



MINUTES
Winfield Storm Water Board
Meeting date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Call to order: A meeting of the Winfield Storm Water Board was held at the Winfield Government Center, Winfield, Indiana on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. The meeting convened at 6:42 p.m.

Pledge Of Allegiance

Board Members in attendance: Jon Derwinski and Tim Clayton

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

Not in attendance:

MINUTES TO APPROVE: Jon Derwinski made a motion to approve the Storm Water Board Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2022, as presented. Tim Clayton seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried 2-0.

STAFF REPORTS: Tony Clark said Public Works has removed half of the beaver dam in Hidden Creek ditch and everything seems to be flowing. He's going to go back out and check on it. Regarding the street sweeper they are considering buying, they are following Attorney Austgen's suggestion and are going out to bid and are currently preparing the specifications.

CITIZENS REQUESTING PLACEMENT ON THE AGENDA: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on Hidden Creek Drainage Improvement Project.

Mike Duffy said they are working with the Town of Merrillville to secure access rights to the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of Engagement Letter for Stormwater Rate Review, Crowe LLP

Rick Anderson explained that now that we have the Stormwater Master Plan Adopted, the next step is to review the Stormwater rate. Crowe LLP has provided an Engagement Letter for their services, not to exceed \$22,000. It will be billed on an hourly basis. This is the first time we have done a review since 2009. Jon Derwinski made a motion to use the Engagement Letter from Crowe LLP for our Stormwater rate review in the amount not to exceed \$22,000 and pending legal review. Tim Clayton seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried 2-0.

2. Consideration of Payment for Sinkhole Repairs, Doubletree Dr., LGS \$12,653.00

Tony Clark explained there were two sinkholes that they investigated where the roads were depressed. They cut out the sections of the roads and found nothing, no reason for the sinkholes. They back filled and repaved the roads. Mike Duffy confirmed this was done and has no ideas as to why this happened. Jon Derwinski made a motion to pay LGS Plumbing Inc. in the amount of \$12,653.00 for the work done at Doubletree Drive. Tim Clayton seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried 2-0.



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TREASURER’S REPORT:

Rick Anderson presented the Treasurer’s report through the end of August, and had a fairly routine set of claims in the amount of \$10,940.16. Jon Derwinski made a motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$10,940.16. Tim Clayton seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried 2-0.

Tim Clayton addressed residents that were in audience to discuss the drainage issue at Hidden Creek. He explained we are still coordinating with Merrillville on the project. Scott Habenicht, 4733 E. 101st Ave., asked if this will now be a legal issue. Tim said he had no further information at this time, but would let him know when he has additional information.

Residents Noel and Cheyla Pina, 4675 E. 101st Ave, expressed their frustration of having their house constantly flood when it rains. He has had to repair his basement and deck several times. Tim Clayton reiterated that Winfield is coordinating with Merrillville on the issue.

Rich Solecki, resident at 10115A Clay Street, wanted it noted that the ditch by the road near his house is “an accident waiting to happen”. The edge of the road is very close to the ditch and if someone goes slightly off the road they will go down into the ditch. Tim Clayton said that is also a Merrillville road, but asked Nick Bellar to reach out to the Town of Merrillville to let them know of the concern. Mr. Solecki asked why is Winfield involved in the issue with the ditch, and Tim Clayton responded that the flow of water starts on the Winfield side. Gerald Stiener added that we trying to work with Merrillville to get the issues resolved. Attorney Austgen commented that it would be a good idea for the residents to file a complaint with the Town of Merrillville as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Jon Derwinski made a motion to adjourn; Tim Clayton seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried 2-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Tim Clayton
Stormwater Board President

Richard C. Anderson Jr.
Clerk-Treasurer

Date of Approval _____