

Town of Newburgh
Storm Water Management Meeting
Minutes July 18, 2016
6:00 PM

Members Present:

Greg Bailey, JT McCarty, Dana Grace, Dan Woolen

Administrative Present:

Chris Wischer, Town Attorney; Tavi Wydicks, Zoning Administrator; David Hynes, Town Engineer; William F. Kavanaugh, Council Liaison

Members Absent:

None

Citizens Present:

Bob Dale – 631 Forest Park Drive

Minutes:

JT McCarty made a motion to approve the minutes
Greg Bailey seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

REPORTS:

Town Council Liaison:

No Report

Town Engineer:

David Hynes stated that there is a new subdivision coming in, it is currently in the review process, and the subdivision name is Copper's Edge. It is located near the southwest corner of Copper Creek subdivision along Frame Road. The developers have recently submitted the drainage plans for review and Mr. Hines stated that the plans will most likely come up for approval at the August meeting. Chris Wischer stated that the subdivision is coming through as a Plan Unit Development (P.U.D.) so it is a combination of a zoning and a subdivision, so it still has to go through the zoning process.

Town Attorney:

No Report

Staff:

Tavi Wydicks stated that she has had a lot of storm water complaints, a few are not on the project list yet because they are still looking into them.

Ms. Wydicks stated at the last meeting "Third & Filmore drainage" was on the agenda and it is on the agenda again this meeting. The drain was jetted out, thinking that would fix the problem, but it did not. The Street Department believes they know how to fix the problem and will proceed in fixing the drainage at Third & Filmore.

Ms. Wydicks stated that a new Storm Water bulletin board was put out in the lobby to meet MS4 requirements.

Unfinished Business:

Jefferson Park Bridge

Mr. McCarty asked about the Jefferson Park Bridge. Mr. Hynes explained that quotes were taken for the bridge repair and they were prepared to hire a contractor when they found out about a program through the State of

Indiana called the Community Crossing Matching Grant that will provide money and match grants received. In addition to the program Christy Powell was informed by Pam at MPO that the County is responsible for all bridges. Christy Powell is now in contact with the County in hopes they will take jurisdiction over the bridge. Chris Wischer will contact Christy Powell to see where she stands and if legal needs to get involved. The issue will be brought back to the August meeting.

Storm Water Project on French Island Trail

William F. Kavanaugh asked if David Hynes or Tavi Wydicks had the most updated information on the project out on French Island Trail. Mr. Hines stated that the materials have been delivered to the site and are available for installation. The utilities have been marked and some of the markings on the ground are a little different than the markings that were on the plan. The crew will verify where the utilities are and should start working this week.

Forest Park

Bob Dale, 631 Forest Park Drive, stated they have talked several times in the past about a project in front of his property and in Forest Park to carry some water down the hill to the drainage way that is already there. Mr. Dale wanted to know if there is anything else that he needs to do. Mr. Dale explained the situation that is going on in the neighborhood. Mr. McCarty said the County and the Town are working together to get this project done. Mr. Hynes stated that neither project is dependent on the other but it would be nice if the Town's was done first because it will have some impact on it. Mr. Hines stated that the engineering side is done, the neighbors have been notified, the crews have accepted the project but priority was the French Island Trail project and once that is done, this project should start.

JT McCarty stated that the issue has been moved to Town Council and funds have been appropriated but wondered what was needed to move the project forward. Mr. Kavanaugh stated that the Street Commissioner has not showed up to the meetings and she is responsible for the street crew. Mr. Kavanaugh asked Ms. Wydicks to get with the Town Manager, Christy Powell, to make sure the Street Commissioner attends these meetings.

A discussion was had if it is a requirement for the Street Commissioner to attend Storm Water Management Meetings. JT McCarty stated for the record "That if this person is not required to and still elects not to come even though it would benefit not only this board but the Town, then I would like to make it publically noted that this person has elected not to participate in these meetings to the detriment of the board and to the Council". JT McCarty also stated that he would like the Street Commissioner to know that they are frustrated and dissatisfied because they could use her voice and her ear.

St. Catherine Court

David Hynes stated that St. Catherine Court was brought up at the Utility Meeting and it became a sewer issue because of the erosion around the manholes. Right now it is under study and by next meeting they should have the results of that study.

