ditch and he believed her problem belonged either to the Porter Cove Developer or the Town of Porter. Town of Porter's Board members Jon Granat and William both toured the area in question first hand and William Cantrell talked to Hiatt at the site. After open discussion by all parties present the Board instructed the Town of Porter's Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer and Town Engineer/MS4 Coordinator to contact the Town of Chesterton's MS4 Coordinator Mark O'Dell concerning the problem area because the drainage problem is not on the Town of Porter's property.

Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer told the Board she had just obtained a training video on how the Public and the Stormwater Board could work together on drainage problems and would like to present it at the next meeting.

Motion by Jon Granat second by William Cantrell: To move the starting time of the next Stormwater Board to 4:00 P.M. on August 26, 2008 in order to have a public showing of the training DVD. Passed

Motion by William Cantrell second Jon Granat: To publicly thank Brenda Brueckheimer and the Sesquicentennial Committee for their outstanding work. Passed

Board President Ed Pilarski reminded the Board it was time to start working on next year's budget and asked Board Treasurer to send the Board members the budget forms.

There being no other business before the board President Ed Pilarski adjourned the meeting at 5:45 P.M. The next meeting will be on August 26, 2008 at 4:00P.M. in the Town Hall.

President
Ed Pilarski

Vice-President
Jon Granat

Secretary/Treasurer
William Cantrell