

**MINUTES OF THE
MERRILLVILLE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020**

President L.J. “Bud” Crist called the June 9, 2020, Merrillville Stormwater Management Board (SWMB) meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said. The other member in attendance was Barbara Ghoston. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was established. Staff members present were Executive Director Matt Lake, Financial Advisor Karl Cender, Attorney James Meyer and staff secretary Liz Bushemi.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Crist thanked Matt and the Stormwater staff for keeping things going during the Covid 19 crisis. He said he went out a few times after rain events.

MINUTES

Included in the agenda packet was a copy of the minutes from the March 3, 2020, SWMB meeting. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to approve the minutes from the SWMB meeting held on March 3, 2020. and it was seconded by Bud Crist. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 2/0 vote.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTERS APPROVAL

Included in the agenda packet were copies of the accounts payable registers from March 24, March 31, April 14, April 28, May 12, May 26 and June 9, 2020. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to accept the accounts payable registers from March 24, March 31, April 14, April 28, May 12, May 26 and June 9, 2020, and it was seconded by Bud Crist. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 2/0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Crist said a Knox Box was installed on the garage door at the Stormwater Resource Center.

Financial advisor Karl Cender said he is still in the process of getting this year’s billings in order. He said they removed town properties from tax bills, but some tax bills were still received. He is working with town attorney Joseph Svetanoff on about 30-40 properties, and a report will be summarized. He said \$6,828.00 will be the amount of the “memo invoice” that are properties deemed to be billed and paid.

Included in the members’ packets was a copy of the Dyer Construction Company, Inc. Change Order #3 in the amount of \$13,271.14. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to approve payment to Dyer Construction in the amount of \$13,271.14, and it was seconded by Bud Crist. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 2/0 vote.

Matt said Lake & Pond Biologists stocked Bon Aire Lake with 1,200 tilapia. He said a reporter from the NWI Times was there to write a story about the natural control of algae. The lake will be monitored throughout the season to assess algae growth. He said if he can find a secondary use for the fish once before the end of the season, he will consider it since they do not survive the winter.

Matt also said the 2020 Indiana MS4 Annual Meeting was cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic. It will be re-scheduled next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Included in the members' packets was a copy of an invoice for a new vehicle that was purchased for Matt Lake for \$33,817.25 from Bloomington Ford, Inc. Compliance Inspector Joe Fish was borrowing a vehicle for the past year from the Police Department, and they needed it back for Code Enforcement so another one needed to be ordered. Bud Crist said the vehicle is \$9,000.00 to \$10,000.00 cheaper when purchasing it from this dealership because they give the state rate. Matt's former vehicle went to Compliance Inspector Joe Fish since laborer Mike Mahy is driving the Stormwater pickup truck. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to approve the payment of \$33,817.25 to Bloomington Ford, Inc., and it was seconded by Bud Crist. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 2/0 vote.

Matt presented an add-on item from Miner Electronics Corporation for lights on both his new vehicle and Joe Fish's vehicle. A proposal for red and white front and rear flashers in the amount of \$2,433.02 for each vehicle was at everyone's place. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to approve the proposal to install lighting on the two vehicles in the amount of \$2,433.02 for each vehicle, and it was seconded by Bud Crist. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 2/0 vote.

Matt said during the Covid 19 pandemic, there were several rain events where emergencies occurred. Included in everyone's packet was a copy of a Delta III invoice for \$3,798.00 for a job at 9608 Randolph Street. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to ratify the previous payment of \$3,798.00 to Delta III, Inc., and it was seconded by Bud Crist. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 2/0 vote.

Also included in everyone's packet was a copy of a Century Roofing invoice in the amount of \$2,832.00 for roof repairs and sealing at the Stormwater Resource Center. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to ratify the previous payment of \$2,832.00 to Century Roofing, and it was seconded by Bud Crist. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 2/0 vote.

Also included in everyone's packet was a copy of a Delta III invoice for \$10,029.00 for an emergency job at Grant Street and West 82nd Avenue. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to ratify the previous payment of \$10,029.00 to Delta III, Inc., and it was seconded by Bud Crist. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 2/0 vote.

For new invoices, included in everyone's packet was a copy of a Delta III invoice for \$8,366.95 for repair of broken tile at 73rd Avenue and Hendricks Street. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to approve payment of \$8,366.95 to Delta III, Inc., and it was seconded by Bud Crist. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 2/0 vote.

Another invoice included in the members' packets was a copy of a Delta III invoice for \$3,600.00 for replacement of a stormwater inlet at 2498 West 64th Avenue. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to approve payment of \$3,600.00 Delta III, Inc., and it was seconded by Bud Crist. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 2/0 vote.

Also included in the members' packets was a copy of Robinson Engineering's contract addendum #3 for \$10,000.00 additional for on-call engineering services. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to approve the addendum to the Robinson Engineering contract for an additional \$10,000.00 in on-call engineering services, and it was seconded by Bud Crist. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 2/0 vote.

Matt said before the town closed down for the Covid 19 crisis, there was a sink hole at 74th and Buchanan Place. He said he sought quotes from four companies, and Ziese and Sons provided the lowest quote in the amount of \$4,150.00; he said Delta III had a higher quote, and two other companies did not respond. He said that Ziese is ordering the materials and will be doing the work. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to pay Ziese & Sons Excavating the amount of \$4,150.00 once the job is completed, and it was seconded by Bud Crist. There were no questions. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 2/0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bud Crist announced that there would be Covid 19 testing at the Merrillville Municipal Complex from June 11 to June 14, from 9 am to 6 pm; a copy of the flier was at everyone's place.

He said included in everyone's packet was an updated schedule of 2020 Stormwater Management Board meetings.

He said the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7, 2020, at 4:30 pm at the Stormwater Resource Center.

Barbara Ghoston made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Bud Crist. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Bushemi
Staff Secretary