

**MINUTES OF THE
MERRILLVILLE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2018**

President L.J. “Bud” Crist called the November 7, 2018, 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 staff secretary Liz Bushemi. Also present were Dolores Flaska, Ron Wiedeman from Robinson Engineering and Bon Aire Lake residents Bob Cotton and Linda Neidlinger.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Crist said there is a new Stormwater Utility sign on the front of the reception counter at the Stormwater Resource Center. He said the Old Mill Restaurant has been demolished, and Matt Lake said Stormwater may add some rip rap to the slope near Turkey Creek.

MINUTES

Included in the agenda packet was a copy of the minutes from the October 2, 2018 SWMB meeting. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to approve the minutes from the SWMB meeting held October 2, 2018, 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 October 9, 2018 and October 23, 2018. Ralph Simek made a motion to authorize the claims on the accounts payable registers from October 9, 2018 and October 23, 2018, 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

Matt said the 66th Place to 67th Avenue & Massachusetts Street project is almost complete, with Delta III having all the infrastructure installed and grading done. He said there should be one more day of patching the road. Once the project is completed, all invoices for the project will be submitted payment and also to the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) for one-half the cost from a 319 grant. One resident’s mailbox was damaged, and the company who removed two trees will take care of replacing it.

Regarding the Windy Hill Court project, Matt said Delta III is the same contractor hired to do that small job, and once they’re done with the Massachusetts Street project, they will do the Windy Hill Court project.

NEW BUSINESS

Karl Cender said they are working on submitting Merrillville tax parcels to Lake County for 2018 pay 2019 stormwater fee billings, and it should be sent to Lake County next week.

Included in the members’ packets was a copy of Quote Tabulation Form for removal of two trees and tree stump grindings for the Massachusetts Street project. The lowest bidder was Howard’s Tree Service for \$3,800.00. Ralph Simek made a motion to approve the Howard’s Tree Service quote for \$3,800.00, and it was seconded by Barbara Ghoston, who asked if the trees were dead, and Matt said they were in the way of the project. There were no further 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 information for a push camera, which Matt said is an accessory for the Stormwater camera truck. He said this push camera is portable and can fit in smaller sewer lines. In the past Stormwater, has borrowed the Independence Hill Conservancy District (IHCD) push camera, and this would allow Stormwater to have its own. The one Matt and Joe have looked at would be \$4,000.00. Ralph Simek made a motion to purchase the push camera accessory in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, 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.

Matt said he attended an NPDES Institute MS4 Compliance Enforcement training on October 29 and 30. He also attended and spoke at the Clean Community annual meeting on October 31st, and he attended a Green Infrastructure for Coastal Resilience Conference on November 2nd. He will also be presenting at and attending the Storm Water Solutions Conference November 13-15 in Tinley Park, IL, where about 400-500 people will attend. He said Purdue University students are continuing to work on a phone and tablet app for stormwater forms, and they periodically exchange emails about the status of the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bon Aire Lake resident Bob Cotton said at the October SWMB meeting, he requested having debris removed at the Bon Aire Lake culvert area. He said Public Works told him that there was no work order to clean up the rocks, but leaves are piling up, and Mr. Cotton said when it rains, more rocks enter the culvert area. Matt said he will follow up with Public Works, although he knows the workers are doing leaf pickup at this time. He will remind them to clean out the culvert so it's clear of debris or any blockages. Mrs. Ghoston asked if there could be anything installed at the culvert to cover it, and Matt said no, that the culvert should be dry. He said if Public Works does not do it, Stormwater will have to hire a contractor to take care of it.

Mr. Crist said the Stormwater Utility office and all non-emergency town offices will be closed on Monday, November 12, 2018, for the observance of Veterans Day, and the Stormwater Utility office and all non-emergency town offices will be closed on Thursday, November 22, and Friday, November 23, 2018, for the Thanksgiving holiday. He said the next SWMB meeting is Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at 4:30 pm at the Stormwater Resource Center.

There being no further business, Ralph Simek made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Barbara Ghoston; the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Bushemi
Staff Secretary