

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD
January 20, 2020

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member T. Kopko called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order and roll call present were; Member T. Kopko, Member P. Stofko, and Member V. Wittig.

Member P. Stofko made the motion to nominate Thomas Kopko as president of the board, motion seconded by Member V. Wittig, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Member T. Kopko made the motion to nominate Paul Stofko as vice president of the board, motion seconded by Member V. Wittig, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member P. Stofko made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2019 meeting, motion seconded by Member V. Wittig, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Town Engineer, Mark O'Dell, presented a claim for commercial auto insurance made payable to Anton Insurance. Member P. Stofko made the motion to approve the claims as submitted, motion seconded by Member V. Wittig, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

NONE

REPORTS

MS 4 PROGRAM REPORT – MS4 Coordinator, Jennifer Gadzala, reported on the following projects: Easton Park Subdivision—the active portion of Phase 4-Timberwood Ln.: infrastructure, road, and curb and gutter are installed. Sand Creek Park 9: Work completed, waiting for vegetation growth in spring. Chesterton Family Dental: Stopped for Winter. Springdale Subdivision: Slowed down for winter as well. Gadzala also explained that there will be a “Trained Individual Certification Workshop” held on February 18, 2020 at the Porter County Expo Center. Contractors, developers, and site designers are encouraged to attend.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Superintendent M. O'dell reported that the Storm Water Utility has a very tight budget and is currently sitting at a loss of \$109,000. Member T. Kopko

mentioned investing money to INTrust and suggested M. O'dell work with the Clerk-Treasurers office on investing money.

OTHER REPORTS –Street: Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg reported that his department had a street sweeper out. Also, there was a truck that dumped gravel on Indian Boundary Rd.

Rain Event: Event went very well. Drains were cleaned two days prior and all lift stations are in good shape.

OLD BUSINESS

Peterson Ditch – M. Odell reported on IDEM— there are no issues with the work we will be doing.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 46- MS4 Coordinator, Jennifer Gadzala, introduced Senate Bill No. 46, which provides for the exemption of storm water fees from property where religious services are held regularly, property that belongs to a school corporation and is used for educational purposes, or property that is assessed as agricultural land for property tax purposes. “This is a \$3,000 loss in fees and I will continue to keep you updated,” said Gadzala.

ADJOURNMENT

Member P. Stofko made the motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Member V. Wittig, motion approved by unanimous voice vote, meeting adjourned.

PRESIDENT STORM WATER BOARD

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer K. Hrapek