



**Storm Water Board  
Public Meeting and Work Session Meeting  
Minutes  
October 22, 2019 at 6:30 pm**

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Absent Thomas Frick

Present Ryan Lisek

Present Daniel Enright

Present Donald Oliphant, Town Engineer – CBBEL

Absent Tom Stevens, Public Works

Present Robert Carnahan, Town Council Liaison

Present Tammy Bilgri, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Ryan Lisek and seconded by Daniel Enright to approve the August 27, 2019 Public Meeting Minutes as presented.

Thomas Frick	Ryan Lisek	Daniel Enright	Vote
Absent	Yes	Yes	2-0

Daniel Enright stated one item that is not on the agenda, we had a rollover of officers at the beginning of the year and we never had a confirmation of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee. Just need a clarification of who is in place right now. Jill Murr stated reapplying the appointments that carried over from 2018 to 2019 and ratifying all of the votes that were made in 2019. Everyone from 2019 held the same positions as 2018

A motion was made by Ryan Lisek and seconded by Daniel Enright to approve this item.

Thomas Frick	Ryan Lisek	Daniel Enright	Vote
Absent	Yes	Yes	2-0

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Robin & Jesse Albano-12836 Hess St.-Don Oliphant stated still waiting a legal opinion. Working through a direction before we proceed.
- B. Dan Mihajilovic-7413 & 7419 W. 136<sup>th</sup> Ct.-Don Oliphant stated this came up through correspondence last month. After speaking with the Building Department this is more suited toward the Building Departments rule of when they come in with a site plan. Right now 136 Ct., has no storm sewer infrastructure. A lot of the water sheds from northeast to southwest, even putting in curb and gutter would not stop his eastern parcels from draining to it as well. **-REMOVE FROM THE AGENDA**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Gail Labella-14016 Sherman St.-Don Oliphant stated we can address A & B together. Have a plan together to put a catch basin between Mr. Boender's parcel and the Alltop's, route it down Sherman and then down 141<sup>st</sup>. Also looking into an alternative put a swale north. If can get grades to work, that would be a cheaper option. Still working on the options. A lot of

this area drains from east to west. May need some permanent easements. Don Oliphant stated Gail Labella is the property north, said she had issues. As far as I can tell nothing occurring on her property. Mr. Boender is meeting his proper setbacks and looking at old grades this property did drain to the north. Not doing anything wrong to her property.

- B. Pam & Mark Alltop-14022 Sherman St.-See above
- C. Robert Duddy-12721 Cline Avenue-See below
- D. Dana Wheeler-12805 Cline Avenue-Don Oliphant stated can do C & D together. No real update from the last meeting. We have turned over all easement documents to the Town attorney and waited for his review. It is a ten by ten (10x10) easement and will connect into an existing structure on the east side of Cline.

**UPDATE ITEMS:**

- A. Woods of Cedar Creek-Jill Murr stated after meeting with staff, will work on a timeline for that project, probably looking at spring. More cost effective to wait till spring or early summer. All easements are in place, a matter of scheduling at this point.
- B. 137th/Lauerman-Jill Murr stated Don Oliphant and Tim Kubiak are looking at a couple options there, cost effectiveness and which way to get the water to go, does it need to be tied into a major road project. No easy solution, gonna take a while to figure this out.
- C. 128<sup>th</sup> Pl./Wrightwood-Don Oliphant stated we got the go ahead from Town staff to put a contract out for it and it will be bid out to the Town's preapproved contractors. We do need a permanent easement on that. Currently putting those documents together. Jill Murr stated we were waiting on a NIPSCO gas line. Don Oliphant stated that has been completed.

**PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS:**

- A. Robins Nest-Don Oliphant stated he believes the Town staff is going to approach a homeowner about getting an easement to Bluebird Ln.

Jill Murr stated she has one new business item to add, just because we just received this yesterday and it did not make the agenda. One of the projects we did as a storm water project is the Town Club Ditch. The project is now complete and we have just gotten the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$16,139 for one year from the date of acceptance. It is our recommendation that you accept this. Don Oliphant stated had to submit a final report to the Department of Fish and Wildlife and that was submitted today.

