

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

President Bud Crist called the February 8, 2011 Stormwater Management Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Barbara Ghoston and Dorinda Gregor. Staff present included, Attorney Steve Bower, Jon Derwinski-Robinson Engineering, Matt Lake-Christopher Burke Engineering, and Karl Cender, Financial Advisor.

Barbara Ghoston motioned to approve the January 4, 2011 Merrillville Stormwater Management Board meeting minutes, seconded by Dorinda Gregor. Upon roll call vote, the January 4, 2011 Merrillville Stormwater Management Board meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

Dorinda Gregor motioned to approve the January 24, 2011 under the 626 line items on the claim list only, seconded by Barbara Ghoston. Upon roll call vote, the January, 2011 claim list was unanimously approved.

Dorinda Gregor also motioned to approve the following two invoices: Vale Appraisal for \$700.00 and Rick Weiss Graphics for \$182.50 seconded by Barbara Ghoston. Upon roll call vote, the additional two invoices were unanimously approved.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2011**

Dorinda Gregor motioned to retain the same officers as in 2010, seconded by Barbara Ghoston

President 2011: Bud Crist

Vice President 2011: Barbara Ghoston

Secretary 2011: Dorinda Gregor.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

President Crist submitted a newspaper copy of properties on tax sales. Matt Lake is to review to make sure that pond properties be documented for further discussion.

Jim Donahue will be updating the Stormwater Management's computer at Public Works. Discussed was the enforcement of town ordinances related to Stormwater Management. It is crucial to document by taking pictures.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Jon Derwinski updated the SWM Board on the Chapel Manor project and the W 62<sup>nd</sup>/63<sup>rd</sup> and Railroad flooding.

The Stormwater Management Board viewed pictures of the new equipment purchased.

The SWM stationary has been delivered.

New contracts have to be submitted from Karl Cender, Financial Advisor and Attorney Steve Bower and the bonding company.

Attorney Steve Bower to follow-up on separate billing fees for Stormwater.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dorinda Gregor was reappointed for another three year term: January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2013.

Matt Lake stated there will have to be maintenance on ditches and streams in the Town of Merrillville. If necessary there may have to be secured easements from property owners. Attorney Steve Bower to review permission forms to be signed by the property owner's necessary for accessibility of easements for maintenance as it will be on going.

Matt Lake is working with Lake County to obtain 2010 aerials.

Projects discussed were the ANR Pipeline replacement, proposed CVS and Tire Barn construction.

Discussed was purchasing a LCD projector.

The next annual MS4 meeting will be May 24, 2011 in Indianapolis.

Matt Lake will be preparing an updated list of parcels to Lake County by March 1, 2011 for our next round of billing.

A grant has been submitted to Pete Visclosky for appropriation in 2012 for the purchase of beet juice.

Matt Lake made the SWM Board aware that 7903 E. 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue has a house that is being demolished and the contractor is filling in an area that is creating flooding.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Applications for the secretary's position have been reviewed and interviews completed.

Dorinda Gregor motioned to approve Liz Bushemi to be hired as the secretary for the Stormwater Management Utility with a starting date of February 14, 2011, having a starting salary of \$27,900, seconded by Barbara Ghoston. Upon roll call vote, Liz Bushemi was unanimously approved to be the SWM's new secretary. The hours created for this position will be from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ANNOUCEMENTS**

Discussed were the time and dates of the Stormwater Management Board meetings.

Since the SWM office has been established at the Public Works facility, all future meetings will be held at 13 West 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and the time has been changed to 4:30 p.m.

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The next scheduled meeting is March 1, 2011

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorinda Gregor  
Recording Secretary