

PORTER STORMWATER BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 27, 2026

The Town of Porter Stormwater meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm with Erik Hellmuth, President leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were William Lopez, Erik Hellmuth, Mitch Reynolds (showed up after roll call), Michael Barry Building Commissioner, and Tammie Sufana, Recording Secretary.

Appointment of Officers and Secretary

Mr. Hellmuth made a motion to appoint Mr. Lopez as President, Mr. Reynolds made second. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Lopez made a motion to appoint Mr. Hellmuth as Vice-President, Mr. Reynolds made second. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Lopez made a motion to appoint Mr. Reynolds as Treasurer, Mr. Hellmuth made second. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Hellmuth made a motion to appoint Mrs. Sufana as Secretary, Mr. Reynolds made second. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of December 23, 2025 as written, second by Mr. Hellmuth. Motion passed 2-0.

Approval of Claims

Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve the accounts payable voucher in the amount of \$25,473.39 as submitted, second by Mr. Hellmuth. Motion passed 2-0.

Treasurers Report

Mr. Reynolds read the treasurer report and states the current balance is \$193,958.79.

MS4 Permit Update

Julia Carillo, BF&S, discussed some of updates they are working on. Mr. Barry has completed his 12 hours of training needed for permit. We are in year 5 the final year of

the permit and they are working on the annual report that is due April 1. There is a few items that still needs to be completed for this permit that the town is working on to complete. Dry weather outfall & screening, outfall mapping, post construction, and BMP completed inventory and inspection for this year, is all started but not yet finished. They are also helping with normal annual requirements. Mr. Hellmuth asked about outfalls, Mr. Barry comments only town owned outfalls. Mr. Barry also mentions that it is all ponds in town, he has to create a form for the inspections.

Public Comments

Reports by Michael Barry

Mr. Barry mentions that in the November/December meeting Friends of Porter, LLC, who purchased the waterpark property, came to meeting asking for stormwater for parcel to be recalculated. He mentions the current ERU's for the parcel is 48 for \$576.00 per billing. All the waterpark structures were taken down a few years ago by previous owner. The current calculations would be 23.64 ERU's for \$283.68. If you want, you can go back to the October bill you can. It will basically cut the cost in half.

Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve the reduction in the stormwater fees based on Mr. Barry's recalculations but going forward with next billing cycle the current will stand, Mr. Hellmuth seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Barry states no update on Lake Michigan Coastal Grant yet they are having issues getting paperwork together. North Bailey they did a walk through of the punch list on January 7, sent that to Dyer and Global basically it is the two large grates, a new inlet at South Bailey, and a lot of landscaping they will take care of when the weather breaks. Guardrail is done and turned out nice. Markovich pond he has materials ordered but then the weather changed so he will finish when weather breaks. Dyer hasn't sent final bill yet and we can hold 3% until punch list is finished. He also mentions he is working on stormwater master plan.

Mr. Lopez asked about Carlson Corners phase 2, Mr. Barry mentions he started to put it all together but there is an issue with one of the neighbor's houses and a sheriff sale. It is three properties a fence and a shed, and two fences.

Mr. Hellmuth asks Mr. Barry to give a brief update on December storm and North Bailey. Mr. Barry mentions on December 28 we had 3.1 inches of rain in a short period of time. Waverly side was all backed up, Public Works went out and found a piece of house wrap blocking drain. After it was removed it performed fabulous. There was no flooding and it worked great. Carlson Corners worked well also no water on the road.

He also mentions he is still trying to get the guy who bought Porter Ridge Pond to respond. He received his certified letter and has not responded so he will send another one.

Old Business

NONE

New Business

Mr. Barry mentions we have three contracts to approve Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Abonmarche, and Global. Mr. Lopez made a motion to approve the three contracts from Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, and Global, Mr. Reynolds made second. Motion passed 3-0.

Board Comments

Adjournment

Mr. Hellmuth made a motion to adjourn meeting

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-2.9, this meeting was livestreamed to youtube.com/@porterindiana. A recording of the livestream will remain publicly available for a minimum of ninety (90) days following the date of the meeting. Meeting agendas, minutes, and any memoranda, may be viewed at townofporter.in.gov.

William Lopez, President

Erik Hellmuth, Vice-President

Mitch Reynolds, Treasurer

Tammie Sufana, Recording Secretary