

**MINUTES**  
**Stormwater Board Meeting**  
**Monday, January 25, 2015**  
**5:30 PM**

- **Call to Order**
  - Matt Lake called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Introduction of New Board Members**
  - David Shilling was introduced to the Board as a new member, preplacing Edgar Corns.
- **Election of Officers**
  - Tom Cartwright nominated Matt Lake as President – Seconded by David Shilling – Passed 3-0
  - Matt Lake Nominated Tom Cartwright as Vice President – Seconded by David Shilling – Passed 3-0
  - Mat Lake Nominated David Schilling as Secretary – Seconded by Tom Cartwright – Passed 3-0
- **2016 Meeting Schedule**
  - Draft was presented. Discussion followed and Board members presented modifications to the schedule.
- **Approval of Minutes** (8:00)
  - Tom Cartwright made a motion to accept the January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Matt Lake. Passed 3-0
- **Old Business**
  - **2015 Budget**

Greg White presented the January 2016 Stormwater Appropriation Fund Report and the 2016 Storm Sewer Improvement Fund Report. Discussion followed concerning collection rates, totals and rollover amounts into the improvement fund.
  - **McConnell Ditch at 171<sup>st</sup> Ave**

Greg White started by describing the project for new board members. He stated that the Town is going to get no help from the County on this project. He stated that the County Highway Department has no budget for it. He stated that SEH was asked to provide a preliminary cost estimate to engineer the culvert and that SHE came back with a plan to raise 171<sup>st</sup> avenue by up to 3 feet for 500 to 1000 feet from the ditch. Greg said that the town would refuse a proposal of that magnitude based on a cost-benefit ratio.



- **Spring Run Ditch Lateral 13**

Greg White described the project and boasted that the ditch has successfully be converted to a regulated drain and is waiting for further action from the Lake County Drainage Board. He stated that this is the first time that anyone can remember that a new regulated drain has been created. Greg Stated the Lake County Parks Department opposed the conversion to a regulated drain in order to preserve the natural surroundings of the drain, although they did not have an alternative solution to the drainage and flooding problems that it causes. Greg stated the Lake County Drainage board has not committed to a cleaning schedule for the ditch, but he assumed that it would be this summer. Greg boasted about the response that the Town has enjoyed an improved response time from the Surveyor's Office on all drainage issues. More discussion followed.

- **Underground Boring at 175<sup>th</sup> and Burr Street** (15:21)

Greg white gave an overview of the project for new board members. He stated that although there was funding available last year, the project was not completed due to scheduling conflicts between the water/sewer dept. and Ziesse. He stated that the project will be revisited and completed in the spring of 2016. Dave Schilling had questions about why the water sits there. More discussion about the area and the process followed.

- **Violation at Cedar Creek Health Campus Pond** (17:00)

Greg White described the project for the new board members. He described that the pond was recently created when the new health center was constructed. We said that the pond and its outlet has silted in and the pond was not working properly. He stated that there was open correspondence between the Town and the property owner and, although there was a letter of violation, the town did not have to move to any violation and the owner hired an excavator to re-grade and stabilize the pond and all of its inlets/outlets. He stated that there are signs of germination and that the pond is currently in compliance.

- **New Business**

- **IDEM MS4 Annual Report**

Greg White described the annual report process for new board members. He stated that this report cycle was for 2013-15. He stated that the report has been submitted and contains all of the information that was requested. Dave Schilling requested a copy of the MS4 Annual Report.

- **GIS Updates** (19:00)

Greg White stated that the Town received the new Contour Data was delivered from the county. The data was created in a cooperative effort between the Lake County Surveyor's Office and the University of Vermont and is to include data sets including Contours, Impervious surface modeling, DEMs, Rooflines and others. He stated that the balance of the data will be delivered in early February. He stated that the State of Indiana is planning a new fly-over for the west tier of Indiana in 2018. A conversation followed concerning the resolution of fly-over data.

- **New Town Building Standards** (23:00)

Greg White stated that there are new standards, new IDDE Plan and a new Town

Ordinance. Greg stated that the ordinance and standards refer to the Indiana Stormwater Management Plan. He stated that the new ordinance and standards would be updated on the Town website.

- **NISWAG – Key Meeting Topics** (24:00)

Matt Lake gave a brief overview of what NISWAG is for new board members. Followed by the advantages of co-permitting between municipalities and entities. He stated that IDEM is looking to change annual report submittal into some form of electronic form submittal and modify the frequency of reporting to be more practical. He stated that in his opinion it looked like more paperwork than on the ground work. He stated that he is anticipating more outfall testing parameters and regulations. He stated that he is hoping for and has been asking for a standardized testing protocol for all MS4s, which does not exist at this time. Matt talked about in-house training for public outreach and education and other ways the group aides the local MS4s. Matt stated that if we could get all of the municipalities involved in NISWAG to Co-Permit that it would be the largest co-permit in the United States.

- **Public Comment**

None

- **Adjournment** (32:08)

Motion to adjourn made by Tom Cartwright at 6:05 P.M. Seconded by Dave Shilling. Carried 3-0

Matt Lake, President

Davis Shilling, Secretary

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Date: Monday, January 25 2016

