

**MINUTES OF THE
MERRILLVILLE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2012**

President Bud Crist called the October 2, 2012 Merrillville Stormwater Management Board (SWMB) meeting to order at 4:42 p.m. Members in attendance were Barbara Ghoston and Dorinda Gregor. Staff present was Damon Tsouklis for financial advisor Karl Cender from Cender & Company, MS4 Compliance Officer Joe Fish and Secretary Liz Bushemi. The record will show that Executive Director Matt Lake and Councilwoman Chrissy Barron were not in attendance due to attending the Indiana Association of Cities & Towns (IACT) conference in French Lick.

Included in the agenda packet was a copy of the minutes from the September 4, 2012 monthly SWMB meeting. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2012 meeting, and it was seconded by Dorinda Gregor; there were no questions or corrections, and the motion was approved and unanimously carried.

Also included in the agenda packet were the current appropriation reports and accounts payable registers. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to approve the accounts payable registers from September 10, 2012 and September 21, 2012, and it was seconded by Dorinda Gregor; there were no questions, and the motion was approved and unanimously carried. Mr. Crist also stated that included in the members' agenda packets were the appropriation reports for their review.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Crist said Executive Director Matt Lake and Compliance Officer Joe Fish made a presentation at the Indiana Assn. of Stormwater & Floodplain Management (INAFSM) conference and did an outstanding job; he said Merrillville is receiving the gold standard for the state. He also said Matt, Chrissy Barron and Public Works Director Bruce Spires are attending the IACT conference.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Crist said they have gone back to the drawing board with Skillman Corporation for the new Stormwater Resource Center. The garage, lunch room, training room and crew bathrooms have been removed from the plans, and Skillman is getting estimates from all contractors for the revised plan. Although the Board felt the building would cost approximately \$1.2 million, the architects went over the budget and bids came in at double that price. If this proposal does not work, the Board will look at a Butler or FBI-type building. Dorinda reminded Bud that the building will have to meet town code. Discussion was held about the new building. Both Dorinda and Barbara said the building needs to be built as soon as possible and all Stormwater equipment needs to be stored together. The green roof and other extras can be done at a later date. Bud reassured the members that Skillman is working to resolve all issues.

Regarding the Taft Street Drainage Improvement Project, Bud said both detention ponds have been created, and matting and piping needs to be done. They are starting the digging behind Strack & Van Til on October 3, and 73rd Avenue will be closed for one to two weeks while Dyer Construction Company installs the box culverts for the 73rd Avenue pond. Only emergency vehicles and buses will be permitted access to the closed area. He said when the project continues on Taft Street, the state wants to only close one lane on Taft Street in order to allow traffic to move along Taft Street.

Bud said work was completed on resident Brian Stenslik's home; the resident had come to a prior monthly SWMB meeting with a stormwater concern.

Mr. Crist said included in the members' packets was a copy of the 2013 Stormwater budget; he said some items had an increase, including health insurance, life insurance, longevity and gasoline. Because of Stormwater renting an office, discussion was held about the possibility of shifting funds in order to pay rent. Bud said this is the fourth Stormwater budget since Stormwater has been in existence. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to accept the 2013 Stormwater budget with the understanding that it will be revised for rent and utilities at the new office, and it was seconded by Dorinda Gregor. There were no questions. A roll call vote was taken, and all three (3) members voted in favor, and the motion was approved and unanimously carried.

Mr. Crist stepped out of the SWMB monthly meeting to request Town Council permission for Stormwater rental of an office at 9111 Broadway, Suite C, in Broadfield Center, at their workshop being held in another room, and it was approved. Discussion was held with the Board about the new office; staff has outgrown the space it has been using office space at the Public Works building. Dorinda Gregor made a motion to allow the Stormwater Utility staff to rent office space at 9111 Broadway, Suite C, and it was seconded by Barbara Ghoston. There were no questions, and the motion was approved and unanimously carried.

Bud Crist presented Dyer Construction Company's Pay Request #2 for \$409,935.40 for work on the Taft Street Drainage Improvement Project. Dorinda Gregor made a motion to pay Dyer Construction Company the sum of \$409,935.40 for the Taft Street project, and it was seconded by Barbara Ghoston; there were no questions, and the motion was approved and unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Crist said Matt Lake will be speaking at the Indiana Urban Forest Council fall conference on trees and utilities on October 10.

He announced that the next Stormwater Management Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, at the Town Hall.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Bushemi
Secretary