

**`Stormwater Management Board Meeting
Town of Porter, Indiana
303 Franklin Street
Porter, Indiana 46304
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Minutes From The Meeting On January 25, 2005

Board President Roger Abraham called the 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 Scott Guy, Jim Mandon, Kenn Krause, Bill Sexton and Jennifer Granat.

Secretary Ed Pilarski made a motion to have the members of the current board retain their present board offices for the year of 2005. The board members and their offices are as follows:

1. Roger Abraham as President
2. Stephen Rohe as Vice-President
3. Ed Pilarski as Secretary

The motion was seconded by Vice-President Stephen Rohe and the motion was carried 3-0.

The minutes from the Board Meeting conducted on December 21, 2004 were reviewed and approved.

The board then approved the final version of the Illicit Discharge Ordinance and the Erosion Control Ordinance for the Town of Porter. Both ordinances are a requirement of the Town's Stormwater Quality Management Plan Subpart C submission to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). A motion was made, seconded and was carried 3-0 for both ordinances to be submitted to the Town of Porter's Town Council for the Town Council's consideration at the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

Scott Guy, Town of Porter Public Works Director, reported flooding problems due to runoff of recent stormwater and snow melt along Waverly Road at South Bailey Drive in the Dunes Forest Subdivision. In addition, there were flooding problems associated with the recent stormwater and snow melt reported throughout the subdivision by the residents of the subdivision. The proposed stormwater project along Waverly Road near South Bailey Drive is designed to address this problem.

President Abraham asked Mr. Guy the status of the Porter County Drainage Board's cleaning efforts of the county's ditches which receive runoff water from the Town's connected storm water ditches. In addition, President Abraham asked what the status was of the Town's maintenance efforts of stormwater ditches located within the Town of Porter. Mr. Guy responded the Town's Public Works

Department has not been in contact with Porter County's Stormwater Drainage Board regarding the county's stormwater ditch maintenance activities. President Abraham then noted the maintenance efforts by the Town's Public Works Department for stormwater ditch cleaning has been inadequate for years. In addition, President Abraham asked Mr. Guy if his department had the necessary equipment and manpower to clean and maintain the Town's stormwater runoff ditches both now and in the future. Mr. Guy responded his department is making progress with the cleaning and maintenance of stormwater ditches and associated structures within the Town, although the progress has been slow due to not having enough staff and equipment.

Secretary Pilarski asked Mr. Guy if the listing of stormwater projects submitted to the board in December of 2004 was complete and if the cost of each of those projects was accurate. Mr. Guy responded the submitted listing contained the major stormwater control projects needed within the Town of Porter to date and as determined by both the Public Works Department and the Town Engineer. The costs of those listed projects was accurate. However, additional projects could conceivably increase the costs for stormwater drainage within the Town to well over \$100,000.00. The members of the board requested Mr. Guy update the project listing for presentation at the next board meeting.

Vice-President Rohe wanted to know if the Public Works Department was maintaining adequate documentation for all of the department's work efforts regarding stormwater activities. The importance of having proper documentation is so the Town has accurate stormwater activity records which will support the information presented within the Town's future Stormwater Management Annual Report. The Annual Report is required by the IDEM and is to be submitted by the Town to the IDEM at the end of each year. Mr. Guy responded his department is properly documenting all work efforts, including stormwater activities. The board then discussed the possibility of the Town's Public Works Department providing the board with a quarterly status report on the department's stormwater work activities. Mr. Guy said a quarterly status report to the Stormwater Management Board would be no problem.

Kenn Krause reported an agreement between the Town of Porter and the Town of Chesterton for a joint stormwater project along Woodlawn Avenue is still being worked on but should be completed soon. Mr. Krause then discussed the listing of potential pollutants to be sampled at stormwater discharge points from the Town into the Little Calumet River as a part of the Town's Stormwater Management Plan.

Mr. Mandon reported the Town's Stormwater Management Plan is approximately 98 % complete. The due date for the submission of this plan to the IDEM is March 1, 2005. Mr. Mandon then discussed various aspects of the plan. Vice-President Rohe asked Mr. Mandon if the plan needs to show how the Town will fund the numerous stormwater projects and activities listed within the plan.

Mr. Mandon responded the plan will need to show the funding sources for each of the projects and activities. However, funding of these activities could be revised throughout the year. Mr. Mandon said the plan will need to show a five (5) year capitol improvement budget. Mr. Mandon said it would be up to the Town's Stormwater Management Board and the Town Council on how to provide funding for the Town's stormwater related activities.

Secretary Pilarski asked Mr. Mandon what the status was of the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission's regional MS4 Stormwater Project (education and public involvement components) for which the Town has already paid for the first year of the Project. Mr. Mandon responded the first year of the NIRPC's proposed MS4 Project was proceeding this year. The activities and documents planned by the NIRPC for the first year are discussed within the NIRPC's original proposal to the Town.

President Abraham suggested the Stormwater Management Board convene for a special session on both February 8, 2005 and on February 15, 2005 rather than the regularly scheduled board meeting on February 22, 2005. The special sessions are needed in order to complete the Town's Stormwater Management Plan in a timely fashion. The approved plan will then be submitted to the Town of Porter's Town Council for the Town Council's consideration at the Town Council's last regularly scheduled meeting in February of 2005.

The members of the board agreed. Town Councilman Mr. Bill Sexton raised no objections and agreed.

There were no further comments by the board or by the public.

President Abraham adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

The next Stormwater Management Board Meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

Roger Abraham
President

Stephen A. Rohe
Vice-President

Edward Pilarski
Secretary