

Burns Harbor Stormwater Board

Minutes of Wednesday, February 19, 2020

The Burns Harbor Stormwater Board met in regular session Wednesday, February 19, 2020 in the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Toni Biancardi at 6:31 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Toni Biancardi..... Present
Wilbur Oudman..... Present
Nick Loving Present

A quorum was attained.

Also present were Attorney Clay Patton of Patton Law, LLC, Engineer Jeanette Hicks of Global Engineering and Land Surveying, LLC, and Deputy Clerk Corinne Peffers.

There was one audience member in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Oudman made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 21, 2019. Loving seconded the motion.

Motion carried by all in favor vote.

Correspondence

None.

Engineer Report

Engineer Hicks reported that her firm is reviewing the proposed Westport PUD for the Plan Commission but it will also be reviewed with stormwater in mind. If anything comes up that pertains to stormwater she will bring it to the board's attention.

Biancardi said the Plan Commission anticipates an application for the Westport PUD in April. She asked Hicks if she had any updates on the Old Porter Road drainage work. Superintendent Arney was not attendance due to the WWETT Conference in Indianapolis. Hicks said she did not.

Loving said that he was at the project site for a bit and they worked their way long the south side of Old Porter as far as they could and then they hit fiber optic lines, which is why we have a change order here tonight. The lines forced RV Sutton to stop the work, and now they have cleared trees on the north side of Old Porter Road instead. They will run pipes underneath Old Porter.

Old Business

Ditch Maintenance

Biancardi said that we want to create a regular maintenance schedule for our ditches. We talk about it here because it has to do with storm, but I think that is a function of our Street Department, so I would like us to either reach out to Street Superintendent Pat Melton and ask what he would propose in terms of ditch maintenance and map it out. Or, we can come up with some type of proposal with Superintendent Arney. I think at least once a year, if not twice, all of the ditches in town should at least have a visual inspection and/or maintenance if needed, so we don't end up with the Old Porter Road situation where every time we plow, we throw more in and the ditch becomes shallower. We can keep this on the agenda and continue to think about it, and we have left it on the agenda so we don't forget.

Oudman asked if all the ditch maintenance will be done by the Street Department and Biancardi responded I believe so. At this point, that would be the only staff available, the stormwater board doesn't necessarily have staff. They do have ditching equipment. If Superintendent Melton feels that there are some that he doesn't feel he can maintain, he can create a list so we could potentially hire a company to get it to a good place and then moving forward it can be maintained.

Loving suggested using the GIS program to map out ditches and then plan and track maintenance. He suggested a ranking system as well to determine which need work first.

Old Porter Road Drainage Project Change Order

Loving made a motion to approve the change order for RV Sutton, Inc. for \$3,500 for the Old Porter Road drainage work. Oudman seconded the motion. Motion passed by all in favor vote.

New Business

Approval of Claims with two (2) or more signatures

None presented.

Nomination of Officers/Reorganization

Oudman made a motion to reappoint Toni Biancardi as President of the Stormwater Board, and to reappoint Nicholas Loving as Vice-President of the Stormwater Board. Loving seconded the motion. Motion passed by all in favor vote.

Good of the Order of the Community & Any Other Business

Oudman asked where the funding comes from for stormwater projects and improvements. Biancardi explained that it typically comes from the Cumulative Capital Improvement Sewer Fund and it generates about \$11,000.00 in taxes each year.

Announcements

None.

Meeting Schedule for 2020

Oudman made a motion to meet at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every other even month, meeting next in April. Loving seconded the motion. Motion passed by all in favor vote.

Adjourn

Oudman made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Loving seconded the motion. Motion carried by all in favor vote.

Submitted by: Corinne Peffers, Secretary

APPROVED June 17, 2020

Toni Biancardi, President

Corinne Peffers, Secretary