



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

Minutes of the meeting of September 23, 2008

The meeting was opened at 5:00 P.M. by President Ed Pilarski leading the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. The Roll Call of Officers was taken with all members of the Board present. Also attending the meeting were Public works Director Brenda Brueckheimer, Town Engineer/MS 4 Coordinator Warren Thiede and Town residents Jennifer Klug, Joab Silverglade, Elsie Maher, Catherine Sipes, Michele Callahan and Chesterton Tribune reporter Pauline Poparad.

Motion by Jon Granat second by William Cantrell: To approve the August 26, 2008 minutes as presented. Passed 3-0

Motion by Jon Granat Second by Ed Pilarski: To approve the treasurers' report and pay claims of \$300. Passed 3-0

Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer reported on the massive rainstorm on September 13-14, 2008 which brought over 20 inches of rain. Brueckheimer thanked the employee's from the Fire, Police, and Parks departments who pitched in to help the Public Works department. At one point the raising waters submerged a lift station that was 17 feet above normal water level. The Stormwater Board thanked the Public Works Department and all those involved for their outstanding work in saving the Town of Porter from major damage.

Town Engineer/MS-4 Coordinator Warren Thiede presented the Board with a copy of the Stormwater board's projects status report. Also a Town of Porter MS-4 Rule 13 Notice of Intent (NOI) letter and Stormwater Quality Management Plan, Part A sent to Ms Reggie Korthals MS-4 Program Coordinator Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). Mr. Thiede reported there is going to be an erosion control workshop for local contractors in November in Portage, In. and that he will be coordinating a MS-4 self-Audit Program with Public Works Director Brueckheimer for the Town of Porter to be done before the end of the year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Stormwater Board's 2009 budget work shop, and a proposal by Warren Thiede for the Town of Porter's MS-4 Coordinator position as requested by the Board at its August meeting was tabled by President Ed Pilarski until the next monthly meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

The Stormwater Board received three written stormwater drainage complaints from the following residents Cheryl Miller 110N, Bailey Drive, Mike Dzialakewirz 366 Lake Vista Ct. and Barbara Suarez 378 Lake View Ct. These complaints along with ones presented in person at the Board meeting were addressed in an open discussion. Those presenting complaints in person were Catherine Sipes and Michele Callahan of 110 N, Bailey Drive whose basement was totally flooded by rushing flood waters. Joab Silverglade of 70 S. Bailey Drive and Elsie Maher Of 29 Ballard Drive who commented about the general drainage problems in the area of Rt.12, Rt.20, Rt.49 and Waverly Road.

The Board thanked everyone for their input in identifying the stormwater drainage problems in their area. The Board stated they knew the whole area needed to be upgraded and the area is listed as number two on the Stormwater Master Plan and noted some improvement has been made in the area by the upgrading of the retention pond by Splash Down Water Park that has helped control flooding in normal rainfalls. President Ed Pilarski requested that Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer to see what her department could do to help improve the area on a temporary basis until the town can make proper improvements.

In other business Board Vice-President Jon Granat informed the Board that the Town Council will be amending the Stormwater Ordinance to include collecting of fees on empty lots and commercial and industrial properties.

There being no public comments or other business before the Board President Ed Pilarski adjourned the meeting at 5:30 P.M. The next Stormwater Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

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President  
Ed Pilarski

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Vice-President  
Jon Granat

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Secretary/Treasurer  
William Cantrell