

PORTER STORMWATER BOARD MINUTES

AUGUST 25, 2026

The Town of Porter Stormwater meeting was called to order at 5:02 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. Hellmuth made a motion to approve the minutes of July 28, 2026 as written, second by Mr. Reynolds. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Claims

Mr. Reynolds made a motion to approve the accounts payable voucher in the amount of \$7,070.93 as submitted, second by Mr. Hellmuth. Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurers Report

Mr. Reynolds read the treasurer report and states the current balance is \$301480.62.

MS4 Permit Update

Mr. Barry mentions they rescheduled inspections at Public Works and Park Department because of the storms. Mr. Lopez asked about Orchard and the signs. Mr. Barry mentions they ordered the signs that BF&S created and they should be installed now.

Public Comments

Karla Staley, 1505 Cedar St, is looking for a follow up on assessment that they did. Mr. Barry mentions that Mr. Hellmuth and him went over there and looked at things. They have discussed things and there are plans from three years ago that they want to update and modify. They have a concept of what needs to be done. They want to put drains in on Cedar and Knoelke. There is also a drain that is plugged that goes under Knoelke that needs to be looked. They need to get the water down Cedar St.

Glen Burke, 1509 Cedar St, the road in front of his property is angled 6 inches towards his property and he has fought it for 30 years and doesn't want to do it anymore.

Michael Peters, 528 S 1st St, thank you for coming out and looking at the issue and moving forward with correcting it.

Linda Brolsma, 111 Franklin St, mentions she is having drainage issues with neighboring properties. The business behind her was suppose to put in a garage and instead putting in imperviable driveway. Now there is no swales in the alley and driveway is higher than her property. The property next door at 107 Franklin St the owners who flipped it regraded the property and now her yard and basement floods. And the people that purchased it can't use there yard because of it. When she contacted town, she was told by one of the board members that because she has private property it her responsibility. She expects town officials to look at things when they get complaints on them. This has been going on since beginning of March. Mr. Hellmuth mentions that rainwater is a common enemy. Mr. Hellmuth mentions he spoke to Mr. Barry on a solution for the alley. Mr. Barry will go look and see what can be done now.

Susan Brandstetter, 2924 Glacier Trl, along with sister Ericka Branstetter, is here requesting reconsideration of stormwater fee assessment. She mentions they were recently sent a letter about 55 properties they will be billed stormwater for. See attached letter. Mr. Barry comments he will meet with them tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.

Reports by Michael Barry

Mr. Barry mentions there is still no funds from Lake Michigan Coastal grant he is going to call again.

Mr. Barry states the RDC Trail project had to order erosion netting and there is to be a substantial amount leftover that can be used on multiple stormwater projects.

He also states he has to call Dyer to schedule to go over punch list, as he was trying to do that when the storm hit. The trees keep plugging up ditch and public works has cleaned it up multiple times.

Mr. Barry mentions the small projects he needs to make some tweaks on that and is going to extend it a little bit to add a couple more little ones to it. Mr. Hellmuth asked about 440 Francis St he thinks all we need to do is put in a gutter or a slot drain in there.

Mr. Barry mentions he spoke with Mr. Cowsert from 145 Hjelm Rd before meeting. Mr. Cowsert mentions he dug some stuff out of culverts he thinks they are still plugged. Mr. Barry will call Public Works and have them jetted out.

Old Business

Markovich Retention Pond-Mr. Barry states he spoke with Mr. Markovich about the stormwater maintenance fee. Mr. Markovich spoke with the neighbors and they bought

into that. We just have to structure how that's going to work. Mr. Barry will talk to Corinne and the attorney. Mr. Barry mentions Mr. Markovich would like some help drafting up something.

Update Small Project List-Mr. Barry mentions he is updating the list.

New Business

Board Comments

Mr. Reynolds thanked everyone for showing up and their input today.

Mr. Hellmuth comments about how to come up with our rate for the future. If we could figure out the rate of service and if we maintain that rate of service. Mr. Barry mentions he sent starter list he had and Tammie sent the financial reports from 2023-July 2026. Mr. Barry mentions instead of paying \$600 an hour to try and figure it out, we can take the information he has and information Tammie has and figure it out a rate ourselves that would save us a whole bunch of money. Mr. Barry mentions that \$6 a month is not enough to cover the projects we need to do. He also mentions that Public Works has a mini excavator on order that will help with some in house work and maintenance.

Adjournment

Mr. Reynolds made a motion to adjourn meeting

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-2.9, this meeting was livestreamed to [youtube.com/@porterindiana](https://www.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