

Board of Stormwater Management  
Special Meeting

MEETING DATE: February 2,2021

LOCATION: Pendleton Town Hall  
100 W. State Street Pendleton, Indiana

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Kyle Eichhorn at 6:00 p.m.

**II. OATH OF OFFICE**

Zach Berline was sworn in by Town Attorney Jeff Graham

**III. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Board members in attendance were, Jerry Kelly and Kyle Eichhorn and Zach Berline. A quorum was established. Individuals representing the Town were Town Manager Scott Reske and Town Attorney Jeff Graham. Also, in attendance was Joe Miller from Banning Engineering, John Seever and Mitchell Eschweiler from Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

A motion was made by Jerry Kelly to approve the meeting minutes from the January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting as written was seconded by Zach Berline. The motion was carried.

A motion was made to suspend the regular meeting and open a Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

A presentation of the 20-Year plan and Rate Study explaining how they were able to determine a rate was given by Joe Miller from Banning Engineering.

Questions from Board Members:

Zach Berline asked if Banning was doing projects with the mentioned cities or did their rates just fall in line with the rate we are potentially looking at this evening?

Joe Miller replied that they were asked to look at some of the current rates for cities similar in size. He added that the rate that is determined needs to cover maintenance and debt. He further stated that there are other issues, for example, getting bonus points from OCRA and USDA by charging the minimum rate of \$5.00, which the minimum is expected to go up in the next few years due to inflation that has hit the construction industry hard in the last three (3) years.

Zach Berline commented that these cities already have systems in place and are operating while we are jumping into something we are trying to undertake. Berline added that it might seem like a high rate, but we see that it could have been much higher.

Reske went over the Baker Tilly report, where they had listed four different rates. At the \$10.00 rate we did not have enough money to bond with. That is the logic behind the \$12.00 rate. Anything less than that we are only maintaining the existing, not improving the existing except for small repairs, no new construction. At the \$12.00 rate we will be able to start new construction which will help alleviate a lot of the flooding in town. If we only do maintenance, we do not know how reliable the storm lines will be even having been jetted out. Reske felt that with new growth in the town that he did not feel there would be a need to increase the \$12.00 rate for many years.

Kyle Eichhorn noted that other communities do not provide a discount to any users and was curious why they were getting the discount.

Kyle Eichhorn asked with the maintenance cost for the legal drains are we going to take those over? Reske replied that we are going to work out an arrangement with the County that in the areas that we are going to do improvements that are draining into a legal drain we will make sure that drain is adequate to receive that water and ask the County for permission to do any maintenance needed. If the drain is a legal drain receiving money that will free up county money to improve that drain on the outside of the town.

The Public Hearing was ended and the Regular meeting was reopened at 6:30 p.m.

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

No new business to discuss.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Stormwater Rate Resolution**

A motion was made by Jerry Kelly and seconded by Zach Berline to approve the Stormwater Rate Resolution 2021- as presented.

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Next regular meeting February 10, 2021