

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD

February 22, 2022

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 was called; present were Member T. Kopko and Member P. Stofko. Member V. Wittig was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member P. Stofko made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2022 meeting; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

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

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

NONE

REPORTS

MS4 PROGRAM REPORT – Town Engineer M. O’Dell reported that the department is checking on new subdivisions during the rain and are notifying them of any issues. New construction permits are being reviewed.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Superintendent M. O’Dell reported total revenue of \$45,565 and total expenses of \$37,003 for a total surplus of \$7,562. The Trust Indiana investment had a balance of \$500,919.00 and earned \$39.64 in interest.

OTHER REPORTS – Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg reported that the department has been working on cleaning drains. Town Engineer O’Dell reported that they have been working with NIPSCO on the Kozy lift station billing/payment issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Storm Water Bond Projects:

CR 1050 Ditch—DLZ- Town Engineer M. O’Dell presented a preliminary drawing from DLZ, showing driveways/roads and new structures that will go in. They are looking at possibly repaving parts of roads after the project. Street Commissioner Schnadenberg commented that the ditch gets deeper closer to Highway 149. Engineer O’Dell remarked that the flow would be reversed to the east instead of the west to 149.

Springdale Fines- Member T. Kopko inquired about the status of the Springdale subdivision fines. Attorney C. Parkinson explained that Town ordinance gives three options when it comes to a violation: fines, stopping work, and conducting administrative hearings. Parkinson explained that fines are the penalties. Stop work orders and hearings help to ensure compliance. Fines could be increased. If there is another violation, legal will review before fining to see if we need to stop work or conduct a hearing. Member T. Kopko asked how many fines had been issued. Town Engineer O’Dell explained that more than 20 fines had been issued. There are only a few lots left to sell and to build on in the subdivision. Member T. Kopko requested the builder to come to a meeting if a further violation occurs. Attorney Parkinson advised that all three things in the ordinance can be done. Building Commissioner O’Dell explained that the building department has been issuing separate fines as well. Member Kopko would like to look into increasing fines to prevent future issues. Town Engineer O’Dell commented that they would look into fining utility contractors for storm water violations.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Member P. Stofko made the motion to adjourn; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT STORM WATER BOARD

CLERK-TREASURER C. UDVARE