

**Town of Porter  
Stormwater Management Board  
303 Franklin Street  
Porter, Indiana 46304**

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING February 28, 2017**

The meeting was opened at 5:00 pm with President William Lopez leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers Present- Jim Eriksson, Daniel Colbert, William Lopez. Also at the meeting were Brenda Brueckheimer, Mike Barry, and Tammie Sufana.

Motion to approve the minutes of January 24, 2017 as written was made by Jim Eriksson, second by Daniel Colbert.

Motion passed 3-0

Motion to approve the account payable voucher in the amount of \$2,573.71 as submitted was made by Daniel Colbert, second by Jim Eriksson.

Motion passed 3-0

Treasurers Report –Daniel states we opened year with a balance of \$305,358.49. The current balance today after approving claim docket is \$329,139.69. He states we are in good shape for some projects. Jim Eriksson asked if this included the new sewer rates? Ms. Sufana states the rates go into effect on the March bill so we should see a better increase towards April.

Brenda Brueckheimer, Director of Public Works-Brenda would like to welcome Victor Barry, an employee from Sewer/Street department, who is shadowing at the meeting. She handed out a community solutions guide she received at a NISWAG meeting. 2017 is the year to promote low impact development & green infrastructure. There is a lot of grant money out there for storm water is will be looking into.

We have a new mower now we will be able to cut the ditches better, but then we have to clean them out.

The last rain event we lost westbound lane of Oakhill Road.  
There is a lot of re-establishment of ditches needed to help with flooding.

We still have paving to do at Knoelke, Ash, Cedar, South & North Bailey, Oakhill RD to do, but she doesn't want to do it until drainage is fixed so we won't be repairing because of flooding.

Old Business- Mike Barry stated the final payment for Wagner Hills came and was lower than we thought. We need a motion to approve.

Jim Eriksson made a motion to approve the final payment for Woodruff and Sons in the amount of \$13,666.62, Daniel Colbert seconded motion.

Motion passed 3-0

Mike says Butler, Fairman, Sievert turned in a contract for the outsourcing of the MS4 program that we need to review and discuss later. Reggie was supposed to come but was ill. He sent the contract to the attorney to review. If we outsource it, we will bring back in more money plus we have increased the fee. He thinks it will work better for us we will not have to train someone, pay benefits, or have the learning curve.

Mike wants to bring up for discussion the fact when we approve subdivisions in our little town things that sound wonderful don't turn out that way. There is a pond on Wood St that is up for tax sale for \$50. The man who owns it says he doesn't, the town doesn't own it. Mike suggests we take it back and fix it the way it should be. The pond is in the Porter Ridge subdivision and it needs to be re-established to help some of our storm water issues. The man who owns it has never maintained it. We keep getting complaints about it. It will cost some money to fix it.

New Business-None

Public Comments-Jennifer Klug, 200 Franklin St, when you talk a fee increase does anyone know the status of pending legislation where churches, schools, and farms exempt from storm water fees. Brenda said they discussed it at the NWISWAG meeting and they don't think it is going to pass. All cities and towns are different.

Adjournment- Daniel Colbert made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Eriksson seconded. Motion passed 3-0

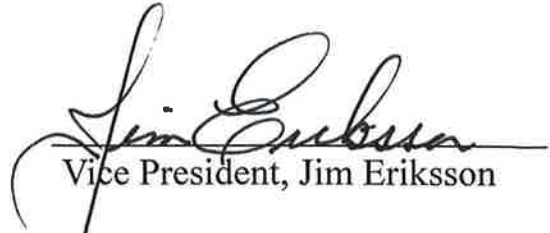
Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.



President, William Lopez



Treasurer, Daniel Colbert



Vice President, Jim Eriksson



Secretary, Tammie Sufana