

PORTER STORMWATER BOARD MINUTES

JULY 28, 2026

The Town of Porter Stormwater meeting was called to order at 5:00 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 June 23, 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 \$14,786.81 as submitted, second by Mr. Hellmuth. Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurers Report

Mr. Reynolds read the treasurer report and states the current balance is \$272,258.99.

MS4 Permit Update

Julia Carillo, BF&S, mentions that Mr. Barry had them create a sign about dumpster rules for Orchard Apartments. Mr. Barry states he sent it to Orchard this afternoon. He will have a follow up meeting with manager and maintenance man. If it ever becomes an issue where it's a potential concern, you see trash in storm drain you could always use your enforcement power. Mr. Barry states we have an ordinance for keeping trash in the containers so we could use that now if I need too.

Public Comments

Michael Peters, 528 S 1st St, he has issues with stormwater drainage. He is looking for some support and answers for the project on 1st St. He has seen the blueprints for the cul de sac process and speaking with Mr. Barry the first stage is to remove the 6inch pvc pipe that was never installed correctly in first place. It should be a quick and inexpensive fix and I'd like to know what the plans are for this. Mr. Lopez understands the issue but we have had a lot of rain. Mr. Hellmuth explains the process for repairs/issues and he understands his frustration. Mr. Barry mentions it is on the list he is presenting tonight.

Karla Staley, 1505 Cedar St, is looking for an update on what was discussed at last

months meeting about here drainage problems. Mr. Barry mentions it is also on his list he is presenting tonight.

Reports by Michael Barry

Mr. Barry mentions Public Works did get approval for a mini excavator and he is not sure when we will receive it.

He put together a list of 15 issues with comments and solutions

ADDRESS	COMMENTS	SOLUTION
1390 Wagner Rd	culverts undersized for drainage area	homeowner should replace culvert
128 Lincoln St (The Village)	rear yard lower than alley & adjacent properties	suggest survey/study
195 Spring View Dr	rear yard floods; trail cut off drainage; check utility conflicts	add inlet, pipe to existing inlet in Beam St
528 N First St	have GLE plan; remove 6" pipe & berm; detention pond not built correctly	PW can repair w/ mini or quote
20th St Pond	send another letter to owner	
Monroe & Vine area	Master Plan area #22	drains to I-94 ditch
271 N Mineral Springs Rd	shallow swale; Master Plan area #22	drains to I-94 ditch
1615 Tremont Rd	culverts may be clogged; ditch overgrown	
1311 Water Lily Ct	town regraded 2009; too steep to maintain; want town to pipe	120' +/- long 24" minimum HDPE pipe
1505 Cedar St	part II Dune Forest study area	
630 Woodlawn Ave	no storm sewer; part of completed study; future CCMG project	
Bote Dr at Dearborn	poorly built inlets/pipes	replace inlets/pipes
90 W Burwell Dr	have GLE plan; add old pipe removal & quote	
Hunters Glen pond & ditch	have GLE plans; pond spillway, ditch grading	
440 Francis St	on list for 3 years; water sits in driveway, sometimes enters lower level	inlet was costly; survey needed; concrete swale?

needs more study

recommended

Mr. Barry recommends getting quotes for 528 N First St, 90 W Burwell, and Hunters Glen Pond projects. He also reminds board that we have limited funds and are waiting on final bill from Dyer for approximately \$75,000. He also mentions that this list is all complaints that have come in.

Mr. Hellmuth made a motion to seek quotes for the three recommended projects, Mr. Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Reynolds asked about adding to the list. Mr. Hellmuth mentions doing these three would be like \$60,000.

Mr. Hellmuth made a motion to seek high level quote for part 2 of Dune Forest Study, Mr. Reynolds made second. Motion passed 3-0

Old Business

New Business

Markovich Retention Pond-Mr. Lopez asks Mr. Markovich what the plan for the pond is. Mr. Markovich mentions that when he purchased the lots, he was not thinking subdivision, in hindsight he wished he would have asked for a POA/HOA. Mr. Markovich also mentioned one of the homes next to it might like to purchase it. He also mentions he would dedicate the pond to the town if that would help. What he can do and will do, if he could get a letter from board, is reach out to the homeowners about a HOA or the town can do a special assessment. He is willing to work with the town. Mr. Barry mentions that a special assessment can be done for maintenance costs and it would be a council decision not stormwater board. Mr. Barry will draft up a letter for Mr. Markovich to give to the homeowners to see if they are interested in a HOA or if it will be a special assessment.

Mr. Lopez read a letter from a Joseph Scott Jordan concerning the stormwater fees he is to pay on his parcel that is landlocked. He mentions it has been placed on the market several times during past ten years with no offers at all even from adjoining property owners. Despite its assessed value, it is functionally worthless. He is asking that we remove any stormwater fees being placed on this property. Mr. Hellmuth mentions that stormwater is for everybody. We don't make exceptions for the parcels that are in the water.

Mr. Hellmuth made a motion to deny request to wave the stormwater fees, Mr. Reynolds seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Board Comments

Adjournment

Mr. Reynolds made a motion to adjourn meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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William Lopez, President

Erik Hellmuth, Vice-President

Mitch Reynolds, Treasurer

Tammie Sufana, Recording Secretary