Stormwater Management Board Meeting
Town of Porter, Indiana
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Minutes From The Meeting Held On July 26th, 2005

Board President Roger Abraham called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present were Roger Abraham and Stephen Rohe. Also present were Karl Bauer, Hesham Khalil, Pauline Poparad and Jennifer Klug.

Approval of the minutes for the meeting and workshop of June 28th was tabled.

Mr. Khalil gave a report on the ERU survey. After some discussion it was decided that the survey would be re-worked to factor out undeveloped land.

Mr. Bauer reported that in communication with the County, they have no funding t clean the Peterson Ditch at this time but are willing to provide manpower to assist in cleaning it. In response to a question President Abraham was assured that the trees and brush would be cut and not pulled out.

No "spikes" in sanitary sewer flow has been noted during rainy days.

President Abraham asked about Carlson Corners and was advised that Davey Tree service was scheduled to remove tagged trees and the ditch cleaning would then proceed.

Mr. Abraham also relayed a citizen report of flooding on Pearson road south of Carlson Corners. The matter will be investigated.

Work on the 20th street cul-de-sac flooding problem is progressing.

President Abraham read the following into the record and provided a copy to the Chesterton Tribune:

July 26, 2005

Dear Mr. Brandt & Mr. Yagelski,

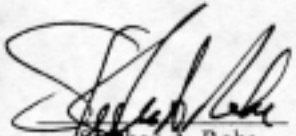
As a member of the Porter stormboard and a resident of the area all my life, I feel a great concern with the recent communication (or lack of) between Porter and Chesterton. I am currently in a position to help educate, inform and soon to ask residents to pay a monthly bill to fund the MS4 program. That means to work with the entire community to make things better for everyone. Instead of working together I feel that you are working against us. Looking to catch or imply that Porter is knowingly breaking laws or that we have something to hide. You continually state that you have made several attempts to contact Porter officials and were blown off. When I talked to both of you on the phone you said more than once that it was the past Councils that were not cooperating. When you recently stated that in the Chesterton Tribune you made it sound like it was the present board that was not cooperating. As far as I know, every inquiry has been answered in a timely manner. I can not answer fore the past Boards but to my knowledge no one on the Stormboard or Town Council does business this way. They are very competent and very professional. As to the records that you requested you have every bit of information since the Stormboard was created, I delivered them myself. Being that it was almost 2 years of records that should satisfy any requests that IDEM has. If not may I get a copy of this letter so that I can better understand what is needed? I also believe you have access to all the records you need. You have asked for copies and were informed that there would be a charge for copies. Copies cost everyone money. Is it right to ask us to make thousands of copies wasting the Clerk-Trasurers time and the taxpayers money. Speaking of records I have asked you for copies of flow charts and infractions and violations. Not to add fuel to the fire but to solve a problem of infiltration that you so clearly stated Porter has. I want flow charts for comparisons of rain events that show infiltration. Our flow charts are just not showing spikes that would indicate infiltration. I have asked for violations and infractions because the Stormboard is responsible for all water shed in the area. The treatment plant is one of the largest contributors in the area. If there is a problem the Stormboard needs to know. It is not my place to respond to your latest comment about Porter not asking for more capacity at the Sewer Treatment plant. But, I feel it needs to be said Chesterton sent Porter a note saying to hold off on the request because there are more calculations to be made. All this arguing WHY?? Because you feel that Porter should pay for Chesterton's MS4 program, we have our own program to pay for. Not to mention that it is against the law to make us pay for both or any part of another MS4 program. The other part is administration cost for the utilities and pumping of Chesterton lift stations not just Porter's share but Chesterton's share also. Porter doesn't want this fight but we are not willing to apy extra to help out your budget problems. We have our own problems to worry about.

Residents of Chesterton if the roles were reversed would you want to pay the extra fee for another town. We are just about to the point if not already, where it is going to cost both towns a lot of money. So please let's not beat each other up, lets work together to solve this problem. If you are not satisfied with any of your inquiries please contact me. I will help in any way I can.

Sincerely
Roger Abraham

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm.

Roger Abraham
President



Stephen A. Rohe
Vice-President

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