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Winfield Storm Water Board
Meeting date: Tuesday, September 8th, 2020

Call to order: A meeting of the Winfield Storm Water Board was held in the Winfield Government Center, Winfield, Indiana on September 8th, 2020. The meeting convened at 6:15 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members in attendance: Timothy Clayton, Jim Simmons, and Jon Derwinski

Members not in attendance:

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

MINUTES: Jim Simmons made the motion to accept the Storm Water Board Meeting Minutes of August 8th, 2020. Jon Derwinski seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor 3-0.

CITIZENS REQUESTING PLACEMENT ON THE AGENDA: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. *Hidden Creek Ditch.*

Mike Duffy stated the grant application should be completed by next week and he will then submit it to the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission. Jim Simmons asked if this was a joint application with Merrillville and if they contributed to any of the engineering. Mike said this will be filed jointly with Merrillville, he will keep Matt informed of the timeline and Winfield has done all of the engineering work on this.

2. *Tammy Coros, 10828 Park St. Excessive standing water/flooding in back yard.*

Mike said this was surveyed and he would like to meet with Tony on site with a couple of contractors to look into two alternatives. One way is to create a swale out to the road the other way is to pipe it to the southwest corner of 108th and Park Street. Mike said it will come down to cost and right of way. He will get proposals for both alternatives from both contractors. Jim Simmons asked if he had an estimate on cost yet. Mike stated he is unsure because of the restoration as it will go through two yards. He does not believe it should be more than \$10,000 and a regular landscape contractor should be able to handle the project.

3. *Consideration of Stormwater Master Plan Update Letter of Engagement with DLZ.*

Tim Clayton asked if there were any questions from the Board. Jim Simmons stated it all seems reasonable and necessary to do. Jon Derwinski stated he has not had a chance to review everything yet. Jon asked if this was time sensitive. Tim said that has been on the agenda for a while, Rick stated once they get into rate review it will become time sensitive. Jon stated he will review and get back to Mike. Attorney Austgen reminded the Board this has been on the agenda for the past three months and runs the risk of growing stale. Mike said they can just email him if they have any questions.

4. *Jim Jansen, 5076 E. 105th Ln., Storm drain issues flooding street.*

Tony Clark stated he talked with Metz today. Their vacor truck is running again and they believe they should be able to come out either this week or next week to finish the video work.



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5. *Becky Bergner, 6675 Hawthorne Dr., Issue with former developer to fix flooding in her back yard.*

Mike Duffy reported that he talked to the developer and the developer did cut a swale in the area of Phase 2 to move the water and drain it away from the property. This item can be removed from the agenda.

6. *Diana Campbell, 10717 Heather Dr., Sinkhole previously addressed by Street Department.*

Mike Duffy stated he, Mitch Floyd and Tony Clark will be meeting out there tomorrow to look into this. They will determine if this is new or settlement from the work that was done before.

7. *Change Order #2, 117th Ave. Culvert Improvement, Gough, Inc., \$8,566.22.*

Rick Anderson stated this and the following two next items were deferred from the last meeting. The work was completed. Jon Derwinski made the motion to approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$8,566.22 to Gough Inc. for the 117th culvert improvements. Jim Simmons seconded the motion and asked if this was the Change Order they noticed varying rates on last meeting. Rick said yes, Mike Duffy reviewed the rates and checked with the contractor. The contractor uses different rates for the use of different vehicles operated by the same employee. Mike said it was based on the Operators Union. Jim stated it was the laborers that listed the different rate. Mike said it worked to the town's advantage, they charged less instead of it based on the laborer's rate. Jim stated that is not usually how they are paid. The motion carried 2-1 with Jim Simmons opposed.

8. *Change Order #2, 117th Ave. Culvert Improvement, Gough, Inc., \$18,748.45.*

Mike Duffy and Tony Clark stated this work is completed and included the regrading on the side of the road to prevent water pooling in the area. Jon Derwinski made the motion to accept Change Order #3 in the amount of \$18,748.45 to Gough Inc. for the 117th culvert improvement. Jim Simmons seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-1 with Jim Simmons opposed.

9. *Pay Application #1, 117th Ave. Culvert Improvement, Gough, Inc., \$105,524.95.*

Mike Duffy stated this is the final pay application for the completed project. Tony Clark also reviewed it. Rick Anderson stated is the total amount including the change orders. There is no retainage being held. Mike explained it was not necessary to hold retainage with the restoration work complete and the grass starting to take in the area. Jon Derwinski made the motion to approve Pay Application #1 in the amount of \$105,524.95 to Gough Inc. for the 117th culvert improvement. Jim Simmons seconded the motion, the motion carried 2-1 with Jim Simmons opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Change Order #1, Trees Lot 53 Drainage Improvement, LGS Plumbing, Credit \$3,500.00*

Mike Duffy stated they only needed the camera work for one day instead of two so they credited the town back a day. Jim Simmons asked if the homeowner was content with the work. Mike stated he has not heard anything from the homeowner but he has looked at the area. The



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restoration is taking and they removed trees without creating much of a disturbance to the area. Jim Simmons made the motion to accept Change Order #1 in the amount of \$3,500 from LGS Plumbing, Credit on Trees Lot 53 drainage improvements. Jon Derwinski seconded the motion, the motion carried with all in favor 3-0.

