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Winfield Storm Water Board
Meeting date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Call to order: A meeting of the Winfield Storm Water Board was held at the Winfield Government Center, Winfield, Indiana on Tuesday, September 12, 2023. The meeting convened at 7:06pm.

Pledge Of Allegiance

Board Members in attendance: Jon Derwinski and Zack Beaver

Also in attendance: Rick Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer; Nick Bellar, Town Administrator/Planning and Zoning Administrator; Attorney David Austgen from Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis P.C, Michael Duffy and Shaun Finney, Town Engineers with DLZ and Tony Clark, Director of Public Works.

Not in attendance:

MINUTES TO APPROVE:

None.

CITIZENS REQUESTING PLACEMENT ON THE AGENDA:

Bassam Abdulla, (10715 Newton Avenue, Crown Point, IN) 5744 E. 105th Avenue. Bassam entered into a purchase agreement for the vacant lot at 5744 E 105th Avenue subject to getting approval from the Lake County Health Department for the septic system. They noticed after clearing some trees there is some water damage on the property coming from possibly the street. There are two partially buried drain tiles, one extending to the end of the property. The other one extends to the street. With water coming from the street onto the property. Bassam explained a series of pictures that he presented to the Town Council. He acquired soil borings to see if a septic field can be put in the property. Mike Duffy explained that it had become before the board prior, and I think it was determined that it's a discharge for the storm inlet. We checked the plat, there's no easement or anything that the town has on that pipe. It looks like it's a discharge to the natural waterway out to Deer Creek behind the lot. Mike stated that it is a bit unusual that it's not in an easement. They have checked the final plat but there's no drainage easement on this at all. They determined that this predates the creation of the Town of Winfield. At the time this was done it would have been under Lake County. It was determined that the Town cannot access the property without the owner's permission. It was determined that Bassam would have the owner contact the Town to get permission for them to go out a look at the drainage. The Town could then source the water to determine if this is actual discharge from the inlet or if this is discharge from something else.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. ***Update on Hidden Creek Drainage Improvement Project.***

Shaun Finney explained the project is pretty much wrapped up. They still must swap out the grate on top of the outfall structure. They said that has been fabricated and they are waiting for it to arrive. It should be completed within the next week. Zack Beaver



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explained that they will be sending letters out to the residents whose property abut the creek regarding dumping into the creek. The letter will be a first step to address the dumping in the waterway. Nick Bellar said the Town would go out when it is dry to see if the pipe can be cleaned out too. Mike Duffy explained this is just phase 1 of this project and there eventually will be work going up the channel. The Town also now has a different stormwater ordinance and design manual in place. Allowing the Town to address what people do in the waterway.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of Pay Application #2, Reichelt Plumbing, Hidden Creek Drainage Project \$102,603.60.

Rick Anderson explained that this is pay application #2 in the amount of \$102,603.60. There is a balance to finish the remaining minor items. The amount remaining to bill, and pay is \$107,032.15. Shaun has reviewed the pay application and it is good. It is for the guard rail, paving and a few miscellaneous items. Jon Derwinski made a motion to Pay, Pay Application #2, Reichelt Plumbing, Hidden Creek Drainage Project \$102,603.60 as recommended by the Town Engineer. The motion was seconded by Zack Beaver. All were in favor. Motion carried 2-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rick Anderson presented the Treasurer's report through the end of August. This claim register actually includes pay application #1 for the Hidden Creek Drainage Project and a little over \$339,000 that was approved in the last meeting, along with some engineering work that was in conjunction with it. The total amount of claims is \$384,072.89. Jon Derwinski made a motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$384,072.89. Zack Beaver seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried 2-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 12, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jon Derwinski made a motion to adjourn; Zack Beaver seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried 2-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.



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Zack Beaver
Stormwater Board President

Richard C. Anderson Jr.
Clerk-Treasurer

Date of Approval

Pamela Spengler
Recording Secretary