

**Storm Water Board
Public Meeting
September 25, 2012**

The Storm Water Board for the Town of Cedar Lake held its regular public meeting on September 25, 2012. The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:57 p.m. Members present were: Glenn Sechen, Mike DeFrancesco, Vice Chairman, and Norm Stick, Chairman. James Cornett of Public Works, and Jenn Montgomery, Recording Secretary, were also present. Town Council President Randell Niemeyer was also in attendance this evening.

- I. **Minutes:** Minutes will be voted on at the next public meeting.
- II. **Public Comment:** None.
- III. **Written Communication:** None.
- IV. **New Business:**
 - A. 7000 Block of W 138th Avenue; drainage concerns. Jim Cornett stated that Public Works has cleaned out the area by the substation. Some more brushing will need to be done and the grate needs to be repaired.
 - B. 129th Avenue, west of Fairbanks, drainage concerns. Discussion occurred regarding flooding in the road near MacArthur School. After investigation, a catch basin was put in by the school, which drains onto the property. If the catch basin is lowered about four (4) inches and regarded, it should alleviate the flooding issues. Bob Carnahan had previously given the Board a contact from Crown Point schools to get a hold of in order to do the work. Discussion also occurred regarding increasing the line size from four (4) inches to six (6) inches for a distance of approximately twenty (20) feet. Once the concrete is removed, an inverted lid would be installed. Motion by Glenn Sechen and seconded by Mike DeFrancesco to contact Crown Point Community Schools to get approval to move forward with this project. After a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Other Business:**
 - A. Sleepy Hollow Ditch; drainage concerns. Jim Cornett stated he hasn't had a chance to obtain any addresses to try to get easements. Jim also stated that he will be meeting with Bob Gross of CLEA, so he will try to get some information from him regarding cleaning out the ditch.
 - B. 7000 Block of W 138th Avenue; drainage concerns. Discussion occurred regarding the new home that was built. After the home was built, it was discovered that the swale on the property was filled in. No fill permit was ever issued to allow this to be done. The issue is that the Board does not know if the same owners who did this work still live at the residence or if there are new owners. It is also not know who actually filled in the property, whether it was the homeowner or the builder. Randy Niemeyer asked if this is a private property issue or a public issue. The Board explained that the issue came to the Board as a private property issue, but that this could have something to do with the flooding problems in the road. Motion by Glenn Sechen and seconded by Mike DeFrancesco to run this issue by Town Manager Ian Nicolini and then send a letter to the property owner regarding the Board's concerns. After a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.
 - C. Wicker Meadows Subdivision; drainage concerns. Norm Stick reviewed the proposal submitted by Christopher B Burke Engineering, which included a Scope of Services as follows: a topographic survey and easement preparation, hydrologic/hydraulic analysis and technical memorandum, plan preparation and cost estimate, and construction observation. The total not-to-exceed fee was \$16,000.00. Norm Stick stated that the Board needs to think about the ability to getting homeowners to actually agreeing to granting easements and work to be done in the area. Randy Niemeyer stated that this area has been evaluated multiple times. Mr. Niemeyer stated that Wicker Meadows has had issues since it was constructed. Recommendations were made and never taken by the Plan Commission and Town Council when these issues first arose. Randy Niemeyer stated that a common sense solution seems pertinent. Norm Stick stated that the area south of 129th Avenue drains in the area, but there are no drains or swales on either side of the road. Norm Stick stated he doesn't see any reason why the Town cannot work with County to achieve putting in drains and/or swales to alleviate some of the drainage issues in the area. Randy Niemeyer told the Board that they should contact someone on the Lake County Drainage Board and discuss these issues and possible solutions with them. Discussion occurred regarding some of the charges on the proposal and that most of this work could be done by Public Works. Discussion occurred regarding current Town Ordinance and the requirement of certain types of pipe. If a recommendation comes from the engineers, then using a different pipe becomes easier. The way the ordinance states now, less expensive pipe is not allowed to be used. Mike DeFrancesco stated that he was under the impression that the

proposal from CBBEL was to be a recommendation of what size pipe was to be installed and the location of same, rather than a proposal of investigating the area again. Discussion occurred regarding whether or not swales or some kind of drainage existed in the past, or whether or not existing drainage was blocked off at some point. Discussion occurred regarding doing an informal study to gather information, including historical data.

Motion by Mike DeFrancesco and seconded by Glenn Sechen to make a recommendation for an ordinance amendment in relation to materials used in drainage related matters. After a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Motion by Glenn Sechen and seconded by Mike DeFrancesco to examine the drainage and possible solutions for the area south of 129th Avenue and to get a recommendation for what type of pipe needs to be used in Wicker Meadows to alleviate drainage issues. After a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Motion by Glenn Sechen and seconded by Mike DeFrancesco to formally reject the proposal submitted by Christopher B Burke Engineering. After a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

D. Public Works Projects.

1. Jim Cornett stated Public Works is working on chip-sealing before the weather changes. Norm Stick asked if they have had a chance to open up the pipe on 129th. The pipe located at 129th and Morse was opened up and some sort of grate was found.

VI. Final Public Comment: None.

VII. Board Comment: Bob Carnahan asked that the Stormwater Board add the area of 129th Avenue, west of Fairbanks to the agenda regarding drainage issues in the area.

VIII. Adjournment: The Public Meeting ended at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Norman Stick, Chairman

Mike DeFrancesco, Vice-Chairman

Glenn Sechen

Attest: Jenn Montgomery, Recording Secretary