



MINUTES
Winfield Storm Water Board
Meeting date: Tuesday, January 11th, 2022

Call to order: A meeting of the Winfield Storm Water Board was held at the Winfield Government Center, Winfield, Indiana on January 11th, 2022. The meeting convened at 6:54p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Not in attendance:

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS:

Appointment of President: Jim Simmons made a motion to appoint Tim Clayton as Storm Water Board President for 2022. Jon Derwinski seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Appointment of Vice President: Jim Simmons made a motion to appoint Jon Derwinski as Storm Water Board Vice President for 2022. Tim Clayton seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

MINUTES: Tim Clayton entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Jon Derwinski made the motion to accept the Storm Water Board Meeting Minutes of December 14th, 2021 as presented. Jim Simmons seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

CITIZENS REQUESTING PLACEMENT ON THE AGENDA: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on Hidden Creek Drainage Improvement Project.

Mike Duffy, Town Engineer, stated Merrillville is re-engaging the homeowner to discuss. Tim Clayton asked if there was any time frame on this item and Mike said no as they recently were notified. Tim asked if they should draft a plan B and Mike said plan B would be to do the design, put the spec together, and get it ready for bid. He said they should wait on this until the end of January. Jim Simmons asked Mike if he knew Merrillville's approach on this and Jon Derwinski said he has talked to Merrillville's Engineering Department and there is a plan.

2. Update on Storm Water Master Plan.

Mike Duffy said the Board should have the plan. Mike stated he will get together with Rick and Nick to go over storm water fees and to make some recommendations to the Board. Attorney David Austgen was going to review the ordinance as it is right now to see if they would like to make any changes based on what comes out of the meetings. Tim Clayton stated he would like to be informed when the meeting is planned.

3. Update on Nelson – Nicklaus Rear Yard Drainage Improvements.

Tony Clark, Public Works Director, said he still does not have any numbers. Tony suggested to defer this until March so Ziese & Sons can provide the numbers. Tim Clayton said they will revisit this item once the weather improves.



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NEW BUSINESS:

1. James Punt, 5744 E. 105th Place Drainage Complaint

Jim Simmons stated he talked to the owner of the property. He bought the property in the 90's and is trying to sell it now and noticed a pipe that is washed up out of the ground. Jim said it is almost like a natural swale going towards the back of the property that is eroded. Someone has taken it apart as there are sections laying out on the property. Jim explained to the owner of the property it was not causing any damage or issues, so the town was not going to go and fix it at the time. The Lake County Health Department stated the lot might be unbuildable because it doesn't meet the new rules for septic systems. Jim explained the owner of the property would like a letter stating if the property sells and a building permit is pulled the Storm Water Board will revisit the issue of the drainage pipe and take any action that is necessary at that time. Mike Duffy said he will look at the property before issuing the letter. Jim stated he can also meet him out there if necessary.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rick Anderson presented the treasurer's report through the end of December. Total amount of claims to be \$3,153.29. Jim Simmons made a motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$3,153.29 and Jon Derwinski seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Storm Water Board Meeting Tuesday, February 8th, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim Simmons made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Jon Derwinski. The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Tim Clayton
Stormwater Board President

Haley Crnarich
Recording Secretary

Date of Approval _____