



# SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY

**GENERAL BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 19, 2003 – 2:00 PM TO 3:00 PM  
BRIDGEPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

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**Present:** John Malzahn and Dick Dunnill, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Debby Lopez and Dale Klein, *Carrollton Township*; Len Ballosh, *James Township*; Sharon Carroll and Mike Comstock, *Kochville Township*; Sonny Grunwell and Rob Grose, *Saginaw Charter Township*; Chris Snyder and Dan Sika, *Thomas Township*; Paul Vassold, *Tittabawassee Township*; Warren Davis, *City of Zilwaukee*; Carl Ruth, *Saginaw County Board of Commissioners*; James Koski, Matt Rappley, *Saginaw County*; Joe Periard, *Saginaw County Road Commission*; Guest, *Buena Vista Schools*; Tim Applebee, *Saginaw Intermediate School District*; Jim Stone, *Saginaw Township Community Schools*; Jim Doyle, *Swan Valley Schools*.

**Absent:** *Birch Run Township*; *Buena Vista Charter Township* (excused); *City of Saginaw* (excused); *Spaulding Township*; *Saginaw Correctional Facility*; *Saginaw Valley State University* (excused).

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Koski welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL: Mr. Malzahn completed roll call.
- III. REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 19, 2003 MINUTES: *Mr. Grose moved, Mr. Ballosh supported, to accept the February 19, 2003 General Board Meeting Minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.*
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Malzahn named municipalities which had returned signed Oath of Office forms. Those members who have not completed and returned the forms should turn them into Mr. Koski as soon as possible. Ben and Jerry's has denied SASWA's request for grant funding.

A monthly report from the accountant's office was distributed. Mr. Malzahn indicated that deposit slips have been received and the accountant has been instructed to send out the first two quarterly bills of this year, with deposit slips and envelopes, within the week.

Mr. Malzahn was pleased to announce that the Saginaw News bill for publishing the Articles of Incorporation was lower than expected at \$2,016.00. A Spicer Group bill for \$9,438.00 was paid, leaving \$24,318.75 in unpaid Spicer Group bills. Currently, SCWA has a balance of \$1,665.07. All invoices were attached to the report, in addition to information regarding annual and quarterly assessments.

*Mr. Ballosh moved and Mr. Dunnill supported receipt and acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. MOTION CARRIED.*

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Saginaw County Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance: Saginaw County has voted to adopted a soil erosion and sediment control ordinance which allows county enforcement of new regulations similar to the state's with some minor differences. Currently, the state is reviewing

the ordinance, which will go into effect seven days after approval. The new ordinance will allow some necessary changes in NPDES permitting, and will be regulated by the Saginaw County Public Works Commissioner. These changes will allow applicants to be released from NPDES responsibility on lots they sell within in plats or subdivisions. The ordinance will keep ownership of soil erosion problems with the current property owner until the site is stabilized. SCPWC (Mr. Koski, Mr. Rappley, and Ms. Honeman) will be able to issue violation tickets to individuals and to businesses. Permit fees are \$100 and fines can range from \$250 to \$25,000 per day.

- B. NPDES and the Law: a seminar entitled "NPDES and the Law" will be held in Battle Creek on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The executive committee discussed this seminar and agreed it was important to send a representative because of the opportunity to learn and to share what SASWA is doing. An executive committee member and Mr. Beaubien were suggested as attendees. Mr. Grose stated he would spend the night, but that Saginaw Township will pick up a portion of the bill.

*John Malzahn moved, Mr. Ballosh supported, a motion to send Rob Grose to the NPDES and the Law seminar as SASWA's representative. MOTION CARRIED.*

- C. Nested Systems within Municipal Boundaries: the MDEQ is changing the definition for schools. Instead of looking at campuses within the urbanized area, MDEQ will be looking at all campuses and will enforce the same policies and procedures for all. Mr. Beaubien will verify which schools are affected by the new definition. If Buena Vista schools are affected, Mr. Koski indicated that he is willing to meet with school officials to update them and provide them with option information. They will be allowed to join the authority without penalty.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. NPDES Permit Application:
- i. All permit applications were submitted with notices of intent on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The MDEQ is in the process of reviewing the applications and sending notifications of receipt to municipalities.
  - ii. IDEPs are to be submitted in one year, whereupon a 90-day implementation period is mandated.
  - iii. Implementation of PEP: Mr. Beaubien will provide an appropriate timeline for implementation of the PEP. He distributed a newly designed brochure which will be revised into a public education brochure regarding illicit discharge. Members were asked to read the brochure, make comments, and forward them to a member of the executive committee for review by next week. The new brochure will be distributed to the full board at the next board meeting. The brochure is to explain the history of and purpose of SASWA, the definition of an illicit discharge and how to prevent it, and who to contact if an illicit discharge is spotted. Mr. Grunwell added that a procedure needs to be in place to deal with illicit discharges prior to the public's receipt of this information, as members need to know how to deal with questions and calls. SASWA's budget includes a 'targeted mailing' line item to pay for the design and cost of printing and distributing the brochure.
- B. Current Procedure for Illicit Discharge Reporting: An incident in Saginaw Township wherein an individual called and wanted to visit the waste water treatment plant and monitor it. The MDEQ is still responsible for surface water quality. Members who receive calls stating they must have an IDEP were asked to contact Mr. Koski. The MDEQ is responsible for problems regarding water in unpermitted areas, and they must determine the nature of the problem and deal with it. Members were cautioned that an industrial site includes gas stations and laundymats.
- C. In-Kind Services Committee Report: As chairman of the committee, Mr. Grunwell reported that there are various tasks which municipalities can choose to complete on their own. Those interested in completing tasks as an in-kind service can call Mr. Beaubien or Mr. Grunwell and bounce their ideas off of them, obtain an in-kind services form (samples distributed at meeting), fill it out, and turn it in to Jim Koski. The executive committee and in-kind services committee

will review the request, assign a dollar value, and provide a procedure and standard to be followed to complete the task. A credit for in-kind services cannot be given for more than the municipality's portion of the task (based on percentage), nor for more than budgeted for the task by the authority. Mr. Koski thanked the committee for their work.

*Mr. Ballosh moved, Mr. Malzahn supported, to adopt the in-kind services committee report as presented by Sonny Grunwell. MOTION CARRIED.*

- D. Appointments to the Executive Committee: previously, there was discussion regarding the addition of two new members to the Executive Committee. Saginaw Valley State University was discussed because it has expressed interest, is a major campus, and can provide valuable resources. The Saginaw Intermediate School District was considered, as it seems to provide the best route to receive overall school district input. Mr. Koski asked if anyone was uncomfortable with this suggestion, and no comments were forthcoming. Mr. Koski also indicated that any member who wishes to attend an Executive Committee meeting at any time is welcomed to do so.

*Mr. Malzahn moved, Mr. Ballosh supported, to appoint a representative from the Saginaw Intermediate School District and one from Saginaw Valley State University to the Executive Committee. MOTION CARRIED.*

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

- A. March 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m., Spicer Group, Board Room 1

- VIII. ADJOURNMENT: *Mr. Malzahn moved, Mr. Ballosh supported, to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.*

Dan Sika, Secretary