

**MINUTES OF THE
MERRILLVILLE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018**

President L.J. “Bud” Crist called the December 4, 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 and staff secretary Liz Bushemi. Also present were Town Councilwoman Chrissy Barron, Town Manager Bruce Spires, Dolores Flaska, Randy Strasser from VS Engineering and Ron Wiedeman from Robinson Engineering.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Crist said there is a press release from the town announcing 2019 appointments/openings for the Police Commission and the Stormwater Management Board. Anyone interested should submit a letter to Town Manager Bruce Spires. He also said the stormwater fee assessment from Lake County will be received later in the month.

MINUTES

Included in the agenda packet was a copy of the minutes from the November 7, 2018 SWMB meeting. Ralph Simek made a motion to approve the minutes from the SWMB meeting held November 7, 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.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTERS APPROVAL

Also included in the agenda packet were copies of the accounts payable registers from November 13, 2018 and November 27, 2018. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to accept the claims from Fund 626 on the accounts payable registers from November 13, 2018 and November 27, 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.

OLD BUSINESS

Matt Lake said included in the members’ packets is a copy of the Certificate of Final Completion and Final Pay Request #4 from Dyer Construction for the Independence Street project in the amount of \$15,993.91. Ralph Simek made a motion to accept the certificate and approve payment to Dyer Construction the amount of \$15,993.91, 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 also included in the members’ packets is Waiver and Release of Lien and Final Pay Request from Delta III, Inc. for the 66th Place to 67th Avenue Massachusetts Street project in the amount of \$93,500.00. He said one-half of the amount will be paid by NIRPC with an Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) 319 grant. Ralph Simek made a motion to approve payment to Delta III, Inc. the amount of \$93,500.00, 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.

Regarding the Windy Hill Court project, Matt said Delta III will be doing that project yet this winter, and they will seed and blanket in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Bud Crist said included in the members' packets is a copy of the Tentative 2019 Scheduled Meeting Dates for the SWMB. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to approve the 2019 Schedule of SWMB meetings, 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 he attended the Storm Water Solutions Conference on November 14 and 15 in Tinley Park, IL, where he presented on the Merrillville town ordinance and low impact development (LID) standards, and about 100 people attended his session. He said this will help other communities develop the same standards. Matt also attended the LTAP Drainage Core course on November 28th in Indianapolis. He also attended a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) two-day training and received certification. This is part of Stormwater's MCM6 reporting. He said Merrillville Stormwater will also be featured in a national stormwater magazine next month for receiving the latest Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Crist said The Stormwater Utility office and all non-emergency town offices will be closed on Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25, 2018, for the Christmas holiday; the Stormwater Utility office and all non-emergency town offices will also be closed at 1:00 pm on Monday, December 31, 2018, for the New Year's Eve Holiday and on Tuesday, January 1, 2019, for New Year's Day.

The next SWMB meeting is Tuesday, January 2, 2019, 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 4:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Bushemi
Staff Secretary