



**MINUTES**  
**Winfield Storm Water Board**  
**Meeting date: Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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**Call to order:** A meeting of the Winfield Storm Water Board was held in the Winfield Government Center, Winfield, Indiana on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The meeting convened at 6:43 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Members in attendance:** Timothy Clayton and Jon Derwinski

**Members not in attendance:** Jim Simmons

**Also in attendance:** Rick Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer; Attorney David Austgen from Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis P.C.; Town Administrator/Planning and Zoning Administrator Nick Bellar; Mike Duffy, Town Engineer

**MINUTES:** Tim Clayton presented the Minutes of March 9, 2021. Jon Derwinski made the motion to accept the Storm Water Board Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2021. Tim Clayton seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor 2-0.

**CITIZENS REQUESTING PLACEMENT ON THE AGENDA:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. *Hidden Creek Ditch Grant Application Update.***

Mike Duffy stated they were successful with their application and were awarded a portion of the project in the amount of \$200,000. He said they are unable to scale back any further than they already have. He suggested they reach out to Merrillville to inform them they are moving forward with the project and to go out to bid to see if they get good pricing. Mike will reach out to Matt at Merrillville to see what they are able to do for the project and it will give the town time to put the project out to bid. Tim Clayton asked if they had any pricing on addressing the south end. Mike said he did not price that portion out as they were already reaching their limit. Mike will look into an alternative way for the road and culvert with a three pipe section as a part of the road project and put in the under drain and clear out the banks. A resident of Hidden Creek thanked them for their work on this and getting as far as they have on this project. He asked if a subdivision was going in by Arizona; he has noticed a lot of surveying happening in that area. Tim said to his knowledge nothing has come to the town for a project in that area. If something was to come in the developer would have to address their water flow and drainage. The resident also asked what work will be done with the Hidden Creek project. Mike explained the first phase rips out the current out fall system for the pond and puts in a new out fall system along with a pipe from the pond crossing underneath 101<sup>st</sup> and there will be an overland swale on the top for emergency overflow and supplementary piping under the road. Culverts will be changed out at the Clay St. crossing; the pipe will be bigger coming out of the pond now. The bottleneck is at 101<sup>st</sup> and will fix the flow. They will look into the south end with drainage coming from the Trees subdivision.

**2. *Update on Storm Water Master Plan.***

Mike Duffy stated they are taking out two of the high priority items with the Grand Blvd. intersection project, if they are able to do the Hidden Creek project, they will knock out three of the five top items from the last Storm Water Master Plan. In reviewing the new plan compared to the old one, he has noticed that the progress they have made with drainage standards on the new developments that have come in, has resolved or lowered the peak flows of some of the old



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complaints that were noted in the old plan. He should have a draft report by the next meeting. He and Tony will start reviewing the back yard drainage complaints. He is also reviewing the ERU calculations, the last time they did this a number of subdivisions weren't developed yet including Wyndance, Wynbrook, Stonegate Commons, and all of Stonegate. That's how the storm water fee is calculated per residential unit and will affect how commercial properties are assessed their fee so they will be able to look at adjusting that number.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. *Stagowski, 6204 E. 129<sup>th</sup> Ave., Culvert issue.***

Tony Clark stated he believes it is a Lake County regulated culvert. Mike Duffy said it seems like more of a maintenance issue. Randy Stegenga went to look at the property and documented a lot of yard debris blocking the culvert. This item will be removed from the agenda. Mike noted it is a part of the town's ordinance that it is the property owner's responsibility to maintain stormwater infrastructure on their property and not impede water flow.

**2. *Doubletree Dr. N. Sinkhole.***

Tony Clark reported he is still working on getting everyone coordinated, Metz should have time this week. LGS will try to do a patch from the inside. Once the water is cleared out of that area, they will put a worker in the pipe. Mike Duffy stated the correct safety measures will have to be in place. A manhole was found and they will get it resurfaced. Tony will work on cost estimates involved with the project. Mike said they still need to review the work needed before determining a cost.

**3. *Velez, 6706 E. 109<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ground water issue.***

Mike Duffy stated water is coming up from the ground. He believes it is from an old farm field tile in reviewing old historical aerials. Mike said the property owner could have popped it open by disturbing the ground. Nick Bellar noted it looked like heavy equipment was used on the property in the photographs. Mike said the water is clean and as a precaution he asked Indiana American Water to check to make sure they do not have any service run in the area. He has not heard back from them yet. Tim asked if anything was in the right of way. Nick said it was in the property owner's back yard. Mike asked if it was still running. Tim stated someone reported it was not the last time it was checked. Mike recommended at least keeping in touch with the property owner to see if anything further happens even though it is not the town's responsibility.

**4. *Cavinder, 7571 E. 108<sup>th</sup> Ave., Issues with drainage project and restoration.***

Tony Clark stated he visited the area and saw they were referring to a swale where all of the neighbors have their downspouts directed towards. He will let them know that is the natural flow of the water. The restoration will be touched up Thursday and Friday, they will also wrap up the restoration work on 105<sup>th</sup> in Trees and the work on Randolph St.

Tony also supplied the Board with information on a project for 125<sup>th</sup> Ave. Mike Duffy explained the road has always had deterioration issues and road side drainage problems. Tony and Mike investigated the area and found there is a driveway culvert that is undersized compared to the others in the area. This culvert is only 12" while the others on either side are 30", Mike



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recommended bumping it up to a 15". Mike said it is an older metal pipe that is crushed on one end as well. Tony said they will also clean out the ditches on either side of the road. Tony will check with LGS on cost for replacement options for the undersized culvert. Tim Clayton asked if the culvert was their responsibility. Mike said they have always maintained the ditches in the area and culverts are sometimes addressed by the town. This driveway over the culvert is a stone drive and he is unsure how the culvert was installed. Jon Derwinski asked about cost. Tony said he was currently reviewing that. Mike said the cost will be brought to the Board for approval. Nick Bellar asked if this work would require closing the road. Tony said they would for a short time to remove the culvert. Nick said that would not be a good idea right now with all of the other road work happening in the area. Mike suggested they put the culvert in as an alternate and they can reassess the need for how soon they need to replace the culvert after the ditch work is complete. Tim agreed with making the culvert an alternate.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Rick Anderson presented the Treasurer Report through March 31, 2021. The total amount of claims is \$15,417.71. Jon Derwinski made the motion to approve the Storm Water Board claims in the amount of \$15,417.71, Tim Clayton seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all in favor 2-0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next Storm Water Board Meeting Tuesday, May 11th, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Tim Clayton entertained a motion to adjourn. Jon Derwinski made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Tim Clayton. A voice call vote found all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

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 Tim Clayton  
 Stormwater Board President

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 Richard C. Anderson, Jr.  
 Clerk-Treasurer

Date of Approval \_\_\_\_\_