

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD

May 17, 2021

6:30 p.m.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member P. Stofko made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2021 meeting, motion seconded by Member V. Wittig; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Member P. Stofko made the motion to approve the claims packet as submitted, motion seconded by Member V. Wittig; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

NONE

REPORTS

MS4 PROGRAM REPORT – NONE

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Superintendent M. O'Dell reported revenue of \$59,606 and expenses of \$58,319. The department has a running YTD surplus of \$30,018. The truck and plow expenses were reflected in the capital outlay line item. Additionally, O'Dell is working with Chesterton Utility Superintendent D. Ryan on the issue of reviewing and collecting bad debt. There is a total of \$8,361.01 of bad debt outstanding. Specifically, there is \$4,331 outstanding in the \$701-9,999 between 24 residents. The debts are mostly personal but also include a couple businesses. O'Dell and Ryan are looking at options to collect this debt (since

shut offs were not being done due to Covid) with Clerk Treasurer C. Udvard. More information to come.

OTHER REPORTS – Town Engineer M. O’Dell explained that Storm Water’s 2010 bond will be finished in December 2021. The bond was out for approximately \$180,000. O’Dell explained that he is working on compiling a list of possible bond projects with Street Commissioner Schnadenberg and the Town’s legal team. Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg reported that his department has been sweeping and has been repairing drains as needed. Schnadenberg questioned a possible new street sweeper to be included from the bond proceeds. The goal is to have the project list completed by the June/July meeting. Member T. Kopko commented that he would like to see a mix of new projects along with old projects. Attorney Parkinson explained that the process can take an estimated 60-90 days. O’Dell mentioned the possibility of re-doing the retention basin at 23rd and Porter Ave. Lastly, O’Dell reported that \$28 in interest was earned from the TRUST IN investment.

OLD BUSINESS

CR 1050 Ditch—Town Engineer M. O’Dell reported that they have finished the potholing. DLZ will prepare drawings using updated info of locations of gas line and septic systems near Crocker and return the drawings to be used for storm sewers. This could be a possible bond project. Street Commissioner Schnadenberg commented that everything runs to 149 uphill. This causes deep ditches. Schnadenberg brought up the possibility of connecting to Springdale when adding storm sewers.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Intern- M. O’Dell has reached out to Chesterton High School in search of a summer intern. CHS has a student looking to be an engineering intern. This job would be a combination of office work as well as field work. Member P. Stofko made the motion to approve the hiring of a summer intern for \$15.00 per hour, motion seconded by Member V. Wittig; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Member V. Wittig also inquired about also searching for candidates from Valparaiso, Purdue Northwest, and Indiana University Northwest.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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ATTEST:

PRESIDENT STORM WATER BOARD

CLERK-TREASURER C. UDVARE