2. Pay Application #1, Trees Lot 53 Drainage Improvement, LGS Plumbing, \$49,310.00

Mike Duff stated this will now close out this project. The restoration is done, the drain looks good and both residents in the area should be happy with the improvement. Jim Simmons asked if this was the only pay application for this project. Mike said that is correct. Jim Simmons made the motion to approve Pay Application #1 in the amount of \$49,310.00 to LGS Plumbing for the Trees Lot 53 drainage improvements.

3. John Mikhel, 7515 E. 103rd Dr., Sink holes around storm drain.

Tony Clark reported the Street Department was able to address this last week. They had to patch a small hole inside the manhole and then fill in the area.

4. Thomas Broertjes, 10849 Green Pl., Ground sinking around manhole/curb in front yard.

Tony Clark stated the Street Department also took care of this manhole. Jim Simmons stated he also looked at this. He did not see any major issue; this structure is 35 years old and did not have a problem form overnight, it most likely gradually happened over time. The Street Department filled in the area and he believes it should hold. If it starts to sink again, they will have to possibly video it to see if there is a problem elsewhere.

5. Marcella Stahoviak, 8360 Doubletree Dr. N., Drainage issues.

Mike Duffy explained this issue should continue to be monitored. When he was there with Tony the ground was soaked. When Code Enforcement Office, Randy Stegenga, went out there the area was completely dry. Mike is unsure what might be causing the issue, he is unsure if Indiana American Water actually investigated the area for a leak or only determined there was no leak based on the resident's water usage. He will follow up with Indiana American Water. Jim Simmons asked if any water has come up to her house. Mike said he checked with the resident and that has not occurred. He will continue to monitor the area and stop by again.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rick Anderson presented the Treasurer Report through August 31, 2020, and noted the updated amount to include the Gough payment. The new total amount of claims is \$174,931.05, this also included the LGS payment. Jim Simmons made the motion to approve the Storm Water Board claims in the amount of \$174,931.05, Jon Derwinski seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all in favor 3-0.

Scott Habenicht, 4733 E. 101st Ave., asked about Hidden Creek, the homeowner affected most by the flooding is here tonight and they want to know if they can have a meeting arranged with Merrillville and whoever else is involved so they can voice their opinion and



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get this project going. He thinks this is all taking too long and doesn't see why all of these other projects are being taken care of. He is frustrated that it does not seem like their concerns are being taken into consideration and he wants to know what they have to do to see more of an immediate response. Jim Simmons explained there is a process to all of this, Scott is welcome to go to Merrillville's meetings as well. He said he has. Jim said when there are multiple parties involved it takes time. Mr. Habenicht became irate and Tim Clayton asked him to calm down and lower his voice. Tim Clayton stated this has been discussed many times and the process is moving forward they have talked about this and he is aware of this, this is the most progress that has ever been made on this issue in 22 years. Scott again shouted about the damage done to his property and does not get why this is taking so long. Tim Clayton thanked Mr. Habenicht for expressing his opinion.

Noel Pina, 4675 E. 101st Ave., asked for clarification on the Little Calumet involvement in the Hidden Creek project. He has not been to a meeting before. Tim Clayton explained there is an application to adjust the flow of the water so it goes directly through underneath the road, upsizing the pipes and making sure it does not travel across the road. Jim Simmons said the water is being redirected to Merrillville which makes this more difficult. If they could do it tomorrow, they would, but they have to work with Merrillville on this and the cost is much more than any other smaller project they have taken on recently. It will cost around \$2 million for the whole project which is why the Town needs to apply for grant funding. It is slow and frustrating and they have to work with other jurisdictions. They have finally just gotten permission from Merrillville to do this project. Mike Duffy explained 101st Ave is not controlled by Winfield. It is out of the town's jurisdiction and everything they need to do to release the water is outside of town. Then there is still work to be done throughout Hidden Creek to improve the flow. Jim said they will start working north to south within the subdivision. Mr. Pina asked when they can expect to hear back from the LCRBDC. Mike stated they do not meet very frequently they tend to wait until they have a number of applications to review. They can contact him when their application makes it to the Committee for a public meeting. Mike estimated it might be another 60 days before a meeting is set. Jim stated they will act as quick as they can to go out to bid if they get approval. Mr. Pina asked if there was anything they could do as homeowners. Mike stated they can attend the meeting for the main board of the Little Calumet and the Town can inform them when that happens. Another resident asked why the application hasn't been submitted yet. Tim stated it was only last month they started the application and it will be turned in this month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Storm Water Board Meeting Tuesday, October 13th, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:



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Tim Clayton entertained a motion to adjourn. Jim Simmons made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Jon Derwinski. A voice call vote found all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Tim Clayton
Stormwater Board President

Richard C. Anderson, Jr.
Clerk-Treasurer

Kim Wachowski
Recording Secretary

Date of Approval