

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

ZOOM MEETING

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING April 27, 2021

The meeting opened at 5:04 pm with President William Lopez leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers Present-William Lopez, Jim Eriksson, and Erik Hellmuth. Also, at the meeting were Mike Barry, Tammie Sufana.

Motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2021 as written was made by Mr. Hellmuth, second by Mr. Eriksson.

Motion passed 3-0 roll call vote.

Motion to approve the account payable voucher in the amount of \$18,292.52 as submitted was made by Mr. Eriksson, second by Mr. Hellmuth.

Motion passed 3-0 roll call vote.

Treasurers Report –Current balance \$789,244.31.

Reports by Michael Barry-Duneland Dr is starting this week. Mr. Lopez asked what was delay and same time schedule, Mr. Barry stated same time schedule. The delay was shop drawings and structure for drywell.

Carlson Corners- Mr. Barry states the easement had a revision and he sent it to attorney to review. As soon as it is reviewed, he will get it to homeowners. Gas Company wants a copy of signed easements and then they will schedule when services will be moved. Mr. Lopez asked when we could put it out for bid. Mr. Barry states not until he gets answer from Gas Company.

Old Business-Haas & Associates Proposal for Waverly Knoelke Drainage-Mr. Barry

states that Mr. Hellmuth had a discussion with Tim Haas on this proposal. Mr. Hellmuth thanked Mr. Barry for reaching out to Abonmarche for a comparison on proposal. It was in the same ballpark. Mr. Hellmuth comments that Haas numbers are pretty much sound, well thought out. He still challenges that we would be fine with 80-90% drawings but he understands waiting for 100%. He pressed them to say let's focus only on the areas that do not meet our cross section for the water flow. Haas pointed out there is a permitting process for wetlands. He looked at wetland map and hoping there is no wetland will cut down schedule. He was trying to get them to be laser focus for what a contractor would need to build this as quick as possible. Mr. Barry states it is a not to exceed contract and once we get started on it we widdle down to the pieces we need. The not to exceed number is worst-case scenario. Phase 2 of proposal will take longer because of permits; Phase 1 will help keep road from flooding. Mr. Barry states he has talked to a resident bus driver and they said that area has flooded for 49 years now. This has failed for a long time so this is undersized. Mr. Hellmuth states we have been looking at this for years, so we are not fixing the problem; we are doing a new system that is sized appropriately. The scope is pretty much set and defined. Mr. Hellmuth clarified he is in favor of Phase 1 right now, the \$42,000 and he suggests we limit conversation to Phase 1.

He would like to see Haas demonstrate that they can deliver to Mr. Barry in a timely manner and their approach going forward. Mr. Eriksson does not want to see us start something and not finish. We need to get water moving off Waverly & Knoelke area Mr. Barry states. We went with this proposal to abandoned failed structures.

Mr. Lopez asks what we are talking about? Mr. Barry states approving item A just to get started and he can work with Haas to get the numbers lower. In addition, the more we find we get the numbers to shrink. Mr. Lopez comments he seen that in past and things just increase. Mr. Barry states first part is to get the pipe to the ditch, second part involves five other entities so that might take a while.

Mr. Hellmuth asks what about Nipsco, Mr. Barry states he will call them tomorrow.

Mr. Hellmuth thinks phase A is reasonable, we need to get a main line there to help with flooding.

Mr. Lopez personally feels we need to look at this more. He does not want to jump into this without more research. If we finish this, will it work without Phase 2? Mr. Barry says he would like to start first section and get more answers to widdle down second part. Try to eliminate the unknowns. Carlson Corners is just waiting for easements to be signed and Nipsco to move gas line. Once the gas line is moved, it can be sent out for bid. Mr. Hellmuth states that these projects can both be shovel ready, as long as engineering is done, we will have the plans.

Mr. Lopez is looking for a motion.

Mr. Eriksson made a motion to accept phase 1 with Mr. Barry finding out from Nipsco about gas lines and a not to exceed \$42,000, Mr. Hellmuth seconded motion. Motion passed 3-0 with roll call vote.

New Business-

Public Comments-Laurie & Eric Franke-Polz, 51 Detroit, last house on Ash St. They have directly had effect with flooding for 41 years. They are pleased with the decision to approve moving forward with Phase 1. There have been times they have been trapped in their house because of the flooding. Ms. Polz asked if the culvert on Ash St being down by developer? Mr. Barry states correct. Hoping this moves forward in a timely manner. Thank you again we really appreciate it.

Eugene & Judy Chemma, 1655 Fleming, they appreciate what we are doing. They are down stream from this area are these the ditches this going to drain to. Mr. Barry states it will go to Fleming & South Bailey Dr. Mr. Chemma thought he read a 42 inch culvert going in over there by his house, he doesn't think that will be big enough. Mr. Barry comments once we get the main pipeline in we can branch out and we look into this. Mr. Chemma asks about collapsed culvert under Fleming that was to be fixed before road was paved. Mr. Barry states yes it will be fixed; the road was paved before they could fix it. Mr. Chemma and Mrs. Chemma asks if there is going to be safety devices for these culverts. Mr. Barry states yes they will have safety devices on it.

Mr. Lopez comments we have spent a lot of money in that area. Ms. Chemma states her husband has been on planning commission for many years she is aware of it.

Adjournment-Mr. Hellmuth made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Eriksson. Motion passed 3-0 roll call vote.

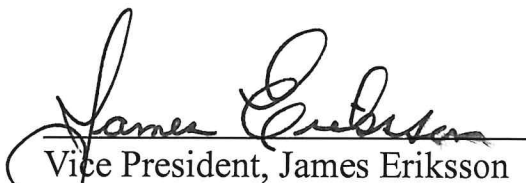
Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.



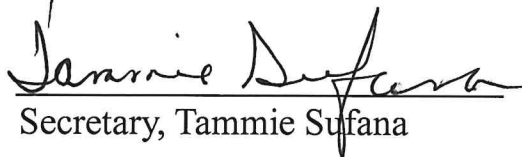
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