

**MINUTES OF THE
MERRILLVILLE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020**

President L.J. “Bud” Crist called the August 4, 2020, Merrillville Stormwater Management Board (SWMB) meeting to order at 4:32 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, Financial Advisor Karl Cender, Attorney James Meyer and staff secretary Liz Bushemi.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Crist said he hopes that everyone is staying well.

MINUTES

Included in the agenda packet was a copy of the minutes from the July 7, 2020, SWMB meeting. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to approve the minutes from the SWMB meeting held on July 7, 2020, 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

Included in the agenda packet were copies of the accounts payable registers from July 14 and July 28, 2020. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to accept the accounts payable registers from July 14 and July 28, 2020, 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 said included in the members’ packets was a copy of the final pay request/retainage in the amount of \$6,349.87 from Dyer Construction on the Taft Street Project and certificate of final completion. Ralph Simek made a motion to accept the certificate of final completion, and it was seconded by Barbara Ghoston. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 3/0 vote. Mr. Simek then made a motion to approve payment to Dyer Construction in the amount of \$6,349.87, and it was seconded by Barbara Ghoston. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 3/0 vote.

Matt said documents are being finalized for the Meadowdale Lateral drainage project bid opening. The tentative bid opening will be held in the Town Council chambers on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, at 3:30 pm at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Included in the members’ packets was a copy of the memorandum from Cender & Company to the Clerk-Treasurer regarding transfer of \$5,000.00 in funds from contractual services to equipment. Mr. Cender said the equipment line item was a little short for payment of the Marsh Master and vehicle for the executive director, and this transfer memo will be sent to the clerk-treasurer for them to change in the town’s Keystone program. Ralph Simek made a motion to approve the memo and transfer \$5,000.00 in Stormwater’s Fund 626 from the contractual services line item to the equipment line item, 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 Ziese & Sons Excavating replaced a storm sewer line at 74th Place and Buchanan Street and submitted an invoice in the amount of \$4,150.00 for this work. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to approve payment of the Ziese & Sons Excavating invoice in the amount of \$4,150.00, 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 a Delta III invoice for \$33,060.92 for installation of stormwater drainage at 97th Avenue and Randolph Street. Barbara Ghoston made a motion to approve payment of the Delta invoice in the amount of \$33,060.92, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Crist said the next Stormwater Management meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2020, at 3:30 pm at Town Hall for the meeting and Meadowdale project bid opening.

Mrs. Ghoston said she thinks the tilapia at Bon Aire Lake is good, and Matt said additional treatments at the lake were topical to remove algae. Mrs. Ghoston asked if homeowners are trying to take over the lake issue, and Matt said no, but that he is encouraging that they form a homeowners association although they are not interested.

Matt said he and Councilman Richard Hardaway are working with the sanitary districts in the town because of sanitary sewers issues, especially in the north part of town where Gary Sanitary District is the sanitary sewer company.

Matt also said a backup camera is being installed in the Marsh Master so the operator can see better when backing up.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Bushemi
Staff Secretary