



# SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY

**GENERAL BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2004 – 2:00 PM  
BRIDGEPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

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**PRESENT:** John Malzahn, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Vic Killingbeck, *Buena Vista Charter Township*; Debby Lopez, *Carrollton Township*; John Premo, *City of Saginaw*; Len Ballosh, *James Township*; Ken Bayne, Mike Comstock, *Kochville Township*; Sonny Grunwell, *Saginaw Charter Township*; Don Ackerman, *Spaulding Township*; Tom Waters, Warren Davis, *City of Zilwaukee*; Matt Rappley, Jim Koski, *Saginaw County*; Carl Ruth, *Saginaw County Board of Commissioners*; Joe Periard, Brian Wendling, *Saginaw County Road Commission*; Tim Applebee, *Saginaw Intermediate School District*; Bob Cherry, *Saginaw Township Community Schools*; Robert Tutsock, *Saginaw Valley State University*; Ken Cichosz, *Swan Valley Schools*; Russ Beaubien, Tiffany Hedrich, *Spicer Group*.

**ABSENT:** Birch Run Township; Thomas Township; Tittabawassee Township; Bridgeport-Spaulding Community Schools

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Koski called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL:** Mr. Malzahn completed the roll call.

**II. REVIEW OF JANUARY 21, 2004 MINUTES:** *Mr. Ruth moved, Mr. Tutsock supported, approval of the January 21, 2004 minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.*

**III. CORRESPONDENCE:** Mr. Malzahn received documentation from the Insurance Company. It stated the company needs to be notified 60 days in advance if there are any public participation events planned. This provides them with an opportunity to assess a risk factor of low, medium or high risk to the event.

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mr. Malzahn reported a fund balance of \$104,623.29. There were some missing/unidentified deposits. Mr. Killingbeck from Buena Vista is to get copies of all 4 billings checks for 2003, and Birch Run Twp. is to do the same. The deposits are adding up differently. Mr. Malzahn suggested looking for a new accountant.

*Mr. Ballosh moved to find a new accountant, Mr. Periard supported, and there was discussion. It was stated that if anyone had any suggestions for a new accountant to give them to Mr. Malzahn, and he would investigate the contract about changing accounting firms. MOTION CARRIED.*

*Mr. Ballosh moved, Mr. Ruth supported, acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. MOTION CARRIED.*

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. **Executive Committee:** There has been a 2/3-approval on the Draft Budget for 2004 and it has been adopted. Mr. Beaubien is still trying to get approval from Buena Vista and City of Saginaw Township.

The In-kind Services Committee met to discuss and negotiate how the Road Commission would work.

The illicit spills training was a success with 61 attendees. The next step of the process takes place on March 17<sup>th</sup> educating the fire chiefs of the county. In April/May refresher training will be organized to meet with all of the townships to teach them how to handle spill procedures. Mr. Grunwell and Mr. Beaubien will conduct 911/311 training as well, and information was found that the EPA may reimburse up to \$25,000.00 for certain types of spills.

Frankenmuth was contacted by Mr. Beaubien to inquire if they were still interested in joining the organization. In order for them to join, a new type of membership would be formed, and the issue of member fees, which they are still trying to justify. If they do join, they would be considered a voluntary member and SASWA could benefit from grant money from development of the watershed management plan. This could also be part of the public participation process.

There is another training session for Illicit Discharge that will take place on April 22, 2004. The DEQ is sponsoring this event. Mr. Premo and Mr. Malzahn have attended this and claim it to be very informative

The timeline for the public participation plan is a submittal by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Executive Committee discussed the Watershed Planning workshop.

P.E.P. submittal is about 1/2 to 2/3 finished. Keith Noble contacted Mr. Beaubien with information that the DEQ now has guidelines of how to write it. Mr. Beaubien is holding off on writing it any further until he receives the guidelines.

A short discussion took place regarding the dumping issues along Dixie Hwy. The DEQ is not finished with the issue and the site does have a Certified Industrial Storm Water Operator. The site must still prepare a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan and resolve other issues.

MDOT- Mr. Beaubien made contact with MDOT to go over their procedure for handling spills. MDOT will start attending general meetings, and will try to provide public education resources to SASWA. This could provide SASWA with brochures and materials to educate the public. This is another opportunity to use as educating the state. The main contact person is Cari Rouse, and the person actually doing the field response is Perry Lund.

There was a web-site committee meeting. One thing activated was statistics, there have been at least 305 visits to the web-site so far. Several pages of the web-site have been looked at. Many types of search engines and browsers have been used. Different search engines have been tested to make sure that the web-site stays compatible with users.

The County Storm Water Ordinance was discussed and will be on the county board's agenda. The first step is adjusting the county ordinance to allow writing of violations for civil infractions. The process is in committee right now.

B. **SNITCH Committee Report:** The committee covered the same agenda items as the Executive Committee.

VI. **MEETINGS:** The Executive Committee will meet on February 25<sup>th</sup> at Spicer Group at 10:00 a.m.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Mr. Malzahn moved, Mr. Premo supported to adjourn this meeting of the SASWA at 2:42 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully submitted,

John Malzahn, Treasurer