

**Stormwater Management Board
Town of Porter, Indiana
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Minutes From The Meeting Held On February 28, 2006

Board Vice President Ed Pilarski called the meeting to order at 5:10p.m. Vice President Pilarski led those in attendance in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present were Ed Pilarski and Trudi Gallagher. President Steve Rohe was absent.

Approval of the minutes from the January 24, 2006 meeting was tabled until the March 28, 2006 meeting.

Mr. Karl Bauer, Town of Porter Public Works Director, gave the board members copies of a letter he received from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) acknowledging that the Town of Porter is waiting on the review of Part C to begin implementing the MCMs. Mr. Bauer also reported he has walked all the ditches in the town. He plans to start work on the Peterson Ditch in August. The Town's Stormwater MS4 Annual Report is due on March 2, 2006. Mr. Bauer is requesting a two week extension. The Woodlawn Avenue storm sewer is working fine. Tree debris is going to be cleaned out of the 23rd Street retention pond.

Mr. Hesham Khalil, Haas & Associates, Town of Porter Engineer, reported that the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) should be done by the end of the week but visiting the

approximately 75 sights will take time. Mr. Khalil will have a report at the next meeting.

Cathy Gillotti, 835 Park Avenue presented the board with information regarding the stormwater flooding at her property. The board and Mr. Bauer received photographs of the flooding and a solution proposed by Professor Roy Evan Evans an Engineer. It is believed the drainage problems affect six houses in the area. Mr. Bauer has visited the sight and stated the road is starting to crumble. Mr. Bauer wants to first try cleaning the ditch which he hopes will alleviate some but not all of the flooding. Two or three catch basins could be built and the water pumped to the storm sewers. Mr. Khalil stated there is an existing 48" pipe that could be intercepted. The board instructed Mr. Bauer to try cleaning the ditches and report back at the next meeting.

Vice President Pilarski gave the board copies of a legal notice published in the February 28, 2006 Chesterton Tribune by the Town of Chesterton regarding Public Notification of Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO). It was asked that Mr. Bauer submit the written request to the Chesterton Utility Superintendent to ensure the Town of Porter receives notice of CSOs.

It was brought to the board's attention that the Keystone Billing Program has not been installed and until that happens the bills cannot be produced and sent. It was suggested that some temporary staff be brought in to install the program. Mr. Khalil asked if Keystone is aware that billing should be done per parcel and not by owner. Vice President Pilarski will check the status with Clerk/Treasurer Carol Pomeroy and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

After a motion to adjourn was made by Secretary Gallagher and carried 2-0, Vice President Pilarski adjourned the meeting

**at 5:40 p.m. The next meeting of the board is scheduled for
5:0p.m at the Porter Town Hall on March 28, 2006.**

**Stephen A. Rohe
President**

**Edward J. Pilarski
Vice President**

**Trudi Gallagher
Secretary**