

MINUTES
Stormwater Board Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2015
7:00 PM

- **Call to order: Edgar Corns called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.**

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

- **Suspension of rules – Modify Agenda**
 - Tom Cartwright made a motion to suspend the rules and move the discussion concerning the Lowell Town Website to the beginning of the meeting. Motion was seconded by Edgar Corns and carried 2-0

- **Approval of Minutes**
 - Tom Cartwright made a motion to approve minutes from September 30, 2014. Motion was seconded by Ed Corns, Carried 2-0

- **Lowell Town Website concerning the Stormwater Dept.**
 - Greg White introduced Andrew H. to the stormwater Board as the Towns IT intern and asked to have him present the stormwater section of the new website to the board. Greg White described the process that we had been following to create a new look for the web page and that priority had been given to the stormwater section in order to be presentable to IDEM at the MCM6 Housekeeping audit. Andrew presented the homepage and stormwater section of the website to the board. Andrew described the page layout and how it will be more accessible and easier to access and find the information. Andrew presented the stormwater section and showed how Stormwater information will be more accessible the public and how it will be easily updatable by town and stormwater staff.

- **Old Business**
 - **2015 Budget**

The 2015 Budget was reviewed. Greg explained that the current funds were reported in a different line on the report than usual due to a printing issue.

 - **Powell ditch Status Report**

Greg White reported that the Powell Ditch project is complete and that we would have pictures of the final project at the next meeting. Greg reported that the only part of the project left undone is permanent vegetation which will be completed in the spring. Edgar Corns noted that we should add stone to the entrance of the field to make easier and cleaner access to the area. Greg White committed to investigating the stone, and finding



out whether it is required in the contract or if it should be handled by the street department.

- **Sump Pump Ordinance**

Greg reported that we have gotten no response back from the Town Attorney on the letter/emails concerning this issue. Greg reported that the Public Works Director sent correspondence to Attorney Weslan and that we are waiting to hear back. Greg stated that he wanted to get this in place in order to get this guidance out to the public through the new website because they generally don't know how to handle sump pump issues.

- **New Business**

- **Project – Culvert replacement at McConnell Ditch and 171st**

Greg White described the scope of the project including details about how the road is sinking and that when the first culvert failed in the past it was not replaced but a second smaller culvert was added next to the original culvert and the area has been cold patched over several times since. Edgar Corns asked if the culvert was Town or County owned. Greg stated that the culvert belongs to the Town, but the ditch is a County regulated drain. Greg stated that he had reached out to the County Highway and County Drainage Department to do a cooperative project or to provide assistance on the project. Edgar Corns stated that the culvert was raises several years back in order to drain the marsh land. He also stated that the McConnell Ditch needs to be cleaned downstream. Greg stated given the increase in traffic, a bridge may be warranted. Greg recommended to Councilman Corns that, as a councilman, he should communicate with the Township Trustees on matters that concern Regulated Drains as the Trustees are the Drainage Advisory Committee.

- **Project – Spring Run Lateral 13**

Greg White described the scope of the project and highlighted the fact that SR Lat 13 drains the entire east side of Lowell, however, since it resides outside of the Town boundary, the Town does not have jurisdiction to clean the ditch. Greg mentioned that several attempts have been made to work with the Lake County Drainage Board to get the ditch cleaned; however, since there are no easements on the ditch, and it is not a County Regulated Drain, it is not technically their responsibility either. Greg said that communications are ongoing and that he had gotten some response from the board. He noted that Tom Trulley had secured easement agreements with the property owners in 2012, and those were turned over to the county. Greg mentioned to Edgar Corns that this is another project that needs to be explained to the Trustees.

- **Project – Underground Boring at 175th and Malibu Woods Subdivision**

Greg White stated that the Town has asked for bids from Borit and Zies to bore a drain under the road at 175th and connect to the storm sewer on the north end of Malibu Woods Subdivision to effectively drain the road and culvert on 175th. He mentioned that this project will be funded through he stormwater fee.

- **LCSWCD – Lowell MCM 1&2 Agreement**

Greg White stated that we have the agreement from the District and that all of the details between the two entities remain the same as the 2014 agreement. Greg committed to have it at the next meeting to have a review and signatures.

- **Good Houskeeping Audit Update**

Greg White reported that our facilities have been inspected and all necessary BMPs have been put in place in order to comply with rule 13 requirements and that the Town is ready for our audit. He stated the the scheduled date for the audit is March 30th, and that the department was on pace to be ready for the audit.

- **NISWAG – Key Meeting Topics**

There was no conversation or comment concerning NISWAG this month

- **Public Comment**

None

- **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Edward Corns at 7:49 P.M. Seconded by Matt Lake. Carried 2-0

Matt Lake, President

Tom Cartwright, Secretary

Date: Thursday, May 7, 2015

