



**Storm Water Board**  
**Public Meeting and Work Session Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**April 26, 2016 at 7:00 pm**

The Storm Water Board for the Town of Cedar Lake held a Public Meeting and Work Session on April 26, 2016. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:01 p.m. Members present were: Daniel Enright, Thomas Frick and Paul Steininger. Staff that was present: Don Oliphant, Engineer, Scott Hutchinson, Foreman, Public Works, and Tammy Bilgri, Recording Secretary. The Pledge of Allegiance started the meeting.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Daniel Enright and seconded by Thomas Frick to approve the March 22, 2016 Public Meeting and Work Session Minutes as presented.

Daniel Enright	Thomas Frick	Paul Steininger	Vote
Yes	Yes	Yes	3-0

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. 9402 W. 125<sup>th</sup> Court, clogged ditch-Scott Hutchinson went out to look into this. The issued is on the railroad property. He is currently trying to get a hold of them to see if they will work on cleaning it up.
- B. Brad Martin, 14137 Butternut St., drainage issues-Don Oliphant stated he went out to look at it and to see how much room they have to work with potentially putting some on the north side of 141<sup>st</sup> Court. It would be tight, have to deal with fences, water feeds, sidewalks and driveways. They are putting together a preliminary design memo to give a recommendation. The issue they are running into is they can pick up the water from the north, it is the other water that runs behind the house. Because there no outfall and the small drain tile, the models are showing they can knock off about six (6) inches but does not really help. Still working on an alternate plan. This is a complicated situation.
- C. Brian Hughes, 9755 W. 135<sup>th</sup> Place (Utopia Subdivision), drainage issues with detention pond.-Scott Hutchinson stated they are waiting for it to dry out and get the proper equipment, it is in the works to be done this season. Brian Hughes stated that it only takes a half inch of rain fills up the detention pond. Don Oliphant stated that if there is no outlet to that system, it would just sit there. A possible solution is put in a twelve (12) inch pipe. Don Oliphant and Scott Hutchinson will investigate a pipe on the south end of the detention pond and see if it is clogged with debris.
- D. Josh Strominski, 13700 Lauerman St.-Don Oliphant stated him and Tim Kubiak met with the conference grounds to discuss the issues. Possibility of going through their property. Looking into going straight down 7<sup>th</sup> Street and going northwest, a small outlet in between some of their lease lots that goes to the lake. Will save five hundred (500) feet of pipe, but will require a bigger system if we add more drainage into it from the conference grounds. We are looking into different options to find the most cost effective and productive. Not sure what kind of funds the conference grounds would have to contribute to this project. There is a sixty (60) foot right of way along Lauerman, so there is enough room to install an enclosed system from that corner, south. Daniel Enright made a recommendation that we concentrate on this area before this construction gets started. Don Oliphant stated he will get all of the costs and estimates together for the next meeting, so we can make a clear decision.
- E. Highgrove Drainage-Scott Hutchinson stated quotes are still coming in for this project. We have the grant and money for this. The pipe is coming through the federal government's funds and the street department will install it.
- F. Mr. Krizmanic, 7314 W. 131<sup>st</sup> Avenue-Don Oliphant stated we are still waiting to hear from the state for the LARE Grant. Have a design proposal into the town, waiting on funding.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Kevin Letta, 7100 W. 135<sup>th</sup> Ave., flooded road and lack of drainage-Don Oliphant the issue is a bunch of water coming from the north and wants to cross 135<sup>th</sup> Avenue and there is no conveyance system to get it under the road and out. So water is draining from 134<sup>th</sup> Avenue all the way down, it wants to get to the lake, but there are two (2) houses in the way. It is similar to other situations in town, old road, no storm sewer infrastructure allowing the water to pass under the road, so it goes over the road. There are two structures there with approximately fifteen (15) feet between them. The ideal thing is to raise the road, but would need to run a culvert underneath it and extend it all the way through the lots to the lake. Would need to speak to property owners to obtain easements. 7105 & 7029 W. 135<sup>th</sup> Avenue are the addresses of the property. Charles Johnson is at 7105 and Donnie Ward at 7029.

A motion was made by Daniel Enright and seconded by Thomas Frick to send a favorable recommendation to the Town Council to investigate obtaining drainage easements from properties at

7105 W. 135<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7029 W. 135<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Daniel Enright	Thomas Frick	Paul Steininger	Vote
Yes	Yes	Yes	3-0

- B. Jon Cooke, 14510 Blaine St, proposed underground culvert-Scott Hutchinson stated Mr. Cooke wants to put a culvert in his driveway, it looks like he has two access points. Mr. Cooke explained he would like to go all the way from Blaine to Bryan Street, two hundred fifty (250) feet. Scott Hutchinson stated they did jet out those culverts a month ago. Bob Carnahan stated they have two capital projects for storm drainage they are working on getting financing for and that area is one (1). Mr. Cooke was planning to pay for this himself, wanted to know how big of pipe to put in. Don Oliphant stated this would be up to the town, his only concern is if it is enclosed, would have run off from the road. Would need an inlet. Mr. Cooke does own all the frontage parcels. Don Oliphant stated he would want to see a survey and have public works look at it and determine from there.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- A. Richard Cribari, 13940 Hobart St.,-Scott was out last Friday to look at the property. Have been getting a lot of water for a while. The lots behind him are not maintained and water is draining onto his property, keeps ruining his landscaping. Is there any code enforcement, that would make them take care of the property. Scott Hutchinson stated he went out and walked the area and what is happening is the private property is holding a lot of water and when it rains, it floods the right of way area and over the course of five (5) years is has been getting worse. Don Oliphant stated it is hard for this board to regulate private property, it is hard to dictate natural occurrences. Paul Steininger stated if this is an unsafe property, it is recommended to contact the Unsafe Building Department.
- B. Richard Zarr, 10905 W. 129<sup>th</sup> Ave.-He stated Scott Hutchinson has been out to look at the property. Trouble with flooding and sump pump running. Everytime it rains he gets water in the basement. Concern with over time things have filled in. Water sitting in the wetlands next to his property. Don Oliphant stated they will check condition of pipe and culverts to see if clogged. Will investigate further.
- C. Shelia Davis, 14329 Risken Rd.,-Scott Hutchinson did go out to look at the property. Been there twenty-seven years and never had water trouble until recently. Three quarters of the yard floods, only one corner stays dry. Built homes behind them, not sure if that made it worse. Scott stated he talked to 14311 and there is a storm basin in the back of her yard. He thinks it is just a yard drain. He will look into where the outlet goes. Water still being held there a week after the rain. Don Oliphant stated he will look at this with the Building Department.

**PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS:** Drainage in Winding Creek should be done before next meeting. Project on Dragus should be complete in the next month.

**BOARD COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:56 PM

**PRESS SESSION:** None

Storm Water Board Public Meeting –May 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

*The Town of Cedar Lake is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding accessibility of the meeting or the facilities, please contact the Town Hall at (219) 374-7400.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Steininger- Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel Enright - Vice-Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas Frick - Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy Bilgri, Recording Secretary