

Stormwater Management Board
Town of Porter, Indiana
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Porter, Indiana 46304
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Minutes From The Meeting Held On January 24, 2006

Board Vice President Stephen Rohe called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Vice President Rohe then led those in attendance in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present were Stephen Rohe and Ed Pilarski. The members of the board then welcomed Ms. Trudi Gallagher as the newest member of the board. The appointment of Ms. Gallagher filled the board's remaining seat. Others present at the meeting were Karl Bauer, Heshem Khalil, Town Council Member Bill Sexton and Town Council Member Jennifer Granat.

The board meeting began with a discussion of the minutes from the Board Meeting conducted on December 27, 2006. The meeting minutes were approved by the board 2-0.

Vice President Rohe calling for nominations for the officers of the board in 2006. Secretary Pilarski presented nominations for the officers of the board as follows:

Stephen Rohe as President, Ed Pilarski as Vice President and Trudi Gallagher as Secretary.

There were no other nominations. The nominations were closed and the board approved a motion by Secretary Pilarski for the election of the officers of the board in 2006.

Mr. Karl Bauer, Town of Porter Public Works Director, then discussed the Town's future maintenance efforts upon the four (4) Porter County regulated stormwater ditches which flow through the Town Of Porter. Mr. Bauer has been in contact with the Porter County Surveyor's Office and will be working with the county on this year's maintenance work upon the regulated ditches.

Both Mr. Bauer and Mr. Heshem Khalil, Town of Porter Engineer, then discussed the Town's first Stormwater MS4 Program Annual Report. The Town's first Stormwater MS4 Program Annual Report is due to be sent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) in March of 2006. Mr. Bauer will have a draft ready for the board's consideration at the board's next regularly scheduled monthly meeting in February of 2006.

Mr. Bill Sexton, Town Council Member, then presented to the board a copy of the 1st Annual Report for participating communities from the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC). This report documents NIRPC's work and fulfilment in providing compliance activities for two (2) of the Town's six (6) required minimum control measures.

The report will be a part of the Town's Stormwater MS4 Program Annual Report to the IDEM. A copy of the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission's Joint Stormwater MS4 Program 1st Annual Report is attached to these minutes as reference.

The members of the board then discussed the need for determining the correct stormwater fee for businesses, commercial establishments, industrial facilities and other nonresidential users within the corporate limits of the Town of Porter. After a lengthy discussion between members of the board and those other persons present at the meeting, Vice President Pilarski made a motion for directing Mr. Khalil to provide the board with a proposal in determining an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) for nonresidential users within the corporate limits of the Town of Porter. The motion passed 3-0.

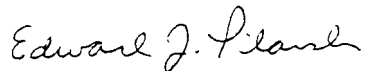
Mr. Sexton then brought forth a resident's concern about stormwater flooding at the resident's home. In addition, Mr. Sexton brought the resident's proposed drainage improvements at the home to the board. The home is located along Johnson Street at Park Avenue. Mr. Sexton will direct the resident to appear before the board for the board's future consideration. President Rohe then directed Mr. Sexton to have the resident appear before the board at the board's next meeting so that the board can consider this issue.

President Rohe opened the meeting for discussion or comment from the members of the board or from those present at the meeting. There was no further comment.

President Rohe adjourned the board meeting at 5:35 p.m. after a motion to adjourn was made by Secretary Gallagher and was carried by the board 3-0. The next meeting of the board is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. at the Porter Town Hall on February 28, 2006.



Stephen A. Rohe
President



Edward J. Pilarski
Vice President

Trudi Gallagher
Secretary