



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

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING MAY 28, 2024**

The meeting opened at 5:00 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, Michael Barry and Brian Bugajski, Park Director.

Motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 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 \$15,310.88 as submitted was made by Mr. Reynolds, second by Mr. Hellmuth.

Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurers Report –Mr. Reynolds states the current balance is \$980,916.47.

MS4 Permit Update-Reggie Korthals stated the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual MS4 meeting was the best turn out. IDEM has a purposed new three tier permit for permit cycle 2026. Also the need for IDD training for MS4. There is a NISWAG meeting June 4 in Long Beach all are welcome to attend at new Fire Station in Long Beach. She also mentions there is a new grant approval coming out in July and August.

She comments that we are going to have a table at the July 4<sup>th</sup> event at Hawthorne Park for stormwater outreach table. Duneland Chamber of Commerce has allowed us to put a table up at the European Market in June and September for stormwater information.

Public Comments-Heather Gonzalez, 1375 Dune Meadows Dr, has had a water issue at her house for 14 years. Her neighbor Paul Childress has been digging and removing trees around his property. Water is not staying in the swale anymore and wanted to let us know problem has not gotten any better. She doesn't know what the solution is, there needs to be something to slow the water/retain it. Street is still flooding and curb is starting to erode by NIPSCO box.

Mr. Barry states the covenants is written that homeowners are responsible of all drainage

and swales. He also mentions all ditches and swales in Wagner Hills have same issue they have filled in their swales. Mr. Barry states Mrs. Gonzalez neighbor's pool is on the swale and that her yard is flat and the lowest part of subdivision. Mr. Barry states the Childress is allowed to knock down trees and fix up his property.

Mr. Lopez states they can look at it again but it is homeowner's responsibility. Mr. Barry comments that he and Mr. Hellmuth will come look at it and make recommendations.

Reports by Michael Barry-Updates-Mr. Barry states he has received a bunch of drainage complaints. He is going to get them sketched up and send out the list. Some of them are 1<sup>st</sup> St isn't draining, 20<sup>th</sup> St has no swales, Park Ave water doesn't flow up hill.

Mr. Barry mentions he has reached out to see about ordering more stress balls and to get a price on 500 but he doesn't think they will be here in time for fishing derby.

Mr. Reynolds made a motion for approval to order 500 or 1000 depending on cost, Mr. Hellmuth seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Barry comments Hunters Glen survey is complete and he has sent it to Great Lakes Engineering.

Old Business-Reggie Korthals states a member of the Environmental Sustainability Commission is going to attend each committee meeting and give updates.

Mr. Reynolds asks about Ginger Potters issue from last meeting. Mr. Barry states pipe is fine and the study has gone to the engineers.

New Business-Brian Bugajski, Park Director, Fishing Derby-Mr. Bugajski states he has been coming for years for financial support for fishing derby. Last year total expenses was around \$700.00. The fishing derby is Thursday June 13, 8:30-11:30, with a rain date of Thursday June 20. They are partnering with Chesterton Stormwater and Town of Porter Stormwater. He just started advertising today and has 10 reservations. He is looking for approval for a not to exceed \$1000.00 for fishing derby.

Mr. Hellmuth made a motion to not to exceed \$1000.00 for fishing derby, Mr. Reynolds seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Waverly-Bailey Bids-Mr. Barry states we received four bids on May 10<sup>th</sup>. All four were fairly close. The lowest responsive and responsible bid was from Dyer Construction at \$814,006.66, which is \$100K below the engineer's estimate. A great bid. He would also

like to discuss paying part of this from ARPA funds so that we have additional funds for other projects. Town Council will have to approve the ARPA funds we just need to decide how much we are asking for. Board is all in consensus to ask for \$400,000.00 from ARPA funds. Also, approving the bid is being tabled until next meeting.

Board Comments-NONE

Adjournment-Mr. Reynolds a motion to adjourn, Mr. Lopez seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

William Lopez, President  
Erik Hellmuth, Vice-President  
Mitch Reynolds, Treasurer

Tammie Sufana, Secretary