



**CITY OF FORT WAYNE**  
**BOARD OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**  
**MINUTES • MARCH 12, 2019**

**Present:** Shan Gunawardena, Kumar Menon, Mike Avila, Michelle Fulk, Angie Erpelding, Mike Kiester, Ron Sheppard, Matthew Wirtz, AnneMarie Srmchek, Brandon Almas, Nathan Baggett, Frank Suarez, DeWayne Nodine, Matt Gratz, Jon Hall, Wendy Reust, Zach Katter, Charlie Cochran and Austyn Smedberg.

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

**Resolution: #83622, Proposed Partial Reconstruction of the Schoppman Drain Improvements for Drain #08-19-320**

**March 12, 2019**

**BOARD OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT  
ROOM 035 –COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MEETING HELD AT 12:18 P.M.**

**MATTHEW WIRTZ, CHAIR  
SHAN GUNAWARDENA,  
MEMBER  
MIKE AVLIA, MEMBER  
MICHELLE FULK, CLERK**

**Present:** Matthew Wirtz, Shan Gunawardena, Mike Avila, Michelle Fulk, Brandon Almas, Nathan Baggett, Anne Marie Smrchek, Mike Kiester, Ron Sheppard, Frank Suarez, Charlie Cochran, Nick Kelly, Curt Witcher, C Thomas McCoy and Ken Buinowski.

**Matthew Wirtz:** Good afternoon, we will call to order the Board of Stormwater Management meeting for March 12, 2019. My name is Matthew Wirtz Chair to the Stormwater Board. To my right is members Shan Gunawardena and Mike Avila and to my left is Clerk to the Board Michelle Fulk. First item is the approval of the Stormwater Management Minutes for the week of February 26, 2019.

1. Approval of Stormwater Management Minutes for the week of February 26, 2019..  
**Shan Gunawardena moved to approve item #1. Motion carried.**

**Matthew Wirtz:** Second. All those in favor?

**Matthew Wirtz & Shan Gunawardena:** Aye.

**Matthew Wirtz:** Before we begin I would like to ask that all attendees please sign-in for the Public hearing. We will call to order the Public hearing for resolution #83622, Proposed Partial Reconstruction of the Schoppman Drain Improvements for Drain #08-19-320 on March 12, 2019. First, Nathan Baggett an Engineer with City Utilities will present the project.

**Nathan Baggett:** Afternoon Board, Nathan Baggett with City Utilities Engineering. Pursuant to Indiana Code this Public hearing is for the reconstruction for a portion of the Schoppman Drain, drain #08-19-320 which is now an asset of the City of Fort Wayne board of Stormwater Management. Mr. Baggett presented a power point presentation which included history of the drain, images of properties affected by the flooding and maps outlining of the Schoppman Drain with proposed changes. Mr. Baggett asks the Board of Stormwater Management to vote on the Improvement Resolution for the Schoppman Drain Reconstruction project. If approved City Utilities will publish public notice of the Board's decision and begin the bidding process. City Utilities recommends the Board's approval, at this time I would be happy to answer any questions.

**Shan Gunawardena:** Is the structure that goes under Tamarack Drive is that adequately sized for new flow?

**Nathan Baggett:** Yes, it is.

**Matthew Wirtz:** We will open up for Public comment here in a few minutes, but it is my understanding we have received a couple of written comments that we have responded too.

**Nathan Baggett:** Yes, per Indiana Code we had to send out notice of the hearing and invite comments back from the public. We received two letters from two adjacent home owners and the City's rebuttal which are all on file with the Board of Public Works.

**Matthew Wirtz:** Thank you Nathan, we would like to open up for public comment. If you would like to speak for or against the project please come up to the microphone. Please introduce yourself, your name, address and share your comments. We do ask that you keep your comments to a couple minutes, as a reminder we are only hearing comments, we will not be providing feedback today.

**Curt Witcher:** My name is Curt Witcher, I am here as the legal representative for my mother Doris Witcher who lives at 4626 Tamarack. Mr. Witcher stated the property has been affected by flooding for the last 50 years. He is pleased to see that there is activity going on. It floods every rain; I think it is resources and City Utilities expertise well spent. He expressed concern about the movement and activity that has been taking place near his 82 year old mother's property that has been going on for the last two years. He would like to see project start and completed as soon as possible.

**Matthew Wirtz:** Is there anyone else that would like to speak about the project? We would like to thank you for those comments seeing and hearing no additional comments, can I get a motion to close the comment period?

**Shan Gunawardena:** I will make a motion to close the public comment period.

**Mike Avila:** Second.

**Matthew Wirtz:** All those in favor?

**Matthew Wirtz, Shan Gunawardena and Mike Avila:** Aye.

**Matthew Wirtz:** Any board discussion, questions, or comments on the project or what Nathan presented?

**Shan Gunawardena:** I personally represent a department that is involved with flood control see this as a tremendous project, anytime we can address areas that flood and do not have to send personnel out to address that is always a good thing. We are looking forward to this project as well.

**Matthew Wirtz:** Nathan just to follow up your cross sections was very helpful, sounds like we will stay within the platted easement area.

**Nathan Baggett:** Yes, that is correct we will be within our platted easements for the duration of the project. When the project is finished it will be within the same platted easements.

**Matthew Wirtz:** If there is no further comment for Nathan, I will entertain a motion to approve Improvement Resolution #83622, Schoppman Drain Improvements.

2. Approval of Improvement Resolution #83622, Schoppman Drain Improvements.  
*Discussion by Nathan Baggett.*  
**Shan Gunawardena moved to approve item #3.**

**Mike Avila:** Second.

**Matthew Wirtz:** All those in favor?

**Matthew Wirtz, Shan Gunawardena and Mike Avila:** Aye.

3. Approval of Improvement Resolution #83626, Hessen Cassel Storm & Sidewalk Improvements Bentley Way to Stardale Dr.  
*Discussion by Charlie Cochran.*  
**Shan Gunawardena moved to approve item #3. Motion carried.**
4. Approval of Owner-Contractor Agreement #83648, Haffner Drive Storm Drain Improvements - Phase 2 between the City of Fort Wayne and Krafft Water Solutions in the amount of \$155,549.42.  
**Shan Gunawardena moved to approve item #4. Motion carried.**

- 5. Approval of Owner-Contractor Agreement #83396, Lawrence Drain Flood Control Project between the City of Fort Wayne and Crosby Excavating in the amount of \$499,844.25.

**Shan Gunawardena moved to approve item #5. Motion carried.**

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Matthew A. Wirtz, Chair

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Shan Gunawardena, Member

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Mike Avila, Member

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Fulk, Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_