

**Stormwater Management Board Meeting
Town of Porter, Indiana
303 Franklin Street
Porter, Indiana 46304
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Minutes From The Meeting On April 26, 2005

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

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

The minutes from the Board Meeting conducted on March 22, 2005 were reviewed with no action taken by the board upon the minutes at this time. Approval of the March 22, 2005 meeting minutes will be considered again at the next scheduled board meeting.

The board meeting began with the Town of Porter Public Works Director, Mr. Karl Bauer, reporting on the status of his department's investigation into problems associated with the stormwater drainage system located around the cul de sac at the end of 20th Street. Mr. Bauer reported the inlet to the stormwater detention pond serving the cul de sac was found. However, the outlet from the detention pond was not found at this time. President Abraham noted the drainage pipe from the detention pond probably runs to Wood Street. Mr. Bauer will provide further information to the board regarding the detention pond and the associated structures by collecting information from the cul de sac's design engineer. Mr. Bauer will present his findings regarding this issue at the next scheduled board meeting.

Mr. Bauer presented to the board two (2) public works projects which are related to stormwater management. The two (2) projects could both be performed by the Public Works Department and scheduled to begin in late spring to early summer of this year. Those projects include:

1. Cleaning and clearing of Petersen's Ditch at Marquette Point.
2. Cleaning and clearing of the roadside ditches along Carlson Corners.

President Abraham noted the county's portion of Petersen's Ditch will need to be cleaned and cleared by the county within the next couple of years.

Mr. Kenn Krause of Haas & Associates introduced Mr. Hesham Khalil as the engineering firm's new Project Manager for the Town of Porter. Mr. Kahalil will be replacing Mr. Krauss at future stormwater management board meetings and projects.

Mr. Krauss then provided the board with an update to the Woodlawn Avenue Stormwater Project. This project is a cooperative effort between the Town of Chesterton and the Town of Porter. At present, the *Cooperative Agreement* between both towns has been signed only by the Town of Porter. The Town of Chesterton has issues with the Agreement and has not signed the document. The commencement of the project is being held up until those issues are resolved. The following documents are attached to these meeting minutes as a reference in regards to this issue:

1. *Cooperation Agreement* signed by the Town of Porter.
2. Correspondence from Mr. Charles Parkinson, Town of Chesterton Attorney to Mr. David Hollenbeck, Town of Porter Attorney.
3. Correspondence from Mr. Patrick Lipp, Town of Porter Attorney to Mr. Bill Sexton, Town of Porter Town Council.

Mr. Jim Mandon, Town of Porter Planner, reported the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) will be presenting a group of seminars and classes to area builders and developers regarding stormwater control. These presentations could be considered a part of the required Outreach and Education Controls as required by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The Outreach and Education Controls are (1) of the six (6) minimum controls required to be implemented within the Town of Porter by IDEM. The work and the completion of the Outreach and Education Controls is to be performed by NIRPC for the Town of Porter. There will be a formal notification sent by either a letter or flyer from NIRPC to the affected firms. Secretary Pilarski requested a copy of NIRPC's notification letter or flyer for the board's records.

Mr. Mandon proceeded to discuss the work required to implement a Stormwater User Fee in the Town of Porter. The discussion lead to a variety of stormwater user fee issues. Those issues included hard surface coefficient calculations; properly sizing the average residential lot in the town; the necessary and extensive field work needed for verification purposes; and the practicality of an assessment of a stormwater user fee onto all government buildings, churches and schools which are located within the Town of Porter. Mr. Mandon recommended the board request a proposal for this work from the town's engineering and consulting firm due to the extensive research and field work needed to calculate a simple, fair and equitable stormwater user fee for the town. President Abraham requested Mr. Kahalil present the board a completed engineering proposal for this work at the board's next scheduled meeting. Mr. Kahalil agreed.

There were no further comments by the board or from those in attendance at the meeting.

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President Abraham adjourned the board meeting at 6:00 p.m. after a motion to adjourn was carried by the board 3-0.

The next Stormwater Management Board Meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2005 at the Porter Town Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Roger Abraham
President

Stephen A. Rohe
Vice President

Edward J. Pilarski
Secretary