

# Minutes

## NEW BERLIN STORMWATER COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 7, 2003

New Berlin City Hall; 3805 S Casper Dr - Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Wysocki, Alderman Gallagher, Alderman Wilkens, Alderman Bullermann, and City Engineer JP Walker

Others Present: Ray Grzys (Director Utilities and Streets), Cathy Schwalbach (Project Engineer-Stormwater), Eric Nitschke (Division Engineer), Chuck Trevorow (Stormwater Supervisor)

Meeting called to order at 4:47 P.M.

Item 01-03 Approval of the December 10, 2002 minutes

Motion by Mayor Wysocki to approve the December 10, 2002 minutes. Second by Alderman Gallagher. Upon voting motion passed, with Alderman Wilkens abstaining since he was late for the last meeting.

Item 14-02 Policy on Best Management Practices (Stormcepters – Vortechnic)

Discussion only

- Discussion on Stormcepters and Best Management Practices. Concerns were raised by Alderman Wilkens. Eric Nitschke suggested that a study be done with several different systems for comparison. The City may wish to work jointly with the Wisconsin DNR to test several of these new options. Mr. Grzys suggested a developer's agreement be drawn up with other cities.
- Mr. Nitschke described the workings of the Vortechnic Model. Mr. Nitschke stated that ponds are a more time tested best management practice (BMP), but they do take up more useable space. Underground storage and Vortechnic units are also cheaper in the long run because the land can still be used for other purposes.

Item 16-02 Project Updates (Discussion only)

- Eric Nitschke from Engineering suggested that quarterly updates and information be reported in the future. He gave brief updates on the projects.
- Cathy Schwalbach stated that the Stormwater billing had several problems and that some of the properties were being back-billed. A policy was written up for these cases. The Utility department is keeping a list of these bills, and keeping them separate from the current charges, with various due dates depending upon the amount due.

Alderman Bullerman requested, for public access, that the project updates be posted on the New Berlin Website under the storm water section.

Item 19-02 Concrete Invert Policy (Discussion only)

- Eric Nitschke reported that there have been 19 requests for approximately 3007 linear feet in the previous 6 months. The cost to residents for materials is \$33.49 per linear foot. With all current requests, the total amount comes to \$100,700.00. Eric advised that the potential cost could be much greater, since neighbors of people that have requested the inverts may also request them. The operating budget from account 825 only has \$160,000.00 in the budget for contracting storm water work. In the 2002, account 825 was used to correct flooding problems on Woodside drive by installing storm sewer.
- Alderman Wilkens sees a problem of spending City funds on a policy that would benefit only the yards of a few homeowners. Alderman Bullerman stated that he did not support the policy even though most of the requests were in his district. He asked if homeowner's could pay for the repairs themselves with a no interest loan. Alderman Gallagher also was against using funds for the concrete invert policy.

- Cathy Schwalbach said that most of the problems were not related to flooding issues and Alderman Bullerman said if most were just “cosmetic” that the City should just wait. Alderman Wilkens suggested that a criteria be devised for staff to spend money. Mayor Wysocki added that it was better to continue to improve primary drainage.
- Mayor Wysocki withdrew his request for the City to pay for Concrete Inverts.

#### Item 21-02 Ditch Enclosure Policy

- Cathy Schwalbach stated the policy covers the practice of putting pipe in the ditch and covering it. She stated that this was an obsolete practice and that staff time was being used to evaluate projects that don't happen. Alderman Wilkens responded that he would like to keep the policy.
- J.P. Walker responded that the policy should be crafted so that very few residents will qualify, thereby reducing staff time to make measurements and analysis. He stated that the property owner should be required to furnish the information and details.
- Alderman Gallagher and Alderman Bullerman agreed that the policy should be amended so that the Engineering staff would just review drawings of measurements and maintenance that the property owner supplies. J.P. Walker and Alderman Wilkens agree.
- J.P. Walker assigns staff to draft up a revised policy

#### Item 02-03 Gatewood Design (Award of Contract)

Motion by J.P. Walker to recommend to Common Council approval the awarding of the contract for the design of the Gatewood Subdivision Storm Sewer to the lowest bidder Crispell-Snyder Inc. Second by Mayor Wysocki. Upon voting, motion passed unanimously.

#### Item 03-03 Grant Update – Communication from DNR on extension of Calhoun Creek and NP-1/CP-5 Grants

- Cathy Schwalbach reported that both grants extensions were approved by the DNR including the extension of the Calhoun Creek grant to June 30, 2003 and the NP-1/CP-5 Grant until the beginning of August.

Motion by Alderman Bullermann to adjourn. Second by J.P. Walker. Upon voting motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15.