

**MINUTES OF THE
MERRILLVILLE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017**

President L.J. “Bud” Crist called the July 5, 2017, Merrillville Stormwater Management Board (SWMB) meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said. The other members in attendance were Barbara Ghoston and Ralph Simek. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was established. Staff members present were Executive Director Matt Lake, Attorney James Meyer, Financial Advisor Karl Cender and secretary Liz Bushemi. Others present were Randy Strasser from VS Engineering, Ron Wiedeman from Robinson Engineering and Dolly Flaska.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bud Crist said he visited several sites these past few weeks, including the 54th Place project and 73rd and Taft Street tree removal project, where you can now see across the field.

MINUTES

Included in the agenda packet was a copy of the minutes from the July 5, 2017 SWMB meeting. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to approve the minutes from the SWMB meeting held July 5, 2017, and it was seconded by Ralph Simek. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 3/0 vote.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTERS APPROVAL

Also included in the agenda packet were copies of the accounts payable registers from July 11 and July 25, 2017. Ralph Simek made a motion to accept the accounts payable registers from July 11 and July 25, 2017, and it was seconded by Barbara Ghoston. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 3/0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Included in the members’ packets was a copy of a recommendation from Robinson Engineering to pay the Walsh & Kelly invoice in the amount of \$5,705.00 for re-digging the sewer trench for the town’s concrete curb preparation at the 54th Place from Adams to Madison Street project. Ralph Simek made a motion to approve payment of the Walsh & Kelly invoice in the amount of \$5,705.00 for the 54th Place project, and it was seconded by Barbara Ghoston. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 3/0 vote.

Regarding the Southmoor Park project, Matt sent a notice to proceed to Dyer Construction, and it is anticipated that the project will begin at the end of August or right after Labor Day.

Matt also said he met with residents who live on Broadway for the Sunset Road project last week, and those who attended signed their Right of Entry forms seeking temporary easements; for those not attending, the documents were sent to them in the mail. He said the project can be let for bid soon. Ron Wiedeman said he will submit final plans for Matt and Jim Meyer’s approval as soon as possible, with a possible bid opening at the September 5th meeting. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to allow the Sunset Road project request for bids to be issued in order to proceed on the project, and it was seconded by Ralph Simek. There was no further discussion or questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 3/0 vote.

Regarding the 58th & Jackson Street project north of SS. Peter & Paul Church, Matt said Delta III will start that project soon.

Matt said Delta III had an emergency job just east of the Turkey Creek Golf Course at 64th and Harrison Street where there was a large sink hole, and a 72" pipe was installed. A 20-foot section of pipe was replaced. He said the camera truck will be sent to the area to camera the entire area to 61st Avenue. He said if the current pipes are good, they could last 10-20 years, but if a project needs to take place there, it will be expensive.

Matt said a broken fountain at Bon Aire Lake was removed, and the electric meter for that fountain was removed by NIPSCO. As discussed at previous meetings, Matt said the board will need to make a decision if they want another aeration system installed in the fall when the other fountains are removed or in the spring of next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Crist deferred to Matt about a possible project at 3rd Addition, near 82nd and Taft Street and south of Great Escape. Matt said there used to be a combined storm and sanitary system, and Independence Hill Conservancy District (IHCD) left the old sanitary lines for storm sewer lines. IHCD provide old plans they had from 1993, where Haas & Associates engineering prepared the plans for drainage. Matt has contacted Haas about updating their set of plans and said it's possible that Bosak Motors will allow an easement for their property north on U.S. 30. Matt said a storm sewer basin could then outlet to a new basin on U.S. 30 with an easement from Bosak Motors. He said 3rd Addition residents have had drainage problems for a long time, and the jet vac truck is continually sent there to jet the storm sewer lines. A project there would remove the residents' rear yard drainage issues. Matt said Haas & Associates gave Stormwater a proposal for on-call engineering services not to exceed \$10,000.00, which copies were at the members' seats; Matt said the members could consider the proposal or ask Haas to re-submit a proposal for this specific project. Matt said he would talk to Skip Bosak about a possible easement. The board members agreed to defer any action on the Haas & Associates proposal for the time being.

Included in the members' packets was a copy of an on-call services agreement with VS Engineering, a minority business providing engineering services. Randy Strasser from VS Engineering was present and addressed the board, saying VS Engineering appreciates the opportunity to do business with Merrillville for on-call engineering services. He said VS is a 30-year old company with offices in Evansville, Bloomington, Fort Wayne and Indianapolis, and they hope to have a Northwest Indiana office soon. Ralph Simek made a motion to approve the VS Engineering proposal for on-call engineering services in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, and it was seconded by Barbara Ghoston. There were no further questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 3/0 vote.

Matt said he has sought slope stabilization, pave drain and no mow project proposals for projects to be done at the Stormwater Resource Center. On the north side of the building, ground cover could be installed, and pave drains could be installed at the back of the building. He said all products have been provided by D2 Land & Water at no charge, and Stormwater would pay for labor only for these projects. He wants examples on site of different types of drainage materials. He said 64 pave drains were donated and will be used here. Matt said Point Blank Gun Range has four no mow rain gardens, and they are receiving a lot of compliments; Point Blank hopes to do the same type of rain gardens at other future facilities. Jim Meyer said they have done similar projects in Gary with success. Matt said Dollar Tree on 58th & Broadway used pave drains for their parking lot, where low impact development standards were also implemented.

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Karl said Matt and Liz brought to his attention that funds were needed in the Stormwater Fund 626 gas and electric line item since several thousand dollars have been used this year for payment of electric bills for the fountains at Bon Aire Lake. Since formal action was not required, he prepared a memo to Diane at the clerk-treasurer's office requesting transfer of \$8,000 from contractual services (line item 394) to gas and electric (line item 352). A copy of the transfer memo was provided to all members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Crist said National Night Out is tonight and being held at Town Hall and Meadowdale Park. He said the Stormwater office will be closed on Monday, September 4th, for Labor Day and the next SWMB meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5th, 2017, at 4:30 pm at the Stormwater Resource Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Bushemi
Staff Secretary