



# SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY

**GENERAL BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 17, 2004 – 2:00 PM  
BRIDGEPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

**PRESENT:** Dick Dunnill, John Malzahn, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Brian Baldwin, *Buena Vista Charter Township*; Dale Klein, *Carrollton Township*; John Premo, *City of Saginaw*; Len Ballosh, *James Township*; Mike Comstock, *Kochville Township*; Sonny Grunwell, *Saginaw Charter Township*; Don Ackerman, *Spaulding Township*; Warren Davis, *City of Zilwaukee*; Matt Rappley, Jim Koski, *Saginaw County*; Robert Tutsock, *Saginaw Valley State University*; Ken Cichosz, *Swan Valley Schools*; Cary Rouse, *Michigan Department of Transportation*; Chris Snyder, Dan Sika, *Thomas Township*; Russ Beaubien, Tiffany Hedrich, *Spicer Group*.

**ABSENT:** Birch Run Township; Tittabawassee Township; Saginaw County Board of Commissioners; Saginaw County Road Commission; Bridgeport-Spaulding Community Schools; Saginaw Intermediate School District; Saginaw Township Community Schools;

**GUEST:** Cary Rouse, MDOT

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Koski called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

**I. ROLL CALL:** Mr. Malzahn completed the roll call, a quorum was present.

**II. MR. KOSKI WELCOMED A VISITOR:** Cary Rouse from the Michigan Department of Public Transportation attended for the first time.

**III. REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 18, 2004 MINUTES:** *Mr. Ballosh moved, Mr. Malzahn supported, approval of the February 18, 2004 minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.*

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:** Mr. Malzahn received documentation from James Koski of a letter sent to Marc Thibodeau at Heritage Accounting stating that SASWA would not renew their contract and will stop all services.

Mr. Malzahn also received documentation from Tina Fisher, of Robert, Boehler, & Fisher, that reviews SASWA's needs and states that they need \$317/mos. for their services. This is compared to \$300/mos. for Heritage Accounting services, however, Mr. Malzahn recommended that SASWA go with Robert, Boehler, Fisher. He stated that Tina Fisher was very prompt with his requests, has a good understanding of the contract, and paid close attention to detail. *Mr. Ballosh moved, Mr. Premo supported to accept Mr. Malzahn's recommendation to hire this new accounting firm. MOTION CARRIED.* Mr. Malzahn will have Mr. Koski and Mr. Sika sign the contract then he will get it to Tina Fisher.

**V. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mr. Malzahn distributed a report of recent transactions to all members. He reported a fund balance of \$84,625.33. Everything is accounted for and balanced. *Mr. Ballosh moved, Mr. Grunwell supported, acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. MOTION CARRIED.*

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Executive Committee:** The executive committee report follows the items on the agenda.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. REPORT ON ACCOUNTANT:** Terminated one, hired one.

**B. WEBSITE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH:** In February there were 305 hits, and so far in March there have been 817 total hits. The site is undergoing a 63% increase in activity.

- C. COUNTY ORDINANCE UPDATE: Mr. Koski provided an update on the status of the county storm water ordinance. The ordinance is “on hold”, until issues regarding civil infractions are resolved on the county’s Soil Erosion and Sediment Control ordinance. The commissioners need to adopt supplemental rules at the county level in order to issue civil infractions in these proposed ordinances. The Commissioners are considering adoption such wording in an ordinance. Then personnel would have to be trained and certified before they could issue violations in the county. The courts would be receiving a portion of the money from the fines. Mr. Koski is going to meet with the courts on setting the fines. This gives the authorization to write civil infractions in authorized municipalities. When a county-wide storm water ordinance is adopted, it will be written that violators may be subject to fines and penalties such as a civil violation under county ordinance 115. People would have to be trained and certified in order to issue violations. The revised Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance should be adopted by the end of the month, upon approval from the DEQ. Then Mr. Koski will meet with the judges to advise them.
- D. BUENA VISTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP & SCHOOLS UPDATE: Mr. Beaubien has a meeting with these two entities on Friday March 19, 2004. Mr. Beaubien is meeting with Marty Williams and others and will get them going on the permit.
- E. TRAINING: At the Albee Township hall at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday March 17, 2004, Mr. Beaubien and Mr. Koski are meeting with the fire chiefs to advise them on the procedure to handle spills.

There will also be a training session for the 9-1-1 supervisors on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004. This will instruct operators on how to take the minor illicit spills calls.

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. PUBLIC EDUCATION PLAN: Keith Noble from the DEQ was present and he said that the plan was fine. Mr. Beaubien provided copies of the plan with highlighted changes. This is to gain additional comments and approval. *Mr. Malzahn moved, Mr. Ballosh supported, approval of plan as revised. Discussion: Keith Noble more issues later on will have to be dealt with, but it is moving along, and Mr. Koski said a good job was done on it. MOTION CARRIED.*
- B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mr. Beaubien provided a copy for comment and approval to all general members. This should be done by the end of the week and will be presented to the Executive Committee next week.
- C. GENESSEE COUNTY-LOWER FLINT RIVER WATERSHED PLANNING: Mr. Beaubien is meeting with Jim Gerth to discuss contractual aspects and to coordinate participation. They have also decided that the PEP and IDEP will be handled in Saginaw County. Conceptual agreements will be developed and taken care of. Birch Run will use Genessee County Public Participation with the lower Flint watershed.
- D. GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION: SASWA needs to match the grant by 25%. This means that they would have to put in \$10,000 and would receive \$30,000. This grant money would be used to host seminars that educate builders, contractors, developers, landscapers, and city planners of policies and procedures. A booklet providing information on low-impact development in all counties bordering the Saginaw Bay watershed would be prepared. A portion of the money would also be used for the public participation process and additional fees for meetings. Keith Noble agreed that the grant application looks favorable. At this time, we are still waiting for approval.
- E. REMINDER: Illicit Discharge Training is April 22 at SVSU. Mr. Beaubien provided registration forms.
- F. ESTABLISHMENT OF UTILITY FEE TO FUND PROGRAM: Mr. Grunwell brought this issue

up, and there was some discussion of its progress through the legislative system. It is currently an issue which should be kept in mind and will be pursued further when officials change.

**IX. MEETINGS:** The Executive & SNITCH Committee's will meet on March 24<sup>th</sup> at Spicer Group at 10:00 a.m. in Board Room 1.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** *Mr. Malzahn moved, Mr. Premo supported to adjourn this meeting of the SASWA at 2:49 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sika, Secretary