

**CITY OF BEECH GROVE, INDIANA
BOARD OF SANITATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 2014**

Mayor Dennis Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Board of Sanitation Members, Sandy Seward, Ed Bell, and Mayor Dennis Buckley were present. Also, in attendance was Clerk Treasurer, Dan McMillan.

MEETING MINUTES: Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan presented to the Board for approval, the minutes from the November 3, 2014 meeting. Sandy Seward moved to accept the minutes as presented. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Mayor Buckley gave a brief description of the claims.

- **Wastewater Claims** – in the amount of **\$342, 844.54** were presented to the Board for approval.

Ed Bell made a Motion to accept the claims as presented; Sandy Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: [Stormwater Fee- Waiver Request from Beech Grove Methodist 3720 South Emerson](#)

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read the request into the record. Randy Middleton, Treasurer for Beech grove United Methodist Church explained the property is below elevation of Emerson Avenue and the church has a design release and an improvement location permit. The church has filed for building permits for a new sanctuary and education center on the property. In the ILP the drainage was one of the issues they had to address and the church put in an extension pond that drains into the creek, again, nothing drains into the stormwater sewers. The property is not on city sewer, nor does it have access to city sewer, because it is below grade of the lateral. Ed Bell commented that there is not any asphalt, but there is a frontage road; which Mr. Middleton explained belongs to the city, and according to Google Maps is named “No Name Road”. Mr. Middleton also explained that from the house to the barn there is a blacktop driveway and a gravel parking lot that is impervious. Ed Bell asked about the area from the drive to the creek; which Mr. Middleton explained is approximately 240 feet of grassy area and is all down hill. Mayor Buckley commented that the measurements are taken on a house that equals 1 ERU , another building on the property; which equals 1 ERU and the asphalt drive; which equals 1 ERU. He agrees with Mr. Middleton that the gravel is not an impervious surface, nor the grass. Mr. Middleton stated that regardless of the measurements they do not drain to the storm sewer resulting in a stormwater tax. Mayor Buckley explained this is not a tax, and Sandy Seward agreed, providing clarification that it is in fact a fee, not a tax. Mayor Buckley asked Clerk Treasurer McMillan to read into the record a letter from Wessler Engineering regarding this property.

Wessler Engineering Recommendation Letter -Clerk Treasurer McMillan read the letter into the record. Wessler Engineering verified the impervious surface measurements are correct and based on city ordinance and Indiana Code language they do not recommend approval of a waiver on this property.

Mayor Buckley stated that he would review this. The Board agreed to table this until the next meeting. Mayor Buckley invited Mr. Middleton to return in two weeks.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Ed Bell made a Motion to adjourn; Sandy Seward seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:11pm. The next Board of Sanitation meeting will be held on Monday, December 1, 2014, at 6:00pm in Council Chambers.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer

Prepared by: Dan McMillan