

**Storm Water Board
Public Meeting
August 27, 2013**

The Storm Water Board for the Town of Cedar Lake held its regular Public session on August 27, 2013. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Glenn Sechen, Joe Trtan, and Norman Stick. Staff members present were: Jim Cornett of Public Works, Robert Carnahan; Town Council member, and Jessica Chick; Recording Secretary.

- I. Public Comment:** Helen Lund, 7112 W. 138th Ave. Cedar Lake IN, 46303. Appreciative of the Town having Christopher Burke Engineering conducting an evaluation of her property. The letter sent was incorrect regarding the address; it stated Lane and was supposed to read Avenue. The letter had stated that the backup is attributed to a footing drain that outlets into a water way east of the house and not attributed to overbank flooding. There is however a lot of overbank flooding that occurs when there is a lot of rain. There is supposedly supposed to be a lot of rain this September and if this is the case I will have a lot of flooding. The water comes over the back of the bank to the north of her residence; there is a culvert that runs underneath my property. There was a substantial amount of water over the bank located by my house. There is no open ditch for the water to flow into; therefore, there is overbank flooding. Public Works was out at her property a couple of weeks ago and sent the camera into the culverts as well as a pumping truck. She is requesting the data received from the investigation. Jim Cornet from Public Works has offered for her to come to his office to obtain the wanted information. The findings were that there was no obstruction and the truck was brought out just to clean the pipes for normal maintenance. Both pipes that are going across the road are open and flowing well. A grate has been placed by me (Mrs. Lund) on both ends of the culvert from the property to block the big items from entering my property. It has come to my attention that one of the grates has been taken off, and I am curious if that was done by Public Works crew. The Public Works crew did not go in through Mrs. Lund's culvert according to Public Works Superintendent Jim Cornett; they had gone through the culvert across the road. There is a current ditch close to my (Mrs. Lund) culvert, but the neighbors do not maintain the weeds there. I am concerned with what will happen if we get a lot of rain, I am sure it will cause that area to be flooded and come over the bank. The engineering company had recommended to me (Mrs. Lund) that I buy a sump pump. I had already told the Town Council I didn't create the problem, the town did. In the twenty-five (25) years living here I hadn't had any problems until the ditch was closed. I live on a tight budget and I do not have the money to buy a sump pump. Public works will check to see if the grate has been removed and move it back if so.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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Approval made by Glenn Sechen and seconded by Joe Trtan. Vote 3-0

III. Written Communication: none

IV. Work Session Items:

- A. Parrish Fields, drainage project; piping requirements; cost and project update. Project is currently on hold till the fall.
- B. County Bridge at 144th; debris removal; update. Project completed.
- C. 127th Place and Bell, water not reaching culvert. No current update.
- D. 129th Avenue- Paving and asphalt. Paving has been completed. There is currently one pocket that is holding water, the plan is to go off of the road and cut a small soil into the grass to help the water to backflow into the basin.
- E. Public Works Projects. Brush is starting again once a month. School zones are getting marked out while the weather is dry. There are a couple of paving jobs followed by drainage work that will be completed shortly. The next paving job will be Colfax and 133rd Avenue as well as a replacement for a culvert and catch basin. The entranceway into the boat launch had recently been paved. Signs had been requested by Robert Carnahan, Town Council member, for Do Not Enter signs by the boat launch. The only small issue with that is that that area is divided up between County, homeowners, and the Town of Cedar Lake.

- V. Final Public Comment:** Helen Lund, 7112 W. 138th Avenue Cedar Lake, IN 46303. I would like to know if I could have Norman's phone number in case I was to have any

problems. This way I could call you directly. Norman Stick: Our decision is still standing regarding there is not much more that the Storm Water Board can do regarding this situation. The prior property owner had most likely filled in that ditch and put in the culvert. The ditch across from your street was approved by the town. Do you know for a fact that your tile coming out of your basement is clear and open? Helen Lund: Yes, it was checked when we had hired a camera before that was also checked. Norman Stick: A ruling had been made regarding this case before; therefore, there is not much that can be done with this matter. Helen Lund: I would like to see the ditch opened back up. I would also like to be able to contact someone if and/or when I have a problem. Robert Carnahan: If you were to contact the police department they will immediately contact Public Works who will help with the problems.

- VI. Board Comment:** A round about at Cline and Lake Shore Drive is to be placed through a grant for one point six million dollars (\$1.6 million). American Structure Point is currently working on the design.

Motion to adjourn made by Glenn Sechen and seconded by Joe Trtan.

Glenn Sechen	Joe Trtan	Norman Stick	Jim Cornett
YES	YES	YES	YES

Vote: 4-0

Adjournment: Time: 7:20 p.m.

Glenn Sechen, Vice Chairman

Joe Trtan

Norman Stick, Chairman

Jessica Chick– Recording Secretary