

**MINUTES OF THE  
MERRILLVILLE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017**

President L.J. “Bud” Crist called the October 3, 2017, Merrillville Stormwater Management Board (SWMB) meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Crist closed the acceptance of bids on the Sunset Road drainage project. Mr. Crist asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the hurricanes and disasters in Texas, Florida, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Las Vegas. The pledge of allegiance was said. The other members in attendance were Ralph Simek and Barbara Ghoston. 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 Councilwoman Chrissy Barron, Keith Kegebein from Dyer Construction Company, Inc., Steve Drabick from Gough, Inc., Karen Caffarini from the *Post-Tribune*, Eric Rex from Rex Construction Co., Inc. and Ron Wiedeman from Robinson Engineering.

**MINUTES**

Included in the agenda packet was a copy of the minutes from the September 5, 2017 SWMB meeting. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to approve the minutes from the SWMB meeting held September 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 September 12 and September 26, 2017. Ralph Simek made a motion to accept the accounts payable registers from September 12 and September 26, 2017, and it was seconded by Barbara Ghoston. Mrs. Ghoston asked about the three NIPSCO bills for service at the Bon Aire Lake fountains, and Matt said there should be one more set of bills, and the fountains would be closed down next month. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 3/0 vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The opening of the sealed bids received on the Sunset Road Project took place. Attorney James Meyer opened the bids in the order that they were received:

- (1) Delta III, Inc., Hanna, IN - \$257,755.00;
- (2) Rex Construction Company, Inc., Schererville, IN - \$289,578.39;
- (3) DeBoer Egolf Corporation, Portage, IN - \$385,419.00;
- (4) Gough, Inc., Merrillville, IN - \$376,971.97;
- (5) Dyer Construction Company, Inc., Dyer, IN - \$548,425.86; and
- (6) LGS Plumbing, Inc., Crown Point, IN - \$294,520.50.

Attorney Meyer recommended awarding the bid at the November SWMB meeting after review by Matt Lake, the engineer and himself. Matt asked about awarding it tentatively to the lowest, most responsive bidder, and Mr. Meyer recommended that it be awarded at the November meeting.

Regarding the Southmoor Park project, Matt said the project is complete. Included in the members’ packets was a copy of a change order submitted by Dyer Construction in the amount of \$4,679.96, which was for a change to a resident’s parking. Ralph Simek made a motion to pay and approve the Dyer Construction change order in the amount of \$4,679.96, 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 58<sup>th</sup> & Jackson Street project north and west of SS. Peter & Paul Church, Matt said that project was also complete; he said the portion on Jackson Street had to be re-designed, and included in the members' packets was a copy of a change order from Delta III in the amount of \$16,765.84. Matt said he will seek additional money from NIRPC for Deep River Watershed 319 grant monies to be awarded to Stormwater for this project. Mr. Simek asked if any money would be withheld, and Matt said no since the project has been inspected. Also included in the members' packets was an invoice from Delta III, Inc. in the total project sum of \$35,065.84. Ralph Simek made a motion to pay the Delta III, Inc. invoice in the amount of \$35,065.84, 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.

Ron Wiedeman from Robinson Engineering said plans for the Independence Street project are 90% complete, and they will meet with Matt soon on the project.

Matt said Christopher Burke Engineering is still working on plans for the Meadowdale storage area, and they are in the process of preparing the easement agreement for the Hickory Ridge Apts. board approval.

Matt said the pond slope stabilization project at the Stormwater Resource Center (SWRC) was completed by Hubinger Landscaping, and D2 Land & Water will donate three (3) more products to be installed at the pond area, which work will be done in-house; Matt said there will then be six (6) different examples of low-impact development (LID) on the property, and signs will be made to identify the products. He said the pave drain project at the west garage door of the SWRC is underway by South County Landscaping and should be completed probably tomorrow. And he said T&J Landscape Services has not yet started the no mow project at the north side of the SWRC.

Matt said prior to the SWMB meeting, he, Bud and Ralph met with Mitch Markovitz, the artist for the South Shore Stormwater poster. The next meeting is set for October 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Included in the members' packets were copies of three (3) bids received for the 84<sup>th</sup> Drive culvert replacement; Matt said this is located just east of Merrillville Road on 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and the culvert is collapsing on itself; he said Stormwater already has a Prinsco pipe for the job. Bids were received from the following companies in the following amounts: (1) Delta III, Inc. for \$8,500.00; (2) Dyer Construction for \$13,500.00; and (3) Gough, Inc. for \$16,800.00. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to accept the lowest bid of Delta III, Inc. in the amount of \$8,500.00, 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.

Also included in the members' packets was a copy of the Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District (LCSWCD) 2017 Agreement for educational services to Merrillville schools. Stormwater Utility has entered into this contract with Soil & Water for the past several years for educational outreach, which is part of Stormwater's reporting requirement. The contract amount remains at \$5,000.00 for the year. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to continue the Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District contract for educational services in the amount of \$5,000.00, 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.

Matt said the Stormwater Resource Center is hosting the D2 Land & Water Low Impact Development seminar on Monday, November 13, 2017, from 8 am to 12 noon. He said the seating capacity is full, but any board members wishing to attend are welcome to do so. He said engineers attending will receive four (4) professional development hours for attendance at the seminar.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Karl Cender and Jim Meyer had nothing further to report. Mr. Crist said it was good to see Jim Meyer at the meeting following an accident he was involved in a few weeks ago.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Crist said the Stormwater Resource Center and all non-emergency town departments will be closed on Monday, October 9, 2017, for Columbus Day. He said the next SWRC meeting is set for Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at 4:30 pm at the Stormwater Resource Center.

Ralph Simek made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Barbara Ghoston. The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Bushemi  
Staff Secretary