



SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY

**GENERAL BOARD MEETING
JUNE 16, 2004 – 2:00 PM
BRIDGEPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

PRESENT: Dick Dunnill, John Malzahn, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; John Premo, *City of Saginaw*; Len Ballosh, *James Township*; Mike Comstock, *Kochville Township*; Rob Grose, Sonny Grunwell, *Saginaw Charter Township*; Chris Snyder, Dan Sika, *Thomas Township*; Warren Davis, Tom Waters, *City of Zilwaukee*; James A. Koski, *Saginaw County*; Brian Wendling, *Saginaw County Road Commission*; Robert Tutsock, *Saginaw Valley State University*; Ken Cuchosz, *Swan Valley Schools*; Russ Beaubien, Becky DeShone, Carrie Graul, *Spicer Group*.

EXCUSED: Paul Vasold, *Tittabawassee Township*

ABSENT: Birch Run Township; Buena Vista Charter Township; Carrollton Township; Spaulding Township; Saginaw County Board of Commissioners; Bridgeport-Spaulding Community Schools; Saginaw Intermediate School District; Saginaw Township Community Schools;

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Koski called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL: Mr. Malzahn completed the roll call. A quorum was present.

III. REVIEW OF May 19, 2004 MINUTES:

Mr. Grose noted that there was a misspelling in II.C. Genesee County PPP. Mr. Grose moved, Mr. Ballosh supported, approval of the March 24th, 2004 meeting minutes as corrected. **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Malzahn reported he had two pieces of correspondence. The one regarding Grants will be discussed under "Old Business".

A letter was received from Peter Ostlund, DEQ, regarding the "News from the Field" segment for the joint conference of the Michigan American Water Works Association and the Michigan Water Environment Association (MWEA) on August 8 – 11, at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids. The letter offered the opportunity to make a presentation "if you have a 'story' that can be told."

V. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Malzahn distributed the financial report ending May 30th. He reviewed the report with the membership and reported a fund balance of \$120,929.72.

Mr. Malzahn reported that David Meyer (lawyer) sent a letter to the old accountant on behalf of the Solid Waste Authority, citing the accountant for violating the code for ethical conduct, which is established by the State of Michigan and they will file suit if the records and files are not returned to the Authority by 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 18th. Mr. Malzahn will keep the committee informed as to how they respond to the Solid Waste Authority, and we determine how to proceed from that point.

Mr. Malzahn presented Invoice #137406 for May for \$8,685.25 from Spicer Group. *A motion was made by Mr. Sika to approve the invoice, and was supported by Mr. Ballosh. MOTION PASSED.*

He also presented Invoice #4577 from the accountants, Roberts, Bohler, and Fisher for \$550. *A motion was made by Mr. Ballosh to approve the invoice, and was supported by Mr. Sika. MOTION PASSED.*

Mr. Malzahn reported that the accountant and the auditor had discussed whether an audit would be needed for 2003 and the decision was that it would not be necessary at this time.

Mr. Ballosh inquired about the status of recovering our information from the old accountant. Mr. Malzahn explained that David Meyer (lawyer) had sent a letter to the former accountant on behalf of the Solid Waste Authority, citing the accountant for violating the code for ethical conduct, which is established by the State of Michigan and stating that they would file suit if the records and files were not returned to the Authority. The accountant failed to meet the deadline and the lawyer has started legal action on behalf of the Solid Waste Authority. Mr. Malzahn will update the Committee as the situation unfolds.

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

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee:

- A.** At the last Executive Committee Meeting it was decided that the Committee would start meeting once a month (the 2nd Wednesday).
- B.** Mr. Beaubien reported that a letter would be sent out to the Fire Chiefs reminding them of proper spill procedures.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A.** Website Statistics For The Month:

Mr. Beaubien distributed charts indicating the website usage. These charts will be used in our website reporting for MDEQ. He reported that the website usage is up 18% (377) from May.

- B.** Grant Application:

Mr. Malzahn received a letter from the Great Lakes Commission regarding the Authority's request for a grant. Briefly, the letter thanked the Authority for their proposal to the Great Lakes Commission, but stated that they were unable to award any funds to us. Mr. Beaubien is research new grants.

- C.** Public Participation Process – Development of Mailing List

Mr. Beaubien requested that or if anyone has mailing lists available for businesses, environmental groups, or concerned citizen groups, he would appreciate receiving a copy so we can create a mailing list.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** NPDES Phase II Fee Structure For Storm Water Permits and Letter To Legislators and Municipalities Regarding NPDES Storm Water Discharge Permit

Mr. Beaubien distributed DRAFT copies of a letter to the Legislators and a letter to the Municipalities stating our concerns and issues. He requested feedback from the Committee by Friday, so the letters can be finalized and distributed.

A discussion was held regarding the letters, fees, and the concerns with the DEQ. It was decided that a meeting with our legislators or their aides might be helpful. The issue was tabled until the Executive Committee's meeting in July.

B. County NPDES Permit

Mr. Beaubien stated that the letter and resolution has been sent to Mr. Noble to rescind the Saginaw County's Road Commissions permit and fees. They will be included in Saginaw County's permit.

C. New Brochures

The brochure for Recreational Vehicle Sanitary Waste Information was distributed to the membership. Mr. Beaubien stated that the brochure is available in PDF format for anyone who would like to use it on their website. Mr. Dunnill raised the question concerning the dumping sites, stating that he knew of other sites. Mr. Beaubien requested that anyone knowing of other sites, to please email the information to him and he would incorporate it into the brochure.

IX. MEETINGS:

The Executive Committee will meet on July 14th at Spicer Group at 10:00 a.m. in Board Room 1 and the General Committee will meet on July 21st in Bridgeport.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Malzahn moved, Mr. Ballosh supported to adjourn this meeting of the SASWA at 2:40 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sika, Secretary