

**Lowell Stormwater Mgmt. Board Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 6th, 2025**

Courtney Anderson called the meeting to order on Thursday, February 6th, 2025, at 5:08pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Recording Secretary Dianna Cade called the roll. Members present were Rich Oman, and Courtney Anderson. Phil Kuiper was absent. Staff Present was Stormwater and GIS Director Greory White, Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Jill Murr, Clerk Treasurer, Town Attorney Nichole Bennet was present via Zoom connection.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Mr. Oman made a motion to elect Phil Kuiper as Chairman, Courtney Anderson as Vice chairman and Rich Oman as Secretary, seconded Ms. Anderson and carried with a voice vote of all ayes.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Oman made a motion to approve the minutes from December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, seconded by Ms. Anderson and carried with a voice vote of all ayes.

**Old Business:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Stormwater User Fees Ordinance:**

Intro: an ordinance to amend ordinance no. 2019-10, pertaining to the storm water management user fees and related definitions in title v: public works, chapter 53: storm water management, subchapter 100: illegal discharge and elimination program general provisions, of the town of Lowell, Indiana code of ordinances.

Mr. Hendrix presented a list of stormwater projects to be completed on a display board. The duration of these projects is over the next three to four years. And the estimated costs. He discussed the various aspects of funding for these projects. He stated the town's financial advisors studied the projects and the current stormwater fee and developed a new fee schedule that would be manageable for all. He stated the current rate is \$7.00 the increase would be an additional \$8.00 for a total of \$15.00 per ERU (equivalent residential unit). This would generate around \$5,500,000 million in bonding funds or \$600,000 in cash annually or a mixture of the two. The biggest project is the stormwater EQ basin which is \$4,500,000 million. He discussed some of the other projects.

Mr. Hendrix discussed the analysis from financial advisors Krohn and Associates. He discussed the allocations of the current fee of \$7.00 dollars which would continue to be used for daily maintenance on stormwater infrastructure. The additional \$8.00 would be given by the council to the stormwater board in the form of a budget. The financial consultants reviewed the projects needed and their estimated cost to determine the fee that would be needed to finish these jobs. He discussed a time frame.

Attorney Bennett stated within the proposed ordinance section 53.106 pages six and seven are the suggested fees for stormwater usage calculated by the financial consultants using the tools that were on the complied list of projects from the Board. These pages were displayed on the large monitor for review. Mr. Hendrix discussed the chart. He stated the user fees are based on property class and ERU. Discussion.

Discussion on how the fees are collected by the county on the tax bills except for exempt properties.  
Discussion on when the monies are disbursed.

Vice Chairman Anderson opened up the public hearing. No one was heard or seen in person or online.  
public hearing was closed.

Mr. Oman made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the town council for this ordinance,  
seconded by Ms. Anderson and carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Mr. Hendrix stated for the record the public hearing notice was properly published as per legal  
requirements.

He stated the ordinance will be forwarded to the town council for their March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting.  
Attorney Bennett stated the ordinance requires final action by the council.

**Discussion:**

Discussion on next steps, bond council and Exempt properties billing schedule and fees. Discussion  
regarding the next meeting date.

**Announcements:** The next meeting was scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 4pm.

**Public Comment:** None was heard online or in person.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Oman, made a motion to adjourn at 5:30pm, seconded by Ms. Anderson and carried  
with voice vote of all ayes.

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Chairman, Phillip Kuiper

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Secretary, Rich Oman