

**Stormwater Management Board Meeting
Town of Porter, Indiana
303 Franklin Street
Porter, Indiana 46304
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Minutes From The Meeting Held On September 27, 2005

Board President Roger Abraham called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. President Abraham led those in attendance in the recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present were Roger Abraham, Stephen Rohe and Ed Pilarski. Others present at the meeting were Karl Bauer, Hesham Khalil and Bill Sexton.

The minutes from the Board Meeting conducted on August 23, 2005 were discussed with a proposed correction to the minutes made by Vice President Rohe. The correction involved a change in the spelling of a name of a resident from the Town of Porter for accurate identification purposes within the minutes. The correction was accepted and the corrected meeting minutes were approved by the board 3-0.

The board meeting began with Mr. Karl Bauer, Town of Porter Public Works Director, reporting that 77 parcels of land within the Town of Porter's corporate limits have been identified as commercial or business properties. There still are a few parcels remaining to be investigated and identified as commercial properties. Mr. Bauer also reported that the Woodlawn Avenue Cooperative Storm Sewer Project between the Town of Porter and the Town of Chesterton should begin later this week. Mr. Bauer further reported the Department of Public Works would be checking into the location and condition of a stormwater conduit or pipe which enters into Pratt Lake from the surrounding subdivision. Mr. Bauer then informed the board the Department of Public Works currently does not have any further special projects related to stormwater issues scheduled at this time.

Mr. Hesham Khalil, Town of Porter Town Engineer, reported that he did not have any stormwater related items or projects to be presented to the board at this time.

President Abraham then lead a board discussion concerning the potential effects upon the Town's portion of the Little Calumet River from illicit stormwater discharges and combined sewer overflow events from the Town of Chesterton's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Town of Porter resident Mr. Richard Lahayne discussed and questioned the board's Stormwater Quality Management Plan (SWQMP) and the calculations used in determining lot sizes within the Town of Porter. Vice President Rohe satisfactorily answered Mr. Layhayne's questions.

Mr. William Sexton, President of the Town of Porter Town Council, presented to the board for discussion, the concept of the institution of a preliminary stormwater user fee within the Town of Porter before the end of 2005. The board discussed and considered Mr. Sexton's ideas. The following information was discussed and duly considered by the board:

1. The number of listed parcels of property currently identified within the corporate limits of the Town of Porter. The total number of identified properties is 5,062.
2. The technical calculations presented to the board by the Town of Porter Town Engineer in determining one (1) Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU).
3. A budgetary need of \$250,000 for the work and the projects of the stormwater management board in 2005.
4. The board has previously discussed the institution of a preliminary stormwater user fee upon parcels of property located within the Town of Porter by the end of November in 2005.

At the end of the board's discussion, Secretary Pilarski made a motion, based upon the above information, that the Stormwater Management Board recommend to the Town of Porter Town Council the approval and institution of a preliminary \$4.00 per month stormwater user fee upon each parcel of property located within the Town of Porter's corporate limits. The motion was seconded by Vice President Rohe and was subsequently carried by the board 3-0. Attached to these minutes as reference is the recommendation made by President Abraham to the Town of Porter Town Council for the institution of a preliminary \$4.00 per month stormwater user fee within the Town of Porter. This recommendation was presented by President Abraham to the Town of Porter Town Council on September 27, 2005.

There was no further discussion or comment from the members of the board or from those present at the meeting. President Abraham adjourned the board meeting at 6:03 p.m. after a motion to adjourn was carried by the board 3-0.

Roger Abraham
President

Stephen A. Rohe
Vice President

Edward J. Pilarski
Secretary