

**Stormwater Management Board
Town of Porter, Indiana
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Porter, Indiana 46304
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Minutes From The Meeting Held On June 27, 2006

Board President Stephen Rohe called the meeting to order at 5:05 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. Board Secretary Trudi Gallagher was excused from the meeting. Others present at the meeting was Mr. Karl Bauer, Town of Porter Public Works Director.

The meeting began with the approval of the minutes from the workshop held by the board on May 23, 2006. The minutes were approved by the board 2-0.

Mr. Bauer then reported that the Public Works Department will begin staking the property owned by Ms. Cathy Gillotti later this year in order to begin stormwater drainage improvements to the neighborhood along Johnson Street within the Town of Porter.

Mr. Bauer reported to the board that the Town of Porter's 1st Annual MS4 Program Report is ready for submission to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). This report will be sent to IDEM later this week. The board requested a copy of the report.

Mr. Bauer further reported that the Public Works Department, Mr. Heshem Khalil, Town of Porter Engineer and Ms. Christine Livingston of the Save the Dunes Conservation Fund inspected the entire length of Munson Ditch earlier this month in order to ascertain any additional stormwater related improvements to the ditch. Some of the ideas for improving the aesthetics of Munson's Ditch and the management of stormwater flows entering into the ditch included adding a walk bridge eastwards from the new Porter County Visitor and Recreation Center over Indiana State Road 49, the addition of a board walk along the ditch and general overall clean up of the ditch.

Mr. Bauer discussed the potential purchase of a ditch mower in order to aid the Public Works Department in its on going cleaning efforts of the stormwater ditches located within the Town.

President Rohe then led a discussion by the board and those in attendance regarding the billing status of the Town's approved stormwater management fee. Mr. Bauer advised the board that the Town of Porter has recently contracted with the Indiana-American Water Company in order to begin handling the Town's billing to applicable customers within the Town of Porter for water, sewage, trash pick-up and stormwater services. It is unknown as to when the first billing

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will be sent out to applicable customers for the Town's stormwater services and thereby begin properly funding the IDEM mandated activities of the board. Mr. Bauer estimated that it would be late fall of 2006 before the board would realize the monetary effects of this decision by the Town of Porter.

President Rohe 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 5:34 p.m. The next meeting of the board is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. at the Porter Town Hall on Tuesday, July 25, 2006.

Stephen A. Rohe
President

Edward J. Pilarski
Vice President

Trudi Gallagher
Secretary