

**Stormwater Management Board Meeting  
Town of Porter, Indiana  
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**Minutes From The Meeting On February 8, 2005**

Board President Roger Abraham called the special meeting to order at 5:00 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, Sandy Booth, Jennifer Granat, Jim Mandon and Kenn Krause.

The minutes from the Board Meeting conducted on January 25, 2005 were reviewed and approved.

The special meeting was called in order to discuss a draft Storm Water Quality Management Plan (SWQMP) for the Town of Porter. The draft SWQMP is being developed by the Town of Porter Town Planner for review, comments and approval by the board. Mr. Jim Mandon is the Town Planner. The mandated SWQMP is Subpart C of the Town's stormwater quality submission to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The extended due date for the Town's submission of a finalized and approved SWQMP to the IDEM is March 1, 2005.

Mr. Mandon started the discussion by presenting a draft SWQMP to the board and describing the status of the state wide submissions of other required plans to IDEM. This discussion then referred to seven (7) items which still need to be addressed within the plan. Those items included a listing of proposed stormwater projects within the town, identifying commercial users located within the town which are defined as industrial users, developing a five (5) year stormwater budget for the town, options in funding the town's stormwater program and the status of the board approved Illicit Discharge Ordinance and the Erosion Control Ordinance. Both ordinances were approved by the board on January 25, 2005 and subsequently submitted to the Town of Porter Town Council for enactment.

Mr. Krause discussed the addition of four (4) new stormwater projects for the town. Those projects included ditch repair work along Portage Avenue, Dunes Meadow Drive, Carlson Corners and additional ditch work within the Dunes Forest Subdivision. Mr. Mandon pointed out the importance of water quality issues associated with all stormwater projects within the town. Mr. Krause also discussed the status of the agreement between the Town of Chesterton and the Town of Porter for funding and proceeding with a joint stormwater project along Woodlawn Avenue. The project is moving forward.

Mr. Mandon and Mr. Childress reported that the board approved Illicit Discharge Ordinance and the Erosion Control Ordinance will have a required second reading at the next Town of Porter Town Council meeting this month. The enactment of both ordinances by the Town Council are a required part of the Town's Part C submission.

Town resident Mr. Will Cantrell of 371 Waverly Road expressed his concern for flooding problems in the area surrounding his home along Waverly Road. The ditch cleaning project along Waverly Road should address his concern.

A listing of potential industrial users located within the town was then discussed by the board. The potential listing included Tilden Enterprises, Worthington Steel, Signature Graphics, Steel City Truck Stop and the Travel Port Truck Stop.

Mr. Mandon then discussed a proposed budget for the draft SWQMP. A projected five (5) year budget is required by IDEM to be submitted with the plan. The budget is needed in order to show what the cost is to the town for implementing the required regulatory activities and proceeding with proposed stormwater related projects within the town. The board discussed the many regulatory activities and town actions associated with a potential budget. A preliminary estimate for the proposed budget came to approximately \$175,000 to \$200,000 per year over the next five (5) years.

In addition to providing a five (5) year budget, the town also will need to provide IDEM the method the town will use to fund the proposed (5) year budget. The identification of a funding method for the town's plan is a requirement of the SWQMP. Mr. Mandon provide various funding options and methods to the board. Vice President Stephen Rohe asked Mr. Mandon if a user fee is instituted, would the fee reduce the funding of other town services. Mr. Mandon responded a user fee would not reduce the funding of other essential town services. The fee would be used strictly for stormwater related activities. Mr. Mandon further responded that the specifics on how a user fee is calculated by the town does not have to be addressed within the plan at this time. A reasonable time frame would be six (6) months from the date of the submission of the plan and could be submitted as modification to the plan. Secretary Ed Pilarski asked Mr. Mandon to provide the board various technical ways in which a potential user fee could be calculated on an equitable basis. The board further discussed funding options for the town's stormwater management plan.

Secretary Pilarski asked Mr. Mandon if he had all the information he needed to provide the board with a finalized version of the SWQMP. Mr. Mandon responded he had all the information he needed to finalize a proposed plan for the board's consideration. President Roger Abraham then requested that Mr. Mandon provide the board with a finalized version of the town's SWQMP for the board's consideration at the next board meeting.

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There were no further comments.

President Abraham adjourned the special board meeting at 6:35 p.m.

The next Stormwater Management Board Meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

Roger Abraham  
President

Stephen A. Rohe  
Vice-President

Edward Pilarski  
Secretary