

**SCWA GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES OF
NOVEMBER 20, 2002**

Present: Jim Koski, *Saginaw County Public Works Commissioner*; John Malzahn, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Vic Killingbeck, *Buena Vista Charter Township*; Dale Klein, Debby Lopez, *Carrollton Township*; Jack Tessman, *Carrollton Township School District*; Len Ballosh, *James Township*; Mike Comstock, *Kochville Township*; Sonny Grunwell, *Saginaw Charter Township*; Michael O'Hare, *Saginaw County Board of Commissioners*; Dan Armentrout, *Saginaw County Road Commission*; John Premo, *City of Saginaw*; Timothy Applebee, *Saginaw Intermediate School District*; Bob Tutsock, *Saginaw Valley State University*; Jim Doyle, *Swan Valley School District*; Warren Davis, Tom Waters, *City of Zilwaukee*; Ron Hansen, Russ Beaubien, Tammy Shivley, *Spicer Group*

Absent: *Birch Run Township, Bridgeport-Spaulding Community Schools; Spaulding Township, Tittabawassee Township; Saginaw Township Community Schools, Thomas Township (excused), Freeland Correctional Facility (excused)*

I. Call to Order: Mr. Koski called this meeting of SCWA to order at 2:00 pm.

II. Roll Call: Roll call was taken by Mr. Koski.

III. Review of Previous Minutes: The minutes of September 18, 2002 were reviewed and approved. *John Malzahn moved, supported by Len Ballosh, to accept the minutes of September 18, 2002, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.*

IV. Progress on Authority Foundation:

- A. Articles of Incorporation:** As of this date, Spaulding Township is the only municipality which has not signed a resolution to join the authority and approve the Articles of Incorporation. Mr. Koski will contact John Taggett regarding the township's intentions, as they have paid \$3,000 of their \$4,000 assessment. If Spaulding Township does not pass the resolution shortly, they may be removed from the Articles of Incorporation as founding members with the option of joining later.

Per David Meyer, prisons, schools, universities, and possibly the road commission cannot be listed as charter members of the authority per Public Act 233 under which the authority was formed and the Articles of Incorporation based. However, these entities will be contractual members, shall be accorded the same rights, responsibilities and privileges as municipalities, and are listed as members in the bylaws. The Executive Committee has requested that Mr. Meyer draft a contract for non-municipalities.

B. Assessments

Mr. Koski reported that assessments cannot be enacted through Chapter 20 of the Drain Code or through other acts with which he deals. His communications with the Bond Counsellor and with the Genesee County Drain Commissioner indicate that these avenues cannot be legally pursued. Currently, discussion centers around legislative changes to allow assessment through the Drain Code.

V. Old Business

- A. Birch Run Township:** Mr. Koski met with Amy Cook and Earl Schlegel of Birch Run Township, Jim Gerth of the Genesee County Drain Commissioner's office, Ron Hansen, and Russ Beaubien to discuss Birch Run Township's options for compliance. Birch Run Township, through the 2000 Census and because it is contiguous with the Flint Urbanized Area, must obtain a NPDES Phase II permit. Mr. Koski provided a verbal report of the situation with options. Birch Run Township chose to join the SASWA because, as a part of Saginaw County, it desired to stay with the Saginaw County group. Genesee County agreed with this decision and will contract with SASWA. Keith Noble approved this approach and noted it is a springboard for cooperation and will develop uniformity across the greater watershed. Birch Run will join SASWA, which will contract with Genesee County. Per Russ Beaubien, the Silver Creek Watershed has been identified and a watershed management plan is being developed. Birch Run has already allocated \$4,000 of their budget and passed a resolution to join the authority.

- B. **2003 Budget:** The MDEQ may relax deadlines that would make the proposed budget of \$220,000 very much a “worst case scenario”. Identifying outfalls is a large budget line item which may fall within the relaxed deadlines, which may lower 2003 expenses if some work can carry over into 2004.

Because Carrollton Township has already identified its own outfalls, Ms. Lopez questioned how Carrollton’s assessment will be affected. Mr. Malzahn indicated that discussion has been held regarding a “menu choice” of options to be chosen by SCWA entities. Mr. Koski also noted that in-kind services also allow for a credit option.

Payment options are under exploration. Mr. Koski suggested possible payment based upon funding needs, which would allow entities to pay over a period of time as long as payments are made within 30 days of invoice date. Mr. Malzahn mentioned using the 3% option to start for next year, with Ms. Herzog invoicing on a bi-monthly basis.

All bills received to date have been paid, and the account balance is \$10,212.00, with an estimated cost of \$6,000 to \$8,000 to publish the Articles of Incorporation.

Len Ballosh moved, Debby Lopez supported, that the SCWA recommend approval of the budget as presented to the SASWA with recognition that this is a high end budget if deadlines are relaxed by the MDEQ. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. New Business

Assessment/Funding Mechanisms: Mr. Beaubien reported that government funding mechanisms are scarce at this time. Spicer Group has been researching private funding options and has learned that Ben and Jerry’s is an environmentally conscious organization with funds available to provide public education for watershed management. Preliminary information to apply for a grant application will be forwarded to Ben and Jerry’s. The goal is to receive grants from multiple private funding sources. Mr. Koski suggested the Saginaw Bay WIN water quality subcommittee. Mr. Beaubien has not had the opportunity to contact Phase I participants regarding their funding sources, but has found no special assessment mechanisms used by them. Dave Meyer is also researching funding avenues, but municipalities should plan on using general fund resources.

VII. Adjournment

Jim Koski moved, Sonny Grunwell supported, to adjourn the October 16th General Meeting of the SCWA. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Malzahn, Treasurer