



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

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING April 26, 2016

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

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

Absent: Jim Eriksson, showed up at 5:15 pm

Motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2016 as written was made by Bill Lopez, second by Daniel Colbert.

Motion passed 2-0

Motion to approve the account payable voucher from February 19- April 21, 2016 in the amount of \$7935.28 as submitted was made by Bill Lopez, second by Daniel Colbert.

Motion passed 2-0

Treasurers Report – update next month Jim is not here

Brenda Brueckheimer, Director of Public Works- Holding a contractor's workshop on April 28, 2016 on the vmp's of good housekeeping on storm water management. Porter County is putting on this workshop at the Expo center open to all contractors and whoever wants to go.

Earth Day- Rain Barrel event was April 16, 2016. We had one entry from Discovery Charter School. Requesting that Storm board to pay invoice for \$49.00 for Rain Barrel Motion to approve paying invoice for rain barrel for Discovery Charter School was made by Bill Lopez, second by Daniel Colbert.

Motion passed 2-0

NWISWAG held a training class at Hawthorne Park on April 21, 2016 it was train the trainer class. She is also requesting that the storm board pay for incidentals and lunch for the training in the amount of \$95.26.

Motion to approve paying \$95.26 for incidentals and lunch for training was made by Bill Lopez, second by Daniel Colbert.

Motion passed 2-0

Again this year there is another request for MS4 training videos of \$250.00 for HOA and VMP on stormwater management. Requesting we do partnership for \$250.00 for videos. She will also get a digital copy she can give to HOA and post to town website.

Motion to approve partnership for videos for \$250.00 was made by Bill Lopez, second by Daniel Colbert.

Motion passed 2-0

Received several calls after the last rain event. Most are on master plan. We may need to upgrade master plan. Sunset, Monroe, Vine, Iron Triangle are some of the areas.

Getting a new GIS system how we can merge all that stuff to new system. Mike will look into it.

Old Business- Mike Barry stated everything is ready to sign waiting for approval on Cedit funds from Town Council on the Wagner Hills project.

Motion to approve signing the contract for Wagner Hills project contingent upon council vote on Cedit funds tonight was made by Jim Eriksson. Bill Lopez seconded the motion.

Motion passed 3-0

Greg Stinson states that once it gets approved Mike Barry can look over invoices and have them paid out of CEDIT up to \$100,000 and the balance of contract being paid by the Storm Board and it should be approved at tonight's Town Council meeting.

New Business-Daniel Colbert thinks it is time to look at doing a storm water fee increase on monthly fee. Hobart is \$9.30 a month, Crown Point and Chesterton are \$6.00 a month, Valparaiso is \$11.00 a month, and Portage is \$10.00 a month. We have not had an increase since the board was formed with \$4.00 a month. Revenue is running about \$160,000.00 annually. We are starting to get in larger projects that need to be done.

Thinking a 50% increase to make it \$6.00 a month we would still be low end of average. That would give us another \$80,000.00 to put back into this community.

Motion was made to raise the storm water fees to \$6.00 per month were made by Jim Eriksson, second by Bill Lopez.

Motion passed 3-0

The board will send a letter to the Town Council to have the Ordinance changed to increase the fees.

Public Comments- Ginger Potter, 850 Quail Ridge Dr. Lot 45 in diagram. She has had some flooding in her back yard. Brenda discovered there is an inlet in the corner of her lot of 8" to a foot below soil level. So they raised it a bit and put a grate over it thinking it would help instead of being an outlet it is an inlet. She is suggesting a possible solution is a manhole cover bolted down instead of a grate. Mike gives a summary of Basin C. The pond needs to be cleaned out and fixed it needs a lot of work. Mike said a temporary fix would be to put a manhole lid on it until we can address the problem. When they connect Dune Meadows they went under hwy 20 to that pond for overflow. Brenda states the drainage needs to be corrected over there. The pond is dedicated to Town and never maintained, it is going to take some work to get out there and fix the drainage. Ginger states that in the intern she is just asking for the manhole cover. She is the lowest elevation in that area.

Motion was made for ordering a manhole cover and bolts it down by Jim Eriksson, Bill Lopez seconded the motion.

Motion passed 3-0

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Lopez, second by Jim Eriksson.

Motion passed 3-0

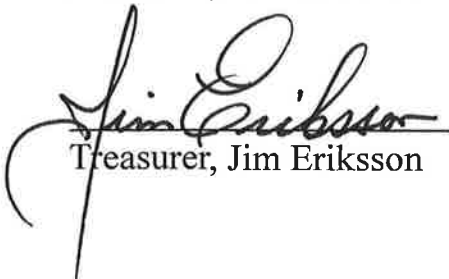
Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.



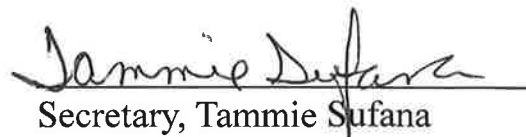
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Vice President, William Lopez



Treasurer, Jim Eriksson



Secretary, Tammie Sufana