

**MINUTES OF THE  
MERRILLVILLE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON AUGUST 25, 2011  
AT THE MERRILLVILLE TOWN HALL  
7820 BROADWAY, MERRILLVILLE, IN**

With proper legal notice having been published on August 15, 2011 in the *Post-Tribune* and *The Times*, and Open Door notice having been given on August 18, 2011, President Bud Crist called the August 25, 2011 Merrillville Stormwater Management Board (SWMB) public hearing to order at 4:55 p.m. Members in attendance were Dorinda Gregor and Barbara Ghoston. Councilwoman Chrissy Barron, the Town Council liaison to the SWMB, was present. Staff present included Executive Director Matthew Lake, Attorney T. Edward Page, financial consultant Karl Cender from Cender and Company, and Liz Bushemi, secretary.

Mr. Crist said a public hearing is being held on Merrillville Stormwater Management Board Resolutions 11-3 and 11-4, copies of which were distributed and available to members and the public. No remonstrators from the public were present.

He said the seven (7) projects addressed in Resolution SW 11-3, the confirmatory resolution, were included in the legal notice. There being no questions, Barbara Ghoston made a motion to approve Resolution SW 11-3, and it was seconded by Dorinda Gregor. Karl Cender said the resolution addresses the final terms of why the bonds are being issued, up to \$3.5 million, with \$275,000 being used for purchase of the real estate at 7404 Broadway, and authorizes all financing for the projects. Dorinda Gregor asked the length of time to pay the bond, and Karl Cender said not later than twenty (20) years. With no further questions or comments, a roll call vote was taken, and all three (3) members voted yes, and Resolution SW 11-3 was adopted and unanimously approved.

Citizen Pat McCarrin, from 7907 Lincolnway in Merrillville, arrived at 5:02 p.m. and inquired about projects funded with the stormwater utility fee on real estate tax bills. Mr. Crist said Stormwater Utility is a separate utility. Mr. McCarrin asked if the projects are federally-mandated requirements, and Attorney Page said yes. Mr. Lake said the projects are water quality and quantity projects, including projects for the Clean Water Act and flood control. Mr. McCarrin had spoken with Reggie Korthals at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and was told these projects have nothing to do with capital investments and improvements. Mr. McCarrin asked if the stormwater fees will support the bond, and Mr. Crist said yes. He then left the public hearing.

Dorinda Gregor made a motion to approve Resolution SW 11-4, the confirmatory resolution, and it was seconded by Barbara Ghoston. There being no questions, a roll call vote was taken, and all three members voted yes, and Resolution SW 11-4 was adopted and unanimously approved. Mr. Cender said three (3) copies of each resolution should be sent to Attorney Pitman in Indianapolis.

Dorinda Gregory made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Barbara Ghoston. The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Bushemi  
Secretary