

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

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING JUNE 22, 2021

The meeting opened at 5:02 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 April 27, 2021 as written was made by Mr. Hellmuth, second by Mr. Eriksson.

Motion passed 3-0.

Motion to approve the account payable voucher in the amount of \$2,590.00 as submitted was made by Mr. Eriksson, second by Mr. Hellmuth.

Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurers Report –Current balance \$824,768.04.

Reports by Michael Barry-Carlson Corners- Mr. Barry states the easements have been sent to the homeowners just waiting for them to be returned. The next step after they are returned they need to be recorded and he needs to send a copy to NIPSCO so they can schedule to move the gas lines. Once he has, the easements back we can send it out to bid.

South Mineral Springs/Old Porter Rd.-Mr. Barry states last fall we had Abonmarche do some survey, design and specs for a little ditch work. We need three culverts put in the area. We also need to acquire a 10 ft easement for drainage. Mr. Barry is going to ask homeowner for a right of entry, which would be much quicker at 260 S Mineral Springs. He is going to talk to Mr. Oke and see if he can get it. There is no ditches in that area and the land is just flat. This would be a simple cheap fix with three culverts and a ditch on the west side of Mineral Springs.

Old Business-

New Business-Duneland Dr additional paving-Mr. Barry recommends along with Mr. Haas to have contractor fix patches and replace with new, and to finish the punch list. We will repave the road either next year or year after depending on community crossing grant.

Blood Hound Proposal-We have to locate the force main on Waverly & Knoekle. We have a quote from Blood Hound for \$1,480.00. They will locate the force mains and give us a CAT file. Once we have that we can determine where to put storm sewer. The two sections we are trying to locate will be a big help.

Mr. Eriksson made a motion not to exceed \$1480.00 for Blood Hound, Mr. Hellmuth seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Proposal for Geotechnical Investigation-We have three proposals for Geotechnical Engineering Exploration. AES for \$5,450 and will be done in 5-6 weeks, Weaver Consultants for \$6,185.00 and will be done in 2 weeks, and Alt & Witzig for \$9,000 and will be done in 12-20 days. Mr. Barry recommends the AES proposal for \$5,450.00.

Mr. Hellmuth made a motion to accept proposal for a not to exceed \$5,450.00. Mr. Eriksson seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Barry states that Haas & Associates also received some proposals for wetland study that are not needed yet. One was from Soil Solutions and was high; the other was from Cardno and was in two parts.

Public Comments-Brian Bugajski, Porter Park Dept Director, presented information about the Lake Pratt Accessible Walkway Project at Indian springs Park. The project has been partially funded by a \$65,000 Lake Michigan Coastal Program matching grant that was awarded in 2020. The project will create an accessible path between the parking lot and shoreline of Pratt Lake utilizing a GravelPave2 system, which allows stormwater to pass through the surface and absorb directly into the soil, thus greatly reducing runoff. Another feature of the project is educational signage about stormwater runoff, permeable vs. non-permeable surfaces, and why infrastructure projects that reduce stormwater runoff are important. This feature of the project will help the Stormwater Board fulfill part of their public education mandate as required by the MS4 program. When applying for the matching grant, Bugajski approached the board president Lopez, who provided a

letter in support of the project and a promise of \$10,000 of stormwater funding to serve as a partial match. Mr. Bugajski was in attendance at the meeting to officially request that monetary support.

Mr. Hellmuth made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$10,000 on the project, Mr. Eriksson seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Bugajski thanked the board for their support and planned to bring mock-ups of the signage to the next stormwater board meeting for review and approval.

Reggie Korthals, BF&S consultant, respectfully request an item to be put on agenda MS4 Permit Compliance Update until the end of the year. So you can stay update on what is happening and moving forward. She states IDEM has contacted to TOP for an audit, she has postponed them until the end of July. She will be sending the new permit to Ms. Sufana so she can forward it to board. Staying on top of this when there is so many unknowns right now. Porter County has there audit on Thursday and once we see what they are looking for we will be ready.

Mr. Lopez would like to move Public Comments after Treasurer's Report, and put MS4 permit update there.

Mr. Hellmuth made a motion to add MS4 Permit Update to agenda after Treasurer's Report, and to move Public Comments up after MS4 Permit Update, Mr. Eriksson seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.



Adjournment-Mr. Eriksson made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Hellmuth.

Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.



President, William Lopez


Vice President, James Eriksson
Treasurer, Erik Hellmuth
Secretary, Tammie Sufana