

PORTER STORMWATER BOARD MINUTES

JUNE 23, 2026

The Town of Porter Stormwater meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm with William Lopez, President leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were William Lopez, Erik Hellmuth, Mitch Reynolds, Michael Barry Building Commissioner, and Tammie Sufana, Recording Secretary.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes of April 28, 2026 as written, second by Mr. Hellmuth. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Claims

Mr. Reynolds made a motion to approve the accounts payable voucher in the amount of \$3,298.50 as submitted, second by Mr. Hellmuth. Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurers Report

Mr. Reynolds read the treasurer report and states the current balance is \$274,950.10.

MS4 Permit Update

Mr. Barry comments he heard the fishing derby was great, he doesn't have any of the stats yet. He also comments he is going to Orchard Apartments to get copies of their drawings, and then he can get them for unsanitary conditions.

Public Comments

Karla Staley, 1505 Cedar St, has a question about stormwater that follows from top of Cedar/ Detroit that goes through her back yard. It floods into yard and encroaches on her barn, and they use sandbags to divert it. She was on the understanding there was a part one of the Dunes Forest project to stop that. Mrs. Staley mentions they did add a French drain and that does help a lot. Mr. Barry mentions we need to look at this area a little closer. Mr. Barry mentions it will be on the Master plan.

Reports by Michael Barry

Mr. Barry handed out a list of some of the complaints from the last bout of rain on Sunday where we received 2 ½ in. Three in a row and it is not drying up. He mentions Charlie from the Village called and his basement flooded. He is the lowest property in that area. El Jimador roof drains are clogged. Between Pleasant and Wagner there are

no storm drains. Mr. Hellmuth asked about a slotted drain? Mr. Barry mentions what about boring alley to see how thick it is.

Mr. Barry states 195 Springview Dr rear yard does not drain and water pools on trail. The street is higher than the adjacent area that was ponding water. He suggests having public works remove lids and measure the pipe inverted. Then we can try to design a way to tie a drain into the sewer.

Mr. Barry mentions 1st St he wants to put on small project list.

Wood St has no stormwater drains. Monroe and Vine, nothing is plugged, there was just too much water.

20th St he is going to send another letter to the pond property owner as it needs to be cleaned out.

271 S Mineral Springs he told previous owner to regrade swale. He is going to see bushes are in the ROW, if so, we will take down, if not owner will have to.

Tremont the homeowner keeps culvert clean but could be blocked or buried further down.

1311 Water Lily Circle ditch at rear reworked by town in 2009, to steep to maintain, fence is falling over, and owner wants town to pipe ditch. Mr. Barry mentions he is not why the town did that, he will look at it and see what we can do.

955 Pearson-ditch is full and not receded they will go look at it and see what is going on. Mr. Lopez mentions he received a complaint from someone on Beam St. Mr. Barry mentions most of these need to be reviewed and a couple maybe small projects. Dune Forest neighborhood needs a study done.

Mr. Barry mentions he has a quote from Ferguson for Astro turf for erosion control. It performs better than riprap. This would solve our issue to grow grass on N Bailey. He just wanted board to look at, and he will work on getting another quote.

Mr. Lopez asks about survey on Marquette. Mr. Barry comments survey is done the letters need to go out.

Mr. Barry mentions that N. Bailey punch list is done. Mr. Hellmuth comments to check Judy's pipe. The pipe that was buried needs to be dug up and capped.

Old Business

N Bailey plants-Mr. Barry mentions he has an updated quote from David's Lawncare for \$6,217.00 for 130 N Bailey. This is what the homeowner asked for.

Mr. Hellmuth made a motion to approve quote for \$6,217.00 for David's Lawncare, Mr. Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

New Business

Tammie Sufana mentions that Dennis & Renee Hinline combined three parcels into one on May 8, 2024 and just notified us. Two parcels were purchased on 10/16/23 and they combined them with main parcel. Right now, they have 3 bills at \$12.00 looking to combine to one being lots are combined.

Mr. Hellmuth made a motion to approve the combined lot request for Dennis & Renee Hinline, Mr. Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Board Comments

Mr. Hellmuth asks what Markovich is going to do with his pond. Mr. Barry states he was going to fix it, and he has stopped work on 3 homes until he does.

Adjournment

Mr. Reynolds made a motion to adjourn meeting

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 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