

**Stormwater Management Board Meeting
Town of Porter, Indiana
303 Franklin Street
Porter, Indiana 46304
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Minutes From The Meeting Held On June 28, 2005

Board President Roger Abraham called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was not recited due to the Pledge of Allegiance already being rendered at the beginning of the Stormwater Management Board's Workshop held at 4:35 p.m.

Board members present were Roger Abraham, Stephen Rohe and Ed Pilarski. Others present at the meeting were Karl Bauer, Hesham Khalil, Jim Mandon and Jennifer Granat.

The minutes from the Board Meeting conducted on May 24, 2005 were reviewed and approved by the board 3-0.

The board meeting began with Mr. Karl Bauer, Town of Porter Public Works Director, reporting the *Cooperative Agreement* between the Town of Porter and the Town of Chesterton for the Woodlaw Avenue Stormwater Project had been approved and signed by both Town Boards. The project is set to begin in July of this year. Mr. Bauer further reported there would only be normal traffic inconveniences placed upon town residents during the course of the project. Those inconveniences are expected to be at a minimum. The board requested a copy of the signed *Cooperative Agreement* from Mr. Bauer for the board's records.

Mr. Bauer further reported the stormwater catch basins/manholes for the stormwater drainage system located around the cul de sac at the end of 20th Street needed cleaning before public works department personnel could take proper elevations of the structures. The elevations are needed in order to connect the drainage system with a nearby stormwater drainage ditch.

Mr. Hesham Khalil, Town of Porter Engineer, reported Haas & Associates would be working closely with the Town of Chesterton during the course of the Woodlaw Avenue Stormwater Project. Plans and specifications for the project have been finalized and the board agreed to have the board's name placed upon the title/information page of the plans along with the Town of Chesterton.

Mr. Jim Mandon, Town of Porter Town Planner, reported the IDEM had received, reviewed and commented upon the Town of Porter's submitted Part C of the town's Storm Water Quality Management Plan (SWQMP). The IDEM mandated plan was approved by the board for submission to the Town of Porter Town Council during the board's meeting held on February 15, 2005. The plan was subsequently approved, signed and submitted by the Town of Porter Town Council to the IDEM before the due date of March 1, 2005. The IDEM has sent a *Notice*

of Deficiency (NOD) to the town regarding the submitted documentation. Mr. Mandon further discussed the responses composed for the town to the items listed within the IDEM's *Notice of Deficiency*. The due date for submission of the Town of Porter's responses to the IDEM is June 30, 2005. After further discussion, the board approved of the draft response letter for submission to the Town Council for the council's consideration by 3-0. Attached to these minutes as reference are a copy of the IDEM's *Notice of Deficiency* to the Town of Porter's submitted Part C of the SWQMP which is dated on May 31, 2005; a copy of the memorandum from Mr. Mandon notifying the board of the IDEM's *Letter of Deficiency* to the town and a draft response dated on June 23, 2005 and a copy of the draft response letter for the Town of Porter to the IDEM in reply to the listed deficiency items dated on June 27, 2005.

Mr. Mandon further reported on the status of the activities of the Educational Workgroup of the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC). The Educational Workgroup will be handling two (2) of the town's six (6) required Minimum Control Measures (MCM). Those minimum control measures are Public Education and Public Participation. Mr. Mandon reported NIRPC will begin education activities at selected sites around Northwest Indiana in July of 2005 per the NIRPC's agreement with the many participating cities and towns.

President Abraham then addressed and commented on a recent public records request made by Mr. Steve Yagelski, Superintendent of the Town of Chesterton Utilities to Ms. Carol Pomeroy, Town of Porter Town Clerk. President Abraham further expressed the need for cooperation regarding stormwater related issues between the board and the Town of Chesterton. Vice President Rohe and Secretary Pilarski both concurred with President Abraham's remarks. Attached to these minutes as reference is a copy of the public records request letter from Mr. Yagelski to Ms. Pomeroy dated on June 10, 2005; a copy of the information letter sent by the Town of Porter Town Council to the residents of Town of Porter addressing the sewage rate negotiations between the Town of Porter and the Town of Chesterton dated on June 20, 2005 and a copy of the newspaper article from the *Chesterton Tribune* dated June 28, 2005 which discusses some of President Abraham's views on the public records request made by Mr. Yagelski.

There was no further discussion or comment from members of the board or those present at the meeting. President Abraham adjourned the board meeting at 6:05 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