



SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

HELD AT BRIDGEPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENTAL CENTER

APRIL 16, 2003

PRESENT: James Koski, *Saginaw County Public Works*; Sonny Grunwell *Saginaw Charter Township*; John Malzahn, Dick Dunnill, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Chris Snyder, *Thomas Township*; Carl Ruth, *Saginaw County*; Joseph Periard, *Saginaw County Road Commission*; Earl Schlegel, *Birch Run Township*; Brian Baldwin, *Buena Vista Township*; Debby Lopez, Dennis Anklam, *Carrollton Township*; John Premo, *City of Saginaw*; Tim Applebee, *Saginaw Intermediate School District*; Bob Tutsock, *Saginaw Valley State University*; Paul Vasold, Brian Kischnick, *Tittabawassee Township*; Warren Davis, *City of Zilwaukee*; Kim Kennicott, *Saginaw Correctional Facility*; Jim Doyle, *Swan Valley School District*; Bob Cherry, *Saginaw Township Schools*.

ABSENT: *James, Kochville, and Spaulding Townships, Bridgeport Spaulding Community Schools*

GUEST: Keith Noble, *MDEQ*.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Koski called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL: Mr. Malzahn completed the roll call.
- III. REVIEW OF MARCH 19, 2003 MEETING MINUTES: John Malzahn *moved, Dick Dunnill supported, to approve the March 19, 2003 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.*
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE: None.
- V. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Malzahn provided a report from the accountant and stated he received one member payment which he forwarded to Mr. Koski for mailing to Merrill Lynch. He asked that members send checks to Merrill Lynch in the envelopes provided by the accountant, along with the coupon. Two bills were paid in March; Spicer Group invoice no. 132577 for \$9,438 and The Saginaw News invoice CVS602401 for \$2,116. Currently the alliance balance is \$1,665.07 and \$38,448.93 is outstanding to Spicer Group, Smith Bovill, and Saginaw County GIS.
- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - A. Executive: Packets contained all executive committee minutes since SASWA's inception.
 - B. New Committee Announcement: The *SNITCH Committee* was formed to work on the IDEP procedure for complaints and reporting before the PEP is operative. Committee minutes were included in board packets. The committee is working on an illicit discharge reporting policy. Jim Koski was designated as the initial contact person through either his office or 911, which will have a procedure for handling problems. Mr. Koski requested that members provide a list of names and phone numbers for the fire department, department of public works, etc. in case of a report. Once appropriate agencies are contacted, the DEQ will be called as necessary. While the authority is responsible for reporting, the DEQ is responsible for the final disposition of the problem. The authority will report violators. Each municipality may have a township or local enforcement ordinance. Training regarding Mr. Koski's role and municipality roles will be provided by SASWA. Members learn how to react in the event of a spill. However, there are no Saginaw County or SASWA funds available for cleanup. Clean up is the municipality's responsibility. Members will receive a

request for contact information and are asked to respond as soon as possible, as the reporting aspect of the IDEP is critical.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Oath of Office Forms: Ms. Shivley reported that Bridgeport, Carrollton, the City of Saginaw, Kochville, and Tittabawassee have returned all Oath of Office Forms. Thomas Township must return the alternate's form, as do Saginaw County and the Saginaw County Road Commission. Birch Run, Buena Vista, James, Saginaw Charter, and Spaulding Townships, in addition to the City of Zilwaukee, need to return their forms immediately. The correctional facility, schools and university do not need to complete forms.
- B. PEP News Articles: Mr. Beaubien distributed drafts of articles he has written for publication and distribution. Member input was requested prior to completion of the final articles.
- C. Public Education Plan Implementation Schedule: A revised PEP draft was included in member packets. Nine activities were scheduled through 2004. Currently, work is underway to form partnerships and possibly put together a calendar.
- D. Storm Water and the Law Conference: Mr. Beaubien included a detailed conference report in the packet. Steve Chester, MDEQ Director, spoke at the conference and indicated that the budget is tight, having been cut from \$405 million to \$340 million. Four programs have been eliminated and will have to be funded locally if they are to maintain operations; swimming pool inspections, campground and permits programs, and the manufactured housing program. The fee structure for the NPDES permit program may increase, as that program must net \$7.2 million to meet expenses. Currently, the state is looking at ground water discharge fees, solid waste program fees, and some other programs. Most of the conference focused on ordinance drafting and somewhat on the drain code. Mr. Beaubien indicated he was most interested in learning more about utility fees and the cost of operating storm water plans. He learned that grants will not be a viable option, although there may be one more round of funding. Of five court cases regarding special assessments, two ended positively, two negatively, and one is awaiting a decision. Legislators are working so that utility fees can be a funding option without challenge. Chapter 21 of the Drain Code is under-going revisions and will address watershed permits and assessments\apportionments.

Mr. Noble indicated that \$7.2 million is for all NPDES waste water treatment programs. He indicated that MDEQ staff will be added to implement the program based on permit load. Fees will be based on population and size. There are two types of fees, one for NPDES and one for storm water. There are restrictions on permit fees. Each municipality must have a permit and pay it's own fee.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: None.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT: *Sonny Grunwell moved, Carl Ruth supported, to adjourn this meeting of the general membership at 2:45 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sika, Secretary