



SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY

**GENERAL BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2004 – 2:00 PM
BRIDGEPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

PRESENT: Dick Dunnill, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Brian Baldwin, *Buena Vista Charter Township*; Debby Lopez, *Carrollton Township*; Jason Casteel, *City of Saginaw*; Len Ballosh; *James Township*; Mike Comstock, *Kochville Township*; Rob Grose, Sonny Grunwell, *Saginaw Charter Township*; Don Ackerman, *Spaulding Township*; Don Sika, Chris Snyder, *Thomas Township*; Tom Waters, Warren Davis, *City of Zilwaukee*; Jim Koski, *Saginaw County*; Carl Ruth, *Saginaw County Board of Commissioners*; Adam Ball, *Saginaw County Road Commission*; Jim Stone, *Saginaw Township Community Schools*; Russell Beaubien, Becky Kubica, *Spicer Group*.

ABSENT: Birch Run Township; Tittabawassee Township; Bridgeport-Spaulding Community Schools; Saginaw Intermediate School District; Swan Valley Schools

EXCUSED: John Malzahn, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Bob Tutsock, *Saginaw Valley State University*

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

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

III. **REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2004 MINUTES:**

Mr. Ballosh moved, Mr. Grose supported, approval of the September 15, 2004 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Dunnill reporting for Mr. Malzahn stated that they had received no new correspondence.

Mr. Beaubien reported on an email question that was received on the website. Unfortunately, it was not "saswa" they wanted, but "SASWA" – South African Screenwriters Association.

V. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Dunnill reported a fund balance of \$181,505.69.

Mr. Dunnill presented an invoice for September for \$7,453.5 from Spicer Group. *A motion was made by Mr. Ballosh to approve the invoice, and was supported by Mr. Snyder. MOTION PASSED.*

Mr. Koski discussed his letter, which was distributed to the membership, explaining the 4th quarter billings that will be sent with a zero balance.

VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. **Executive Committee:** To be covered in the following agenda items.

VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Website Statistics For The Month. Mr. Beaubien provided the website statistics, which showed 616 hits since last month's meeting.

B. Public Participation Plan –

Mr. Beaubien noted that he is looking for communities to host the public meetings and anyone interested can contact him. Mr. Sika has given him information on the Thomas Township Business Association and Mr. Koski is suggesting his name for the speaker's list for the County Manager's Meeting. Mr. Beaubien stated that there would probably be approximately 18 meetings over the next year.

C. Report on Lansing meeting with area legislative representative and MDEQ – Mr. Koski, along with Mr. Grunwell and Mr. Beaubien, reported on the Lansing meeting. Mr. Premo also attended the meeting in Lansing. They felt they had an open and frank discussion about our concerns and issues. The one important thing that came out during the meeting was from Frank Baldwin, the new Deputy Director. Mr. Baldwin stated that the guidelines for writing plans on the website are "guidelines" only, in some cases they are not requirements.

1. County Permit – Saginaw County Road Commission needs to make a decision as to whether they want to get a permit with Saginaw County and be under the County's guidelines or if they want to maintain their own current permit.

D. Letter to State Legislators

A copy of the letter was distributed to the membership for review. This letter was discussed at the the last Executive Board Meeting and it was decided that the letter would be mailed in mid-January, after everything has settled down from the 2004 elections and holidays.

E. Senate Bill 1432 – A copy of Senate Bill 1432 was distributed to the membership. Mr. Beaubien explained what the bill was and how it did not change the way we are doing anything. Basically, it describes a watershed alliance, as the same format as SASWA, and it is another mechanism for communities to organize. SASWA was formed under P.A. 233 of 1955.

F. Reminder and Report of Items for Annual Meeting in December.

1. Resolutions for Trustees needed for Buena Vista Charter Township, which they are aware of and will be handling next month.
2. Bonding of the officers – due in 2005.
3. Resolutions for municipal boards to approve the 2005 apportionment and budget; this must be completed by November 1, 2004. To-date, we have received approvals from ten (10) members, thereby passing the apportionment with 2/3 approval. The rest of the membership will be presenting their apportionment at meetings in November.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SNITCH – There will be a SNITCH meeting on October 27th to work on the countywide storm water ordinance.

B. Annual Report for 2004 – Mr. Beaubien reported that he delivered the Annual Report to the MDEQ Regional Office on October 15th. A copy of the body of the report was distributed to the members. If anyone would like a complete copy with all the Appendices, they can contact Mr. Beaubien.

C. GIS Authority and SASWA – Mr. Grose reported that the GIS Authority is looking at different sources of revenue, such as private sector user decisions fees. There is an ongoing discussion about costs, benefits, etc. and he does not foresee any final for at least four to six months.

D. Website Updates -

1. Mr. Beaubien reported there is now a section on the website where visitors to the website can signup to volunteer to attend the public meetings.
2. Mr. Beaubien has received information that finalized the MWEA Watershed CD is available for \$5. He inquired about purchasing some of the CD's for distribution to area schools and for the website (we have the draft version). He estimates a cost of approximately \$200. It also has a pre- and post-test that the teacher could return to us for use in tracking our public education.
3. Mr. Beaubien demonstrated the mapping section that is now available on the website for membership use. It shows where all known storm sewers are located in Phase II municipalities and may be of use to members.

IX. **MEETINGS:**

- A. SNITCH Committee Meeting – October 27th, 10:00 a.m. at Spicer Group, Board Room 1

X. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Ballosh moved, Mr. Grose supported to adjourn this meeting of the SASWA at 2:50 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sika, Secretary