

**Stormwater Management Board Meeting
Town of Porter, Indiana
303 Franklin Street
Porter, Indiana 46304
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Minutes From The Meeting On May 24, 2005

Board President Roger Abraham called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present were Roger Abraham, Stephen Rohe and Ed Pilarski. Others present at the meeting were Karl Bauer, Hesham Khalil, Bill Sexton and Jennifer Granat.

The minutes from the Board Meeting conducted on March 22, 2005 were signed by the board. The minutes of the meeting were approved by the board 3-0 on April 26, 2005.

The minutes from the Board Meeting conducted on April 26, 2005 were reviewed and approved by the board 3-0.

The board meeting began with the Town of Porter Public Works Director, Mr. Karl Bauer, reporting on the status of his department's investigation into the problems with Porter County's maintenance activities upon the county's portion of Petersen's Ditch at Marquette Point. Mr. Bauer had discussions with the Porter County Surveyor concerning the county's continued lack of maintenance efforts upon the ditch. The explanation given to Mr. Bauer concerning this issue is due to a shortfall in funding by Porter County for the maintenance of the ditch. After further discussion by the board, a motion was made by Vice President Rohe to have the Town of Porter Attorney compose a letter concerning this issue for the board. The letter is to be presented to the Town of Porter Town Council and is to request Porter County to begin maintenance work upon the ditch. This letter is to be sent to the Porter County Drainage Board. Secretary Pilarski seconded the motion and the motion was carried by the board 3-0.

Mr. Bauer presented his findings concerning the stormwater drainage system located around the cul de sac at the end of 20th Street. Mr. Bauer's findings showed the stormwater drain south of Wood Street, which is supposed to provide drainage to the retention pond near the cul de sac, is not connected to a stormwater ditch located approximately 10 feet west of the drain. Mr. Bauer recommended elevations be taken of the drain and the ditch in order for his department to properly connect both structures. The proper connection of both structures should provide adequate drainage to the area. The board concurred with the findings and requested Mr. Bauer proceed in determining the elevations. A site schematic is attached to these minutes as reference.

Mr. Khalil, the Town's Engineer, and Mr. Bauer, reported the *Cooperative Agreement* for the Woodlawn Avenue Stormwater Project between the Town of Porter and the Town of Chesterton is currently with the Town of Porter's Attorney for review. In addition, the agreement has been revised after the resolution of a number of issues surrounding the project. The board requested a copy of the revised agreement.

Mr. Khalil reported upon the deficiencies of the storm sewer system within the Marquette Pointe subdivision. A memorandum from Mr. Khalil to Mr. Bauer which outlines the noted deficiencies is attached to these minutes as reference. The memorandum is in response to a letter to the town from the Duneland Group regarding the subdivision's as built storm sewer system plans. Mr. Khalil and Mr. Bauer recommended the town not accept the developer's infrastructure until the deficiencies in the subdivision's storm sewer system have been rectified. The board agreed.

Mr. Khalil presented a proposal for providing engineering services from Haas & Associates to the board in order to develop information used in the determination of classes of stormwater users within the corporate limits of the Town of Porter. A copy of the proposal is attached to these minutes as reference. Earlier in the meeting, Mr. Bauer presented information obtained from the Porter County Assessor's Office which showed examples of residential lot sizes. Further, a resident of the town expressed concern over how the various user classes will be determined by the board. Vice President Rohe addressed the resident's concerns.

President Abraham then addressed comments and issues raised by Mr. Larry Brandt, President of the Town of Chesterton's Utility Board, which concerned the efforts of the Town of Porter's Public Works Department in maintaining the Town of Porter's stormwater collection system and sanitary sewerage system. Vice President Rohe and Secretary Pilarski both concurred with President Abraham's remarks. Newspaper articles from the *Chesterton Tribune*, dated May 17, 2005 and May 25, 2005, exhibits Mr. Brandt's comments and President Abraham's responses and are attached to these minutes as reference.

Due to the complexity of adequately and equitably determining a stormwater user fee, President Abraham called for a workshop to be held before the next meeting of the board for further consideration of the proposal presented by Haas & Associates. The members of the board agreed.

There were no further comments by the board or from those in attendance at the meeting.

President Abraham adjourned the board meeting at 6:05 p.m. after a motion to adjourn was carried by the board 3-0.

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The next Stormwater Management Board Meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2005 at the Porter Town Hall at 5:00 p.m.

A workshop regarding the proposal from Haas & Associates will precede the board's next meeting and is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. at the Porter Town Hall

Roger Abraham
President

Stephen A. Rohe
Vice President

Edward J. Pilarski
Secretary