

Stormwater Management Board

Town of Porter, Indiana

303 Franklin Street

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Minutes From The Meeting Held On September 26, 2006

Board President Stephen Rohe called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m. President Rohe then led those in attendance in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present was Board Vice President Ed Pilarski. Others present at the meeting were Mr. Karl Bauer, Town of Porter Public Works Director and Mr. Heshem Khalil, Town of Porter Engineer. The meeting began with the approval of the minutes, as submitted, from the board's meeting held at the Porter Town Hall on August 22, 2006. The minutes were approved by the board 2-0.

Mr. Bauer reported that due to the recent heavy rain, the Public Works Department has been able to identify three (3) areas of the Town which will need improvements to each of the identified area's stormwater infrastructure. Those areas of concern are as follows:

1. Carlson Corners. A road widening project is currently being designed and will include improvements to stormwater infrastructure. The project should be ready to begin during mid March of 2007 and should be completed in late April of 2007. The Public Works Department will be doing ditch clearing work in order to provide some stormwater runoff relief to the residents in the area until the road widening project is completed in late April of 2007.
2. Dunes Forest Subdivision. Mr. Bauer and Mr. Khaili both agreed that this subdivision, which is located on the far north end of Town, will need extensive stormwater infrastructure improvements in order to relieve the residents of the Dunes Forest of ongoing stormwater runoff problems. As a starting point, an engineering study of the entire subdivision was discussed and could be conducted as soon as stormwater funding is available.
3. The intersection at Oak Hill Road and Waverly Road. Due to problems with the work Comcast performed near the intersection, the intersection is now flood prone even during a small amount of rainfall (<0.10"). The Public Works Department will be performing culvert improvements at the site in order to relieve the area of ponding and subsequent stagnation of stormwater runoff from the area.

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Mr. Bauer reiterated that the stormwater flooding problems encounter along Johnson Street will be the first project to be undertaken by the Public Works Department once stormwater funding is available.

Mr. Bauer then discussed the status of the implementation of the Town approved Stormwater Impact Fee. Currently, the implementation of the stormwater fee has been put on hold. Porter County has informed the Town that Porter County is unable to provide the necessary billing activities for the Town. The Town Council is reconsidering a proposed agreement with the Indiana American Water Company for this billing service.

The board then approved the minutes, as amended, from the board's meetings previously held at the Porter Town Hall on both March 28, 2006 and on April 25, 2006. Both sets of amended meeting minutes were approved by the board 2-0.

Mr. Khalil did not have a current issue or additional items to report on to the board at this time.

Under new business, Vice President Pilarski presented pictures taken of the recent stormwater flooding along Knoelke Drive in the Dunes Forest Subdivision to Mr. Bauer and Mr. Khalil. Vice President Pilarski then informed Mr. Bauer of a phone call received from Town resident Mr. Darryl Gould who lives at 587 Pinecrest Drive. Mr. Gould was concerned with the stormwater flooding in his neighborhood after the recent heavy rainfall.

President Rohe then opened the meeting for further discussion or comment from the members of the board or from those present at the meeting.

There was no further comment.

President Rohe adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m. The next meeting of the board has been scheduled for 5:00 p.m. at the Porter Town Hall on Tuesday, October 24, 2006.

Stephen A. Rohe
President

Edward J. Pilarski
Vice President