



Storm Water Board
Public Meeting and Work Session Minutes
July 28, 2015 at 7:00 pm

The Storm Water Board for the Town of Cedar Lake held a Public Meeting on July 28, 2015. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:01 p.m. Members present were: Paul Steininger, William Thompson, and Daniel Enright. Staff that was present were: Jim Cornett of Public Works, Tim Kubiak, Building Commissioner, and Brooke Faber, Recording Secretary. Pledge of Allegiance started the meeting.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Daniel Enright and seconded by William Thompson to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2015.

Paul Steininger	William Thompson	Daniel Enright	Vote
Yes	Yes	Yes	3-0

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:

- A. Mr. Harris, 14745 Lee St – Paul Steininger briefly stated that the letter was an ongoing issue with a drainage culvert on the south end of the lake located by Pine Crest Marina. Jim Cornett was out there earlier this week and the front is clear. The issue could be due to 100-year-old pipes. Jim Cornett has no way to get into that pipe to clean it and when wanting to take the backhoe out to clean, Public Works was denied. Tim Kubiak commented that only permission was to go in by hand with no machine.
- B. Ms. Dickson, 8711 W. 132nd Place – Paul Steininger briefly read the July 17, 2015 e-mail from IDEM. Tim Kubiak went out to the property. It was located at the bottom of the hill. In the e-mail, there was a comment about gravel washing into the yard. While Tim Kubiak was there, he commented there was no gravel in the yard. Tim Kubiak is going to write a report back to IDEM.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Mr. Brown, 8142 W. 127th Avenue- Paul Steininger, Daniel Enright, and Jim Cornett investigated the issue. Paul Steininger asked if Mr. Brown was present. Petitioner was not present. During the investigation, they saw the gutters that were contracted out to be put in. The gutter did not go far enough. Daniel Enright suggested to Jim Cornett that we place sand bags for a temporarily fix. Paul Steininger said that if the gutter were longer, it would help with the flooding. Tim Kubiak suggested we start priorities the drainage issues. Paul Steininger asked if the Town plans to continue curbs in that area. Tim Kubiak responded with not any time in the future for right now.
- B. Ms. Burandt, 12714 Maple Street- Tim Kubiak talked about fixing the drainage surrounding the property and thinks it will solve the drainage issue on this property.
- C. Ms. Greene, 7109 W. 140th Avenue- Paul Steininger address the comment about the culvert having asphalt covering it, that was incorrect the culvert is not covered by asphalt. Trenching along Morse Street would help the water from collecting. Tim Kubiak discussed getting the ditches around Town reestablished.
- D. Mr. Bailey, 14001 Fairbanks, drainage issues, update- The board went out to look at the issues. Paul Steininger commented that Jim Cornett had ideas. Mr. Bailey, 14001 Fairbanks, stated that his house looks like an island with all the flooding. Tim Kubiak mentioned that the Town is trying to get the property across the street. Tim Kubiak wants to get Don Oliphant, Town Engineer to help with the drainage issue. Mr. Bailey cannot handle the flooding anymore and is willing to walk away from his home.

- E. Mr. Putzbach, 7316 W. 142nd Avenue- The board went out to check the issue for this property and 7416 W. 142nd Ave. They decided that replacing one of the culverts, reestablish the ditch from the S Curve, and new culvert running north, and take it along the road to the ditch. Paul Steininger said that this is what they thought would be a good solution. Tim Kubiak agreed.
- F. Ms. Chalmers, 7416 W. 142nd Avenue- Addressed in E.
- G. Mr. Cochran, 13131 Parrish Avenue- The board went out to the property, they thought it was the wrong address. Tim Kubiak said that was their address. Daniel Enright showed where the issue was. The property owner and renter of two houses are willing to give a drainage easement. Paul Steininger said that the Town would need 20ft to be able to get machine in there. Daniel Enright stated that Jim Cornett had a great idea of getting 10ft of easement from each owner to be able to solve the problem. Paul Steininger said that the issue is washout. Tim Kubiak mentioned if the property owners are willing to give a 10ft easement, it will not be difficult just a lot of paperwork. Tim Kubiak read a note from Jill Murr, Town Administrator that the renter called in July 28, 2015. The board is going back out to look at the properties.
- H. Mr. Krizmanic, 7314 W. 131st Avenue- Paul Steininger commented that this property needs to be looked at more. Jim Cornett took the board up the hill; the board was able to see the road and the ravine. The board agreed that a design needs to happen to help with water that comes down from the hill. Jim Cornett showed the board the previous work that was done to slow down the water. Paul Steininger asked if Don Oliphant, Town Engineer, has seen this issue. Tim Kubiak replied that he has not. The board discussed ways to slow down the water. They decided to start from the top and see what works.
- I. Ms. Griffin, 13704 Birch- This issue should be fine after the new construction home grades the property the issue will be eliminated. Tim Kubiak thinks the drainage for that property is good.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Meyer Manor – Truman Circle, drainage issues and concerns, update.- Tim Kubiak stated that they have not got that far with this project. The property is slowly drying up. Tim Kubiak stated that La Tulip blocked another waterway off Grimm St. Daniel Enright wants something to happen. DNR have not contacted the Town back.
- B. 7117 W. 127th Place, drainage issues, update.- Paul Steininger said that Bob Carnahan contacted the residents on the north side of the road. Bob Carnahan said that we are waiting for Lake County to get official document stating that we can use the money to buy pipe.
- C. Wicker Meadows, drainage issues, update.- Tim Kubiak updated the board. The meet with the Lake County Surveyor, Bill Emerson, it is out of his reach but he will get the highway to help. The spillway really helped with the flooding issue.
- D. Mr. & Mrs. Edwards, 10535 W. 129th Avenue, drainage issues, update. - Property that has the culvert was block in a driveway. That would create a pond that disturbed the waterway. Tim Kubiak went to talk to the neighbor to lower the device that is blocking the water. Daniel Enright stated that it is against our ordinance to block any natural waterway. Discussed at the last meeting was a certified letter should have been issued and taken down. The board wants the blockage to be removed. Tim Kubiak will go back out to inform they need to remove the block of natural waterway.
- E. Mr. Brownd, 13031 N. Lakeshore Drive, update – Should not be on the agenda, will look into this item.
- F. Public Works Projects.- Havenwood Subdivision is have 460ft of 12inch pipe installed behind four houses, which will help the drainage of eight homes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Judy Hoffer & Debi Grubtt , 7512 W 136th PL., Cedar Lake, IN 46303, sent in a letter about an issue with a culvert apparently clogged.

Ralph Ells, 11300 W 131st Place, Cedar Lake, IN 46303, their home kept flooding. The sump pump cannot handle all the water.

Josh Strominski, 13700 Lauerman St., Cedar Lake, IN 46303 cannot handle the flooding anymore. The water cannot go anywhere. The water keeps sitting there. The culvert has dirt covering it under their driveway. The board knows exactly how bad the issue is.

BOARD COMMENT: The board discussed about priorities the drainage issues around the Town.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:20 P.M.

PRESS SESSION: No press session

Storm Water Board Public Meeting- August 25, 2015 at 7:00pm

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Paul Steininger- Chairman

William Thompson- Vice-Chairman

Daniel Enright- Member

Brooke Faber, Recording Secretary