

# REGULAR DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

September 20, 2021

**President, William Whitehead, called the meeting to order. Members present at the meeting were the following:**

William Whitehead, President  
Dick McIntire, Vice President  
Shannon Henry, Member  
John Landers, Member  
Tom Borchers, Surveyor  
Brandon Murphy, Attorney  
Cindy Harty, Recording Secretary

**President William Whitehead** opened the meeting by welcoming the audience and inviting them to participate in the pledge of allegiance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Mr. Whitehead** entertained a motion for the approval of the August 16, 2021 Drainage Board Minutes.

**Mr. Henry** moved for approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Landers. **Motion passed 4-0.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **J.R. Stafford Ditch**

**Mr. Whitehead** addressed Mr. Borchers and asked if he had any new business to present to the Board today.

**Mr. Borchers** stated, "The first thing on the Agenda is a request to vacate the J.R. Stafford Ditch. This is the one out in Albany. In years past, I think the majority of it was rerouted into the Riley Stafford Ditch, which runs basically parallel to it. So, I don't know how much use it is, and it has been ex-ed out of our map. There are legal proceedings to actually vacate it legally, but they have not been gone through as of yet."

**Mr. Murphy** stated, "I would like to take a little bit of time to review and make sure if we need to notify anybody before taking this action. So, I would request that we set this for a hearing next month so I can do that. In addition, I understand that there may be a transaction that may occur there, and I understand that maybe it is the Board's intention, since this is a record keeping matter, is to reassure whomever might purchase that, that we intend to work with the purchaser. That would be my request to the Board."

**Mr. Henry** stated, "I would agree. I would like Mr. Murphy to send a letter to the town or the town's legal counsel stating that the Drainage Board intended to work with any purchaser of the property, and either putting that old tile into whatever new system that they provide, or if in fact, it does not work at that point deleting it from our maps. I would make that a motion."

**Mr. McIntire** seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0.**

#### **No Name Creek**

**Mr. Borchers** stated, "I also have a request to reduce the easement of No Name Creek from 75-feet to 35-feet in a section. The gentleman wants to build a small 12 X 18 shed over by the ditch. It has nice filter strips on it and 35-foot from the top of the bank would still leave us access behind that shed to do any sort of maintenance that we would need to do. I give it a favorable recommendation to reduce that right-of-way."

**Mr. Henry** moved to approve the request for reduction of the right-of-way along that ditch. **Mr. McIntire** seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

#### **Cement Ditch at Twickingham and Woodbridge**

**Mr. Borchers** stated, "There is a cement drainage area in Halteman Village, which basically runs into the ditch right behind the bowling alley at Riggin and Wheeling. In the past years it has been put on the Surveyor's Office to clean that up, even though it is not a regulated drain. It might not even fall under a mutual drain, because we have nothing going into it. Basically, people rake their leaves and grass clippings in there and it gets plugged up, is infested with mosquitos, and then we have to clean it up. I have had a meeting with the Muncie Sanitary District on some ways we can keep this cleaned up, but I do not think it is our responsibility to do it. So, I will leave it up to the Board, and would like to know your thoughts on this."

**Mr. Henry** asked, "You have cleaned it out in the past?" **Mr. Borchers** stated, "We have cleaned it out since 2014." **Mr. Henry** asked, "Has it been cleaned out this year?" **Mr. Borchers** stated, "Not yet." **Mr. Henry** asked, "Are you going to clean it out this year?" **Mr. Borchers** stated, "As soon as the leaves come off the trees so people cannot rake them in there and mess up something we just cleaned out."

**Mr. Henry** moved to promise to clean it out this year one final time, then send notice to the Sanitary District that we are no longer going to maintain and take care of that concrete structure since we have no interest in it. Motion seconded by **Mr. McIntire**.

**Mr. Whitehead** asked if there was any more discussion and stated that he agreed whole heartedly. **Motion passed 4-0.**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Mr. Whitehead** addressed Mr. Borchers and asked if he had any old business to present to the Board today.

**Mr. Borchers** stated there was no old business to discuss this date.

### **MAINTENANCE CLAIMS:**

**Mr. Whitehead** entertained a motion for the approval of the maintenance claims as presented.

**Mr. Henry** moved to approve the claims as submitted. Mr. Landers seconded. **Motion passed 4-0.**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

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William Whitehead, President

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Dick McIntire Vice President

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Shannon Henry, Member

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John Landers, Member

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