

**MINUTES OF THE
MERRILLVILLE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017**

President L.J. “Bud” Crist called the December 5, 2017, Merrillville Stormwater Management Board (SWMB) meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said. The other member in attendance was Ralph Simek. Barbara Ghoston was not present due to a family commitment. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was established. Staff members present were Executive Director Matt Lake, Attorney James Meyer and secretary Liz Bushemi. Others present were Councilwoman Chrissy Barron, Town Manager Bruce Spires, Munster High School student Kali Konstantinopoulos, George Konstantinopoulos, Robert Verbik, Karen Caffarini from the *Post-Tribune* and Ron Wiedeman from Robinson Engineering.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Crist said there was another rain event on November 18th, and that he, Matt and Joe were out working; he said part of the problem was there were a lot of leaves plugging the drains.

MINUTES

Included in the agenda packet was a copy of the minutes from the November 7, 2017 SWMB meeting. Ralph Simek made a motion to approve the minutes from the SWMB meeting held November 7, 2017, 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

Also included in the agenda packet were copies of the accounts payable registers from November 14 and November 28, 2017. Ralph Simek made a motion to accept the accounts payable registers from November 14 and November 28, 2017, and it was seconded by Bud Crist. Mr. Simek asked about the three payments to NIPSCO for the Bon Aire Lake fountains, and Matt said the NIPSCO meters were removed at Bon Aire Lake; Liz Bushemi said Stormwater will receive final bills for each meter. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 2/0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the Southmoor Park Project, members had a copy of Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$5,027.10. Ralph Simek made a motion to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$5,027.10, 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. The members also received a copy of Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$23,473.77 from Dyer Construction Company, Inc. Ron Wiedeman from Robinson Engineering said residents were happy with the project, and Matt said there have been no complaints from residents. Ralph Simek made a motion to approve Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$23,473.77 from Dyer Construction Company, 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 said he just received the Sunset Road Project signed contract from Delta III, Inc. from Robinson Engineering, but they are still waiting on insurance documentation. Matt said he would meet with Delta III to set up a construction schedule; Ron Wiedeman said some of the work for this project will be done this year.

For the Independence Street project, Matt said the project should be out for bid in January for approval at the February, 2018, Stormwater Management Board meeting.

Regarding the Meadowdale storage project, Matt said Christopher Burke Engineering sent a cost-share application for engineering in the amount of \$133,000.00 to the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission (LCRBDC), and an application for construction of the storage detention ponds will follow. Matt said the LCRBDC always refers to the 2008 flood event, and this project is for stormwater storage, which is precisely the type of projects that LCRBDC is looking for.

Matt said the South Shore Stormwater poster unveiling will take place this Thursday, December 7th, with a reception from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Stormwater Resource Center. The poster title is "Clean & Clear".

NEW BUSINESS

Members received a copy of the Tentative 2018 Scheduled Meeting Schedule for Stormwater Management Board meetings. Ralph Simek made a motion to accept the 2018 tentative schedule for Stormwater Management Board meetings, 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 quotes were received for a project at 8720-8814 Old Lincoln Highway; he said there are old farm tiles at this location on 73rd Avenue near Deep River. Matt said DLZ Engineering investigated the collapsed clay tile and prepared engineering for 650 feet of drainage. Members had received copies of five (5) quotes for this project, and Rex Construction Company, Inc. was the lowest bidder with a quote of \$39,500.00. Mr. Simek said he was concerned because Rex did not itemize its quote, and Matt said DLZ can review it. Attorney Meyer said Rex's response was based on what Matt wrote in his request for quotes, and they will have to comply with the requirements stated. Mr. Crist asked about money to do the project, and Matt said there is money to do this project this year, and although it's not a priority, it needs to be done. Ralph Simek made a motion to accept Rex Construction Company, Inc.'s quote for \$39,500.00, and it was seconded by Bud Crist. There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed with a 2/0 vote.

Matt said they discovered a culvert at 3419 West 78th Place that needed emergency replacement because it is not safe. A polymer coated elliptical (CMP) culvert pipe was ordered and is on site, and Delta III, Inc. is ready to do the culvert replacement tomorrow. Bud Crist said he visited the site, and buses travel along this area. Included in members' packets was a copy of a proposal from Delta III, Inc. to do the emergency work and restore the road back to its normal condition. Ralph Simek made a motion to approve the Delta III, Inc. proposal in the amount of \$30,500.00, and it was seconded by Bud Crist, who stated it was an emergency situation. There was no further discussion. 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 the Lake County Surveyor's letter of support for the LCRBDC application for funding for the Meadowdale project engineering.

Matt said a workshop was held at the Stormwater Resource Center on low impact development (LID) standards on November 13th, with speakers from Houston, Texas; it was sponsored by D2 Land & Water. The workshop had been postponed because of the Texas flooding due to Hurricane Harvey. Matt said the speakers have some creative ideas for storage of water in Texas.

OTHER BUSINESS

Matt said the Lake County Sheriff's Workforce Program members assisted the town again to cut down woody debris at the 54th Court Rain Garden; public work staffers picked up the bags of debris that were removed from the rain garden. Matt said having the Workforce members assist helps save the town money and helps with maintenance of the rain garden.

Mr. Crist welcomed Munster High School student Kali Konstantinopoulos, who was attending to prepare a report on a public meeting. He also acknowledged Councilwoman Chrissy Barron and Town Manager Bruce Spires.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kali Konstantinopoulos asked for more information on the Sunset Road project that was discussed, and Matt Lake advised her about how collapsed metal pipes that had been installed in the late 40's were being replaced with polymer coated elliptical (CMP) pipes; he told her that the project was bid out, and the lowest bidder was awarded the contract. She asked the difference between a culvert and a swale, and it was explained. She asked about the South Shore poster unveiling, and Matt told her that the local Stormwater group commissioned the artist to prepare a Stormwater poster. She asked why the board got involved in Stormwater; Bud Crist told her that board members are appointed by the Town Council, and the staff was hired by the town after a stormwater fee was established. He said the stormwater fee is based on the requirements of the 1972 Clean Water Act and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management Rule 13. He said the Town of Merrillville has the only Stormwater Resource Center in the State of Indiana.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Crist said the Stormwater Resource Center and all non-emergency town departments will be closed on Friday, December 22 and Monday, December 25, 2017, for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day holidays, and will also close at 1:00 pm on Friday, December 29, 2017. The town will also be closed on Monday, January 1, 2018, for the New Year's Day holiday.

He said the next Stormwater Management Board meeting is set for Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at 4:30 pm at the Stormwater Resource Center.

Bud Crist made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Ralph Simek. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Bushemi
Staff Secretary