



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

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING SEPTEMBER 24, 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 and Michael Barry.

Motion to approve the minutes of July 23, 2024 as written was made by Mr. Reynolds, second by Mr. Hellmuth.

Motion passed 3-0.

Motion to approve the accounts payable voucher in the amount of \$9,791.73 as submitted was made by Mr. Hellmuth, second by Mr. Reynolds.

Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurers Report –Mr. Reynolds states the current balance is \$1,029,422.60.

MS4 Permit Update-Michael Barry commented Megan did an inspection at Public Works and everything went really well.

Public Comments-NONE

Reports by Michael Barry-North Bailey-They have potholed two sanitary sewer laterals. They have also potholed for Nipsco and 5 lines need to be relocated, Nipsco states they will try to relocate by in of October. Dyer has ordered some structures. All easements are worked out and he is trying to get all signed by Friday. Michael Barry mentions spending \$15,000-\$20,000 is way cheaper than getting appraisals and paying for easements. Indiana American Water has moved water main and they did not find force main, which means it is probably under the road. Dyer should be ready to start in November if Nipsco gets lines moved. Global and Dyer are reviewing to see if we can do an elliptical pipe. Mr. Barry does not want standing water he pipe.

Lake Michigan Coastal Grant-Mr. Barry inquired about when we would get funding and they are not funding grant until September 2025 and that is for the masterplan.

Hunters Glen-Great Lakes Engineering did more field work and will be finalizing for October.

Mr. Lopez asked about Carlson Corners. Mr. Barry states someone has cut down some trees thinking it might be Nipsco, and a resident on Brookfield has pushed fence back and put in a shed without a permit. He will be contacting them about it.

Mr. Barry mentions the new Purdue Ltab Stormwater Ordinance and Technical Standards Manual are complete and up to date. Mr. Barry mentions he is getting with Clerk Treasurer to see how much to charge if anyone would like a hard copy of new ordinance.

He has removed the fees and penalties section. He is going to update whole fee section to help recoup some of the costs. Penalties written in code are easier to write a ticket for. The design standards are now up to date and are stricter than Porter County. Highlights of ordinance there is a flow chart in ordinance, site permits are done in house, if someone is denied a permit they appeal to Board of Zoning Appeals. If someone is appealing the penalties from this ordinance they go to Town Council. This board doesn't have the authority to review it.

Mr. Barry also mentions the Nuisance code has been updated and he has 4 sheds in front yard he need to talk to attorney about how to get removed.

Jennifer Klug, 200 Franklin St, is the compilation fee legal, she understands it to be against the law.

Culverts-Mr. Barry comments he would like to draft an order on to have a resident remove/fix a culvert they fill in.

Old Business-NONE

New Business-Butler, Fairman, and Seufert contract-2024 Stormwater Utility GIS Database Implementation Agreement. Mr. Barry mentions we started this in 2018, then COVID hit, and Mr. Mang(from BF&S) passed away. Baker Tilly did a study and it was for residential only. Mr. Barry comments that once this is done we can go back and look at our fees. Mr. Barry mentions the goal is to reevaluate our storm water fees and then decide whether or not to increase fees. This will improve our system and be more accurate. The contract is for two years after the two years they can update on an hour system.

Mr. Hellmuth made a motion to approve agreement with BF&S for \$12,000 for GIS Database Implementation, Mr. Reynolds seconded.
Motion passed 3-0.

Board Comments-Mr. Hellmuth thinks the Town should look at ways for the amount of time Mr. Barry spends on stormwater projects that some of his salary be paid from stormwater fees.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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

Tammie Sufana, Recording Secretary