A motion was made by Ryan Lisek and seconded by Daniel Enright to approve this item.

Thomas Frick	Ryan Lisek	Daniel Enright	Vote
Absent	Yes	Yes	2-0

We are also working with Public Works to identify storm water hot spots and putting a list together to identify the issues to dispatch to first in a heavy rain event.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Justin Lattz, 7320 W. 140<sup>th</sup> Pl., has a culvert running north and south through the property that brings a significant amount of drainage. Usually this isn't an issue unless we get two (2) or more inches of rain in a day. Have contacted Public Works to get someone to dredge it. This is becoming dangerous, the amount of water is eroding the creek. Already spent \$1,200 digging ditch deeper and wider. This is on private property, do not know how easements work. I was told to come here by Public Works. There is a

new house being built in the area, and they have raised the grade. Discussion ensued on if fill has been brought in and the issues in the area. Don Oliphant stated a lot of this is flood plain, he will take a look at the area to see if there is anything that can be done.

Debra Green, 7109 W. 140<sup>th</sup> Ave, has three (3) issues. The culvert on the Morse side from Dr. Misch's, could we get rock put in to help with erosion. Dan Enright stated the Town did work on that ditch a few years ago and we will take a look to see if something can be done. Also Ms. Green has concerns with her block being on a single phase pole, wonders if the Town can help get a three phase pole. Dan Enright stated this Board would have nothing to do with NIPSCO, please contact them. Ms. Green stated she has been calling the utility department to see if they can put up deer crossing signs on 141<sup>st</sup> Avenue where the bridge is and on Morse Street. Dan Enright stated possibly we could make a recommendation as a citizen that Public Works look into this.

Daryl Dust, 13225 Colfax St., has an issue with the road condition. Previously Public Works paved the road and did not cut down the old road, now basement floods. The water flows down driveway into basement, have put berms in front. Has been to this Board years ago with no help. Has a drain across the driveway. Dan Enright stated he will go out and take a look, not sure what help we can be on private property. Don Oliphant will also look at it.

Jeff Peterson, 13829 Huseman, came two (2) meetings ago, in a similar situation with a drive in garage. Thought someone was going to come out and look at it. Gets water from the Conference Ground and the neighborhood. There is a drain across the street, it is not working well. Don Oliphant stated this is a low spot, would need curbs. There are plans to do Noble Oaks, but this property is not in the initial phase. Discussion ensued on old clay tile lines. Will keep it on the docket for when improvements are made in that neighborhood.

Robert Carnahan stated that on September 28, when we had the six inches (6") of rain, drove all over Town and 141<sup>st</sup> was flooded, 144<sup>th</sup> was flooded, 145<sup>th</sup> was flooded. Went to 149<sup>th</sup> where the bridge was and there was plenty of capacity there, went back to 145<sup>th</sup> and those culverts were blocked. Talked to Bill Emerson, the Lake County Surveyor and told him those culverts were busted up. He said it was not Lake County's responsibility. Don Oliphant stated it is the Lake County Highway Departments, they have cleaned them out in the past. The reason they clog is they are very shallow openings. Not a lot you can do unless you raise the entire road. Dan Enright stated Cedar Creek which drains Cedar Lake into Lake Dale needs to be dredged or cleaned. My understanding is that every waterway where there is a bridge, the County or State is responsible. Don stated the Lake County Highway Department takes jurisdiction over bridges of a certain size. These likely fall in. They took out a lot of debris from 144<sup>th</sup> & 145<sup>th</sup> several years ago. Bob Carnahan stated the culverts are smashed on 145<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued on different culverts and bridges in that area and the debris. Dan Enright stated he will take a look at it and Don will talk to the County. This should probably be cleared out annually.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:30 p.m.

**PRESS SESSION:** Storm Water Board Public Meeting – November 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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Daniel Enright - Chairman

Thomas Frick - Vice-Chairman

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Ryan Lisek - Member

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Tammy Bilgri, Recording Secretary

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