

Burns Harbor Stormwater Board

Minutes of Wednesday, July 20, 2016

The Burns Harbor Stormwater Board met in its regular session Wednesday, July 20, 2016 in the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Toni Biancardi at 6:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Toni Biancardi..... Present
Ray Poparad..... Present
Marcus Rogala..... Present

Also present were Attorney Clay Patton, Engineer Jeanette Hicks, Sanitation Superintendent William Arney and Secretary Corinne Peffers.

Approval of Minutes

Poparad made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 15, 2016. Rogala seconded the motion. Motion carried by all in favor vote.

Engineer Report

Engineer Hicks discussed what the town needs to do to be poised and ready once the MS4 program has to be started. She said a list of parcels that are in Burns Harbor, including the type of parcel should be compiled.

Poparad asked if this would be in regard to funding it and commented that he just read in the paper that Chesterton raised their MS4 fee 12%. He talked about the establishment of the CCI Fund in 1987, which says it is to “construct such sanitary or storm sewers, or both sanitary and storm sewers, and to construct such sanitary or storm sewers or sanitary and storm sewers therein and to maintain same.” He asked about the possibility of changing this fund to a MS4 fund and with that, it would be equal tax across the board instead of charging based on residential, commercial or industrial property.

President Biancardi asked if the rate is capped. Poparad said the rate can be increased and the rate we are at now is \$0.004. He feels using taxes instead of fees is a more equal way of supporting the system because everyone would be paying and the town wouldn't have to deal with the complications of billing certain customers who aren't on sewers and calculating the rates for commercial and industrial properties.

Attorney Patton will look into the legal stipulations regarding the funds and the board will investigate how the rate can be increased.

Engineer Hicks stated that she believes other municipalities calculate the storm water fee for commercial properties based on pervious vs. impervious surface.

The board discussed how will the town know when it needs to become compliant. Superintendent Arney stated that IDEM will send a letter. President Biancardi and Superintendent Arney concurred that the town has been preparing by making sure new subdivisions meet the appropriate requirements and the older areas of town have ditches and swales.

Superintendent Arney noted that one component of the program that will be costly to the town is building a model of the stormwater system. He also stated the town doesn't have a combined sanitary and stormwater system, they are separate.

Engineer Hicks referred to an IAC document she found saying an MS4 entity that meets the designation criteria after the effective date of the rule due to changing conditions, shall submit the required information within one year of becoming aware of the relevant changes of conditions, and noted the change in population as the change of conditions. She wants to be sure the town isn't missing anything.

Old Business

Old Porter Road drainage project

President Biancardi said it was discovered that this project wouldn't be eligible for the road grants that were discussed at the last meeting, and we are back at the \$53,500.00 appropriated for the year in the CCI fund for funding the project, estimated at around \$200,000.

Poparad asked President Biancardi to formally approach the Redevelopment Commission to ask for the money to fund the remainder of the project because the area is in the TIF district.

The board discussed whether it would be better to do the project in phases, or all at one time, and came to the consensus that it would be better to do it all at once. It was also noted that the project most likely cannot be completed this year because it will have to be presented to the RDC at their August meeting, and the bid process will have to follow, which leaves little time to get materials before asphalt plants close and little time for the contactors to do work, as they may be booked up for the season.

New Business

None.

Good of the Order of the Community & Any Other Business

Poparad reminded those in attendance that the town surplus auction will be held this Saturday, July 23 beginning at 9 a.m.

Announcements

Next Meeting Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held the fourth Wednesday of August, instead of the third Wednesday, to accommodate the town's budget meetings.

Adjourn

Rogala made a motion to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Poparad seconded the motion. Motion carried by all in favor vote.

Submitted by: Corinne Peffers, Secretary

APPROVED August 24, 2016

Toni Biancardi, President

Corinne Peffers, Secretary