



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

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING NOVEMBER 26, 2024**

The meeting opened at 5:01 pm with William Lopez leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers Present-William Lopez, Mitch Reynolds, and Erik Hellmuth.  
Also, at the meeting was Tammie Sufana and Michael Barry.

Motion to approve the minutes of October 22, 2024, as written was made by Mr. Hellmuth, second by Mr. Reynolds.  
Motion passed 3-0.

Motion to approve the accounts payable voucher in the amount of \$18,612.29 as submitted was made by Mr. Reynolds, second by Mr. Hellmuth.  
Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurers Report –Mr. Reynolds states the current balance is \$1,052,531.39.

MS4 Permit Update-Meghan Bolyard comments they have accomplished quite a bit. They did MS4 training on November 13 and we are good for a year. They have completed maintenance schedule and technical standards manual. Next, they are working on website updates for MS4. They have also did quarterly inspections today at Public Works and Park Department found a few minor things to correct. Michael Barry mentions he very excited about the service we are getting now. We are getting everything done and getting all documents requested. They have rewrote catch basin and outfall inspection forms, still need documentation of dry wells. Michael Barry comments that we are going to send a joint letter with Town of Chesterton to L A Bell Trucking on cleaning out there drywells so the water does not pool into road. Michael Barry comments Meghan helped with the notice of termination on Yost School.

Public Comments-NONE

Reports by Michal Barry-Michael Barry mentions North Bailey all easements are sent waiting for signed contracts back. Still waiting on Nipsco to see when they can move them. Dyer is preparing for spring and will bill us for supplies purchased. He is waiting

for Change Order for accurate pricing. Corinne Peffers, Clerk Treasurer, asks what are the dates they need to be completed by. Michael Barry states they are way out there. We have to have ARPA funds allocated by December 31 she just wants to make sure we are covering all our bases. Michael Barry states all locates are done just waiting on NIPSCO. He is going to make a call down state to the IURC about NIPSCO. Erik Hellmuth asks if NIPSCO work is step 1, 2, 10, 12. Michael Barry comments they are step one. Erik Hellmuth asks about line item pricing increase. Michael Barry will pull out contract and look at.

#### Old Business-Hunters Glen Drainage Study

Michael Barry mentions the study shows an overflow weir built primarily of aggregate at an elevation of 660.60 is proposed and an outlet pipe is continuously submerged by over one foot of water. They recommend further study of existing outlet conditions. This study will include conducting a topographic survey of the creek downstream of the pond. Michael Barry comments we can regrade the open area. He doesn't think the HOA has money so the town would have to pay for it. He thinks some riffraff or concrete will help. He also mentions this is something we could put out for quotes. The HOA maintains pond and town maintains drainage way.

#### New Business-Great Lakes Engineering Task Orders

Michael Barry has three tasks order

1. Task Order 24-2 is for Hunter's Glen to topography survey Hunter's Glen Downstream Creek of approximately 500'- he doesn't think we need it. This task order is a NTE \$4,500
2. Task Order 24-3 is for Cul-de-sac/Roadway drainage design for 1<sup>st</sup> St, 20<sup>th</sup> St, and W Burwell Dr topographic survey and drainage design. 1<sup>st</sup> St culvert pipes have cracked and are crushed. 20<sup>th</sup> St cul de sac drains center out and doesn't work. This task order is a NTE \$5,400.
3. Task Order 24-4 is for rebid Carlson Corners Ditch regrading project. It will create two bid packets for the Carlson Corners ditch regrading project (Phase 1 & Phase 2). This task order is a NTE \$6,000

Michael Barry comments we do not need to do Task Order 24-2 he is just looking for approval of 24-3 and 24-4.

Erik Hellmuth made a motion to approve Task Order 24-3 and 24-04 for a total NTE of \$11,400, Mitch Reynolds seconded motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

### Repair Ditch on Monroe St

William Lopez mentions the ditch is not as bad as resident said it was. He thinks maybe just regrade it would be the easiest thing to do. Michael Barry mentions we have a couple of other small tasks we could group with this to get a better quote. Park Ave it is a 4 to 1 slope he doesn't see any issues. Also, 440 Francis, there is no curb and no drain, when we paved the road it is higher than the driveway. Now 444 Francis is getting water in basement so we need to look at fixing this. He thinks maybe just drop an inlet in there. The drainage issue on E Oakhill is just leaves plugging up the drain.

Erik Hellmuth asks if we vacuum out the manholes, Michael Barry states yes.

Michael Barry mentions there are three drywells on Wood St and 4 on Mineral Springs and they get vacuumed out. We need to get them on a schedule not when they are full of water.

Michael Barry also mentions that we need to see about draining North end of Wabash where the sand blows off the beach.

December Meeting-William Lopez states that if we need a meeting in December we need to change the date to Monday December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Stormwater board was all in agreeance.

Board Comments-

Adjournment-Mr. Reynolds a motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

William Lopez, President

Erik Hellmuth, Vice-President

Mitch Reynolds, Treasurer

Tammie Sufana, Recording Secretary