



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

Minutes from the Meeting of February 26, 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 officers present. Also attending the meeting were Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer, Town Engineer Warren Thiede, Park Board President Zathoe Sexton, Park Superintendent James Miller, Jennifer Klug, Cathy Gillotte, Matt Keiser, Project Engineer with the Duneland Group and Joe Ennis of Ennis Builders.

Motion by Jon Granat second by William Cantrell: To approve the January 22, 2008 minutes as presented. Passed

Motion by Jon Granat second by William Cantrell: To approve the February 26, 2008 budget report and pay the claims of \$1,813.53. Passed

Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer reported the public works crews were unplugging coverts, cleaning out ditches. She has been working in conjunction with the Town of Porter's Stormwater Master Plan. The Stormwater Master Plan is a current project of the Board and is being completed by Haas and Associates.

Town Engineer Warren Thiede reported on the Johnson Street Project. The topographic survey was 80% complete. Depending on weather conditions the project bids for construction of the project could be ready by the Board's March 25, 2008 meeting. He also presented to the Board an update on the calculation of the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) for commercial and industrial parcels of property located within the Town. The report for this project should be completed by the Board's March 25, 2008 meeting.

Utility Clerk Sue Huyser presented the Board with a list of vacant properties on which we have not collected stormwater fees. She wanted to know if the Board is ready to start assessing stormwater fees on these properties. Motion by Jon Granat second by Ed Pilarski: To start the procedure to collect stormwater fees on vacant property. Passed

Matt Keisor of the Duneland Group and Joe Ennis of Ennis Builders presented the Board with the Krieger Street and 23<sup>RD</sup> Street subdivision

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primary plat plans. Included with the presentation was a cost report by R.V. Sutton, Inc. on the upgrading of the size of the stormwater drainage pipe for the subdivision from the required 12 inches to 18 inches as requested by the Town of Porter's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and as approved by the Town's Plan Commission at their October 17, 2007 meeting. The additional cost of the stormwater pipe upgrade to the Town of Porter would be \$6,978.95. Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer and Town Engineer Warren Thiede stated that the upgrade was requested to aid and help resolve two other projects listed within the Board's Stormwater Master Plan. It is noted here that the presented subdivision project has received a waiver of the Town's requirements for the installation of a stormwater retention pond from the Plan Commission as noted in the minutes of the Plan Commission's October 17, 2007 meeting. The Plan Commission further has approved the subdivision's stormwater drainage system plans. The stormwater from the subdivision will be ultimately discharged directly into Petersen's Ditch. Mr. Keisor stated that Ennis Builders has received approval from the Porter County Drainage Board for the direct discharge of the stormwater from the subdivision into Petersen's Ditch. Attached to these minutes are a copy of the minutes for the Town Plan Commission meeting held on October 17, 2007 and a copy of R.V. Sutton's presented cost report as reference.

After a long discussion by members of the board with Mr. Keisor concerning various aspects of the presented project, such as maintenance of the system, relief of current stormwater issues to neighboring residents, the adaptability to future Town stormwater projects in the area, concerns of the project made by neighborhood residents and the funding request for the increase of the subdivision's drainage system pipe size through the Stormwater Management Board, a motion was made by Jon Granat and second by William Cantrell: To approve the request made by Ms. Brueckheimer, Mr. Thiede and Mr. Keisor for the funding of the upgrade to the approved drainage system for the Krieger Street and 23<sup>RD</sup> Street subdivision project in the amount of \$6,978.95. After further open public discussion, the motion passed.

Park Board President Zathoe Sexton presented the board with pictures taken August 1<sup>ST</sup> of the flooding at Porter Cove Park. She asked the Board if they could help with the parks drainage problems. Park Superintendent Jim Miller stated that "He had some ideas on how to handle the problems."

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Stormwater President Ed Pilarski asked Superintendent Miller to get a cost on the drainage project at the park and to determine if the project could be done with Park Department staff. The Board will then, if needed, put it on the Town of Porter Stormwater Master Plan and address the issue when the funds become available. Attached to these minutes are copies of the pictures presented by Ms. Sexton as reference.

There being no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 P.M. by President Ed Pilarski. The next meeting will be held at 5:00P.M. at the Town Hall on March 25, 2008.

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President  
Ed Pilarski

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Vice- President  
Jon Granat

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Secretary/ Treasurer  
William Cantrell