



**MINUTES**  
**Winfield Storm Water Board**  
**Meeting date: Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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**Call to order:** A meeting of the Winfield Storm Water Board was held at the Winfield Government Center, Winfield, Indiana on December 14th, 2021. The meeting convened at 6:28p.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:**

**MINUTES:** Tim Clayton entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Jim Simmons made the motion to approve the Storm Water Board Meeting Minutes of November 9th, 2021. Jon Derwinski 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 stated they have applied for their permit based on worst case scenario. They have also developed a solution in case they can't get property across the street, although it comes at a significant cost increase to the project. Mike noted there are discussions happening to see if they can come to a resolution to obtain access to the properties to go with the original plan. Mike said the permit is a 20-day public notice that will happen sometime after the first of the year. He said he held off on submitting it until they had a better understanding of whether they would need more. Jim Simmons asked if there is anything Merrillville could do to obtain access to it under an emergency order? Mike said there is no blockage at this point and the homeowner still gets the opportunity to fix it themselves. Mike said the solution will alter the design and again, will be more costly. He said he would hope to hear something by the next meeting. Additionally, he said he has not done any design work on the alternative because he wanted to make sure it would work and know how big it would be. Jim asked about how much more, and Mike replied about 6 figures, which is an estimate.

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

Mike said the Board has the plan. The next step would be to sit down at a workshop to figure out the ERU charges based on the new calculations that they've done. They can also work on the plan coming forward. Mike said Attorney David Austgen should look at the ordinance to see if they would like it changed. Rick Anderson reminded everyone that they currently allow developers to have 1 storm water charge no matter how many lots they have. There are some discussions about making that a fee for each lot once its platted. Mike agreed and said that would be his recommendation. A study session for this will be planned.

**3. *Update on Doubletree Dr. N Sinkhole.***



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Tony Clark stated he went out and looked at it and it doesn't seem like it has changed at all. He will get someone to lift the manhole cover, grade it out, and keep an eye on it throughout winter to see if anything changes. Tim asked if it is something they can get done this winter and Tony said yes.

**4. Update on 125<sup>th</sup> Ave Drainage Project.**

Tony said this project is complete. They cleaned out the last culvert yesterday. The DeBoer Egolf invoice for \$2,500 was noted and approved for payment.

**5. Update on Deborah Fullgraf, 10380 Nelson St. (Nelson and Nicklaus) Rear Yard Drainage Improvements.**

Tony has been in communication with Ziese & Sons on this project. They have been behind, but they are working on providing some numbers within the next few weeks. As soon as Tony has them, he will let the Board now.

**6. Update on Ditch and Culvert Cleaning needed near 8900 E 109<sup>th</sup> Ave (Harold Smith Complaint).**

Tony said this is still ongoing. Mike added this is something that will be discussed with the storm water master plan as far as repairs.

**7. Update on Wyndance Drainage Repair, Level Spreader, LGS Plumbing, \$6,480.00.**

Tony said this is complete. Tony stated they still need to put an agreement together for the HOA so they can start paying them back as it is their responsibility. Mike said he will look at it and they need to make sure they keep it maintained. Tony added he went out after the recent storm, and it was flowing fine. Tim asked if the agreement was something Rick could put together. Attorney David Austgen said he will need an outline of what the salient terms are.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. 117<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Randolph Drainage Repair, de Boer Egolf Proposal, \$9,425.00.**

Tony said this is complete as well. Mike said they set it up for the future sidewalk project that is going through the intersection.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Rick Anderson presented the treasurer's report through the end of November. Total amount of claims to be \$31,142.76. Jon Derwinski made a motion to pay the claims and Tim Clayton seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next Storm Water Board Meeting Tuesday, January 11, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.



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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Jim Simmons made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Jon Derwinski. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

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Tim Clayton  
Stormwater Board President

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Haley Crnarich  
Recording Secretary

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