

**Stormwater Management Board Meeting  
Town of Porter, Indiana  
303 Franklin Street  
Porter, Indiana 46304  
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**Minutes From The Meeting On March 22, 2005**

Board President Roger Abraham called the special meeting to order at 5:30 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 Paul Childress, Bill Sexton, Jennifer Granat, Karl Bauer, Kenn Krause and Jim Mandon.

The minutes from the special Board Meeting conducted on February 22, 2005 were reviewed and approved by the board 3-0.

This special meeting was called in order to hear a presentation which discussed the financial impacts of the federally mandated Stormwater Management Program. Specifically, the presentation was requested in order to provide information on the various ways in which to fund the program. The presentation was conducted by AMEC Earth and Environmental.

The board meeting began with the new Town of Porter Public Works Director, Mr. Karl Bauer, reporting on the status of one (1) stormwater project and the potential of a second stormwater project. Mr. Bauer reported the Woodlawn Storm Sewer Project will begin with the bidding process once the signatures from the Town of Chesterton and the Town of Porter have been affixed to the contract. Mr. Bauer then reported the potential of a drainage project at 835 Park Avenue. Mr. Bauer has received complaints regarding the ponding of storm water behind the residence. The person living at the residence is Ms. Kaily Gillottee. The ponded storm water should be flowing into nearby Petersen's Ditch. Mr. Bauer stated the potential project could be done at a minimal cost to the Town and could possibly benefit the surrounding neighborhood. President Abraham requested Mr. Bauer provide the board with a clarification of the project and the cost of the project at the next board meeting.

Mr. Krauss, Town Engineer, reported on the Town's portion of Petersen's Ditch near Carlson's Corners. A site map and photographs of the condition of the Town's portion of the ditch are attached to these minutes. The photographs were taken by President Abraham. The Town's portion of the ditch needs cleaning with the removal small trees and assorted brush. Mr. Krause then reported the condition of the stormwater drainage system located around the cul de sac at the end of 20<sup>th</sup> street. Mr. Krause stated the stormwater catch basins and storm sewers appeared to be clogged with debris

and the pavement of the road is starting to crack due to inadequate storm water drainage. President Abraham requested Mr. Bauer to further inspect the area and provide the board with his findings in order to correct the drainage problem.

Mr. Krause also provided the board with a listing or house count of buildings located within the Town of Porter as an aid in calculating stormwater impact fees. The listing is divided into buildings per zoning description within the Town of Porter. The listing was compiled through aerial photography in 2001 and shows 1793 buildings within the Town of Porter.

Representatives of AMCE Earth and Environmental proceeded to provide to the board a presentation regarding the financial impacts and aspects of meeting the federally mandated stormwater requirements. The representatives of AMCE providing the presentation were Mr. Kevin E. Kirk, Water Resource Project Manager and Mr. Douglas C. Noel, PE, Vice President. Attached to these meeting minutes is an agenda and a general discussion on various topics presented by AMCE. The major portion of the presentation focused on funding sources for the program and calculating stormwater user impact fees.

After the presentation, a discussion ensued between President Abraham, Vice President Stephen Rohe, Secretary Ed Pilarski, Town Council President Bill Sexton, Town Council Member Paul Childress, Town Council Member Jennifer Granat, Public Works Director Bauer, Town Engineer Krause and Town Planner Jim Mandon. The discussion focused on equitably calculating and properly implementing a stormwater user fee for funding the Town's federally mandated Stormwater Management Program.

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

President Abraham adjourned the special board meeting at 7:30 p.m. after a motion to adjourn was carried by the board 3-0.

The next Stormwater Management Board Meeting is scheduled, as a continuing workshop in stormwater management funding, for April 26, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

Roger Abraham  
President

Stephen A Rohe  
Vice President

Edward J. Pilarski  
Secretary