



**Storm Water Board  
Public Meeting and Work Session Meeting  
April 12, 2022 at 6:30 pm**

Ryan Lisek, Chairman  
Patrick Conlon, Vice Chairman  
Benjie Kincheloe  
Donald Oliphant, Town Engineer- CBBEL

Robert Carnahan, Town Council Liaison  
Eric Bosma, Public Works  
Wendy Schmidtke, Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Ryan Lisek called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, with its members attending onsite and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Ryan Lisek, Patrick Conlon, Benjie Kincheloe, Don Oliphant, Eric Bosma and Wendy Schmidtke. Robert Carnahan and Town Manager Chris Salatas were also in attendance.

**MINUTES:**

Ryan Lisek motioned to approve the minutes of February 8, 2022 and Patrick Conlon seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call.

Ryan Lisek        Yes  
Pat Conlon        Yes  
Ben Kincheloe    Yes

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A.        Drainage issues at 9080 W 129<sup>th</sup> Pl:** Don informed the Board that there is no update on the status of the easements at this time due to staff changes. Easements have been drawn up but residents need to be contacted. Chris Salatas replied that he is currently communicating with the attorneys working on these easements and many others needed in the town.

**UPDATE ITEMS:**

**A.        Sherman Street:** Don Oliphant notified the board that there is nothing new to report.

**B.        Chuck Becker-7513 W 136<sup>th</sup> Ave:** Don stated he is waiting to finalize a stripped down alternative plan. Public Works would need to televise a manhole to get more information. The property issues and details were discussed.

**C. Lynnsway – Carey St:** Don and Eric state that this project should be starting as soon as the weather clears up.

**D. Schubert/Dodge Street:** No change in status, just waiting to televise the pipe to get more information. Potential solutions for the area were discussed.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS:**

**A. 137<sup>th</sup> & Lauerman:** Remove item from Public Works Projects – area just needs to be maintained.

**B. Jeff Bunge – 14619 Bell Place:** Don contacted NIPSCO about the locate and received contact information for Wendy to follow up on.

#### **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:**

Chris Salatas informed the Board that the major project for Storm in 2022 is funding the Stormwater improvements including culvert repair and paving in the area around Hilltop and 127th. The project and surrounding area projects were discussed by Don and Eric.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dean Groom, 6817 W 142<sup>nd</sup> Ln, Woods of Cedar Creek. Mr. Groom stated he has a wet backyard and says he was never contacted about the issue. He noticed work being done on Sherman Street and would like to know if the town can help him out. Ryan Lisek stated that this was a project the Storm Board tried to complete before but was unable to due to unavailable easements. In addition, the staff that was working on the easement issue has changed.

Chris Salatas stated that this project was scheduled from 2019 to 2020 and \$48,000.00 was budgeted. The project was not able to be completed due to the lack of access to yards so funding went somewhere else in 2021. The public in attendance argued that this is a different project. However, Chris said the Storm Water Board budget cannot currently do this project or another this year since there is not funding available. Mr. Groom asked that someone do an assessment of his property. Ryan Lisek agreed that the town can look at the issue. Don agreed to assess the property.

Brian Tiemens, 6814 W 142<sup>nd</sup> Pl, Woods of Cedar Creek. Mr. Tiemens referred to the July and August 2021 minutes to argue that residents were not contacted about having an interest in the project. Other residents argued that easements were signed and the project needs to be completed. Mr. Tiemens requested to be added to the next month's agenda.

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Glen Latham, 6822 W 141<sup>st</sup> Pl, Woods of Cedar Creek. Mr. Latham stated that all easements were signed. He has pictures showing the water on the properties. Don and Ryan agreed that the project needs to be completed but explained again that the reason it wasn't complete was due to a lack of easements signed. Don explained that the money that was allocated is gone and not only does it need to be budgeted for, but all easements need to be updated and signed. Mr. Latham demanded to know who would be the contact for easements. Chris Salatas stated that this is a lengthy process but he and his staff would be the contacts. This would be a project to look at in 2023 after looking at new

estimate. Chris suggested this be added as an update item and it will be looked at when budgets are updated.

Bonnie Summers, 10099 W134th Ave, Summer Winds. Ms. Summers moved into the house in 2019 and since then her yard has been re-graded. Her builder, Armani, told her the Town required it. She is now unhappy with the slope of her yard. She produced a site survey and was told someone would come out to look at it. Ryan suggested adding this to update items. Don agreed to look at her property but suggested this may be an issue for the Building Department.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:23 pm

**PRESS SESSION:** Storm Water Board Public Meeting – June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

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Ryan Lisek – Chairman

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Patrick Conlon – Vice Chairman

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Benjie Kincheloe

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Recording Secretary