

MINUTES
Stormwater Board Meeting
Thursday, July 10, 2014
7:00 PM

- **Call to order: Matt Lake called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.**

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Roll Call**
 - Roll Call was taken: Edward Corns present, Matt Lake present, Tom Cartwright Present

- **Approval of Minutes**
 - Ed Corns made a motion to approve minutes from January 2, 2014. Motion was seconded by Matt Lake, Carried 2-0

- **Old Business**
 - **Powell Ditch Report**

MS4 Coordinator Greg White a brief status report on the Powell Ditch Project:
Bidding was set to begin of the project concerning the west end of the east-west leg of the Powell ditch project. This initial project was to include infrastructure work to preplace the culvert to cedar creek as well as placing a duck-bill valve at the outlet of the drain

- **New Business**
 - **Minimum Control Measure Report – MS4 Coordinator**

Greg White, Stormwater Coordinator presented a report of the work that The Town of Lowell Stormwater Department is tasked with. The report was organized by the 6 Minimum Control Measures required to organize reporting and filing information to IDEM.

 - **Lake County Soil and Water Conservation**

Julie Duttlinger from the Lake county Soil and Water Conservation District presented the Board with a report from activities from 2013 for its partnership with the town for work contracted to cover the requirements of MCM 1&2 for the Towns MS4 program. She also presented a new agreement for \$3000 for a renewed contact for 2014. During the discussion Ed Corns and Matt Lake cited that the program was a success for the town and should be continued. A motion was made by Ed Corns to accept the 2014 agreement. Matt Lake seconded the motion and the motion was carried 3-0.

 - **SWQMP – Part C**

A discussion was held concerning the material in the Towns SWQMP Part C. Matt Lake highlighted that the document should be updated to be used as a “living” document



that can be updated internally as time goes on and the program grows. The discussion included ideas to pass along to SHE as it works on the upgrades to this document.

- **Detention Ponds**

A discussion was held concerning the ongoing maintenance of ponds in the Town. The MS4 Coordinator asked to look into an ordinance to require ponds to be put in working order and to be inspected before the Town would then take on the mowing and minor maintenance of the Ponds. Tom Cartwright stated that it is not fair that residents of one subdivision should have to privately fund the maintenance of their pond while others should have theirs publicly maintained. Matt Lake requested that a status of ponds in Lowell be reported, and that public maintenance of pond was a very high liability for the Town. A letter from John Black concerning the Pond in Indiana Meadows was discussed. Greg White committed to having a report on ponds across town for the next meeting.

- **Sump Pump Ordinance**

A letter to the Town council was proposed concerning the creation of an ordinance to better regulate the discharge of stormwater through sump pump and downspout discharges. The board requested that Greg White update the letter to include verbiage that makes enforcement of the ordinance at the discretion of Public Works, Planning Director, Building Official and Town Engineer. Letter is to be updated and presented at the next meeting.

- **NISWAG – Key Meeting Topics**

Matt Lake updated the board on Key NISWAG topics including the upcoming IDEM Good Housekeeping Audit.

- **Public Comment**

None

- **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Edward Corns at 7:59 P.M. Seconded by Matt Lake. Carried 2-0

Matt Lake, President

Tom Cartwright, Secretary

Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2014