Windsor Pointe

David Hynes stated they will talk about this issue when we get to new business (Town Crew/Property Owner Project Sharing Discussion).

New Business:

Town Crew/Property Owner Project Sharing Discussion

David Hynes stated that right now there is a \$5.00 fee for MS4 which generates a little over \$70,000.00 a year. There is a flat residential fee and a weighted fee for commercial businesses. Mr. Hynes stated that with the money it is difficult to manage the MS4 program and get drainage improvement projects done. Mr. Hynes stated that there use to be a drainage board and their policy was to make homeowners pay for materials for projects done on their property and grant easements if work is being done on private property, but the qualifier

was that the work had to improve the Towns drainage ways. Mr. Hynes stated that he wanted to bring up this topic for discussion and if there would be any interest from the board to reinstate that policy. He said this will allow the Town to work with property owners, split the cost, and get some of the projects that need to be completed done.

Mr. McCarty asked if that fee mostly goes to administering the MS4 program and Mr. Hynes confirmed that most of the fees go to the administering the MS4 program and that it is mandated to do so. It was also noted that 25% of the Zoning Administrator's salary comes from Storm Water. Mr. McCarty stated that even though \$70,000.00 is coming in, once partial salary and whatever else is mandated to come out, there is very little left over. A discussion was had about how to keep segregation between what the board should be doing and what the board would like to do and to be fair about it.

Ms. Wydicks stated that she and David Hynes will be meeting twice a month moving forward to review storm water issues. If Mr. Hynes feels our crew is capable of completing the work, they will be added to the project list, if not then the project will come before the board for direction.

A discussion about private property and easements was had and who would be responsible for maintaining the work.

Mr. Wischer stated that there are two things that need to be considered, and they would need to go before Town Council. One would be increasing the fee and the second thing would be to annex properties into the town to increase the amount of people paying the fee. Mr. McCarty asked Tavi Wydicks and David Hynes to look at the surrounding communities and see what their storm water fee is and of that storm water fee, how much do they pay in administrative costs. Mr. McCarty also stated that we also need to look into educating the public on water flow and as a city by the river we have increased water flow which means increased storm water issues.

Mr. Wischer stated there use to be a Storm Water financial statement that broke down the cost. Mr. McCarty asked Tavi Wydicks to look into getting the financial breakdown of the storm water budget.

Mr. Kavanaugh let the board know he will take any issues they have to the Town Council. Mr. Grace stated that they have a problem that needs to be resolved and boundaries that need to be set with the staffing that is currently in place. Mr. Grace stated that the three (3) board members have no way of knowing or any control over the Street Crew and what they will be doing or what needs to be done. That is why the Town has a lawyer, an engineer and staff members and if the board is going to be making the decisions then they do not need them.

Mr. Hynes stated that he, Tavi or Chris were not looking for direction on day to day mechanics on what they should be doing, but there is policy from previous boards as to how they want things to happen. He was just looking for a solution for residents who are in need of work to be done on their properties. Mr. Grace stated that he is not sure why the policy changed but it seems to have all happened once Frank left.

Third & Filmore Catch Basin

Tavi Wydicks stated it has been taken care of.

Appointment of Dan Woolen to the Storm Water Management Board

JT McCarty moved to accept Greg Bailey's resignation.

Dana Grace seconded. Motion passed

JT McCarty moved to accept Dan Woolen's appointment.

Dana Grace seconded. Motion passed.

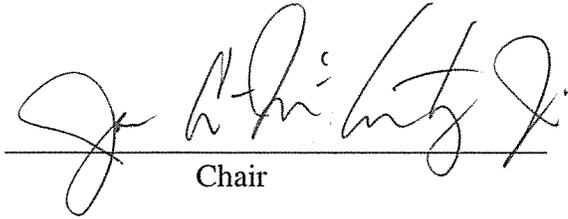
Announcements:

Mr. Grace stated there is erosion at Riverbend subdivision, just past the church, the one with the big white house with the pool, use to be Jordan Estates. Discussion was had about erosion under streets in subdivisions.

Adjourn:

JT McCarty made a motion to adjourn.

Dan Woolen seconded and the motion carried.



Chair



Recorder