



# SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY

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

**PRESENT:** John Malzahn, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Debby Lopez, *Carrollton Township*; Jeanette Best, *City of Saginaw*; Len Ballosh, *James Township*; Mike Comstock, *Kochville Township*; Rob Grose, *Sonny Grunwell, Saginaw Charter Township*; Bob Weise, Chris Snyder, *Thomas Township*; Paul Vasold, *Tittabawassee Township*; Tom Waters, Warren Davis, *City of Zilwaukee*; Matt Rappley, *Saginaw County*; Carl Ruth, *Saginaw County Board of Commissioners*; Timothy Applebee, *Saginaw Intermediate School District*; Jim Stone, *Saginaw Township Community Schools*; Bob Tutsock, *Saginaw Valley State University*; Ken Cichosz, *Swan Valley Schools*; Cary Rouse, *MDOT*; Russ Beaubien, Becky Kubica, *Spicer Group*.

**ABSENT:** Birch Run Township; Buena Vista Charter Township; Spaulding Township; Saginaw County Road Commission; Bridgeport-Spaulding Community Schools

**EXCUSED:** Jim Koski, *Saginaw County*; Dan Sika, *Thomas Township*; John Premo, *City of Saginaw*

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Grose called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

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

III. **REVIEW OF OCTOBER 20, 2004 MINUTES:**

*Mr. Ballosh moved, Mr. Vasold supported, approval of the October 20, 2004 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.*

IV. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Beaubien reviewed the MWEA Conference Brochure that was distributed to the membership. The conference will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Beaubien will be presenting at the conference.

V. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Malzahn reported a fund balance of \$182,750.84 as of October 31, 2004.

He also noted that the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter billings have been sent out with a \$0 balance and Zilwaukee will be given a credit for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2005, since they have already paid for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

*A motion was made by Mr. Ballosh to approve the Treasurer's Report, and was supported by Mr. Snyder. MOTION PASSED.*

Mr. Malzahn reported that the contract with the accountants, Roberts, Boehler & Fisher was up for renewal and a response was needed by December 1<sup>st</sup> pursuant to existing contract.

*A motion was made by Mr. Ballosh to approve the contract for 2005 for Roberts, Boehler & Fisher for \$200 a month, and was supported by Mr. Vasold. MOTION PASSED.*

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 840 hits since last month's meeting. He feels that the numbers are up in large part to the two newsletters mailed by communities.
- B. Public Participation Plan. Mr. Beaubien noted that he is still looking for communities to host the public meetings and he will be contacting individual members for their help and input.
- C. SNITCH Report - Mr. Malzahn reported on the SNITCH Committee meeting. A copy of the County Ordinance had been distributed to the membership and Mr. Malzahn reviewed the changes. The Ordinance has been submitted to attorney, David Meyer, for review. After it is received back it will be submitted to Andre Borrello, Saginaw County Civil Attorney, and then to the County Board of Commissioners.
- D. IDEP – Mr. Beaubien reported that he and Mr. Koski had delivered the IDEP plan to MDEQ on November 1, 2004. The plan is also on the website.
- E. Reminder and Report of Items for Annual Meeting in December.
  - 1. Resolutions for Trustees needed for Buena Vista Charter Township.
  - 2. Bonding of the officers – due in 2005. Mr. Malzahn reported that it is in Bamberger Insurance Agency's office at this time.
  - 3. Resolutions for municipal boards to approve the 2005 apportionment and budget. We have received the ten we needed for the budget approval process. Mr. Beaubien has received verbal confirmation, but he still needs copies for the files. The ones he has not received will be contacted and reminded to send the signed copy to Mr. Beaubien or bring it to the December meeting. A list will be provided in the Agenda for the December Meeting.
  - 4. Bonding of the officers – due in 2005.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Senate Bill 1432

Mr. Malzahn raised questions about Senate Bill No. 1432. His concern was that it may rule out any chance to assess monies for the Authority and this would be a good bill to address funding issues for Phase II communities. The bill refers to an "Alliance" but it does not define it as an "Authority", and Mr. Malzahn is concerned that since every activity the Bill defines for an "Alliance" is exactly what we are doing as an "Authority", it could eventually be said "Alliance" and "Authority" are the same. Mr. Beaubien has contacted Rep. Howell's office for clarification, but he is on break at this time. A message has been left with his office. Mr. Malzahn suggested that Mr. Koski revise the letter that is being sent to the legislators in January and include references to Senate Bill 1432.

- B. Illicit Discharge Report in Bridgeport Charter Township

Mr. Malzahn reported on receiving a complaint from a woman in Bridgeport Township regarding waste being discharged from a plane that has hit her roof 3 times in the last couple of months. He referred her to the FAA, who referred her to 911, who referred it to the police department, who investigated and it was identified as goose droppings.

**IX. MEETINGS:**

- A. Executive Committee meeting December 8<sup>th</sup> in Board Room 1 at Spicer Group
- B. General Board Meeting December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2 p.m. at Bridgeport Charter Township Governmental Center.

**NOTE: THE DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> MEETING IS THE ANNUAL MEETING. PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND, AS ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND OTHER ITEMS MUST BE COVERED FOR 2005. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.**

**V. OTHER:**

Mr. Malzahn noted that this would be Mr. Ballosh's last meeting as the representative for James Township, and he was thanked by the membership for his participation and support, with everyone wishing him well.

Mr. Beaubien asked if everyone was receiving the notice for the meeting at the correct address and email and if anyone knew of changes to please let him know. He also reminded the membership that since this is a Public Meeting, the "Notice" that is sent out with the minutes and agenda must be posted in the appropriate place in each member's community. Mr. Ballosh stated that he was not really getting his information with enough lead time to get it posted and requested that it be sent out sooner. Since the posting is based on the agenda that is usually set the week before at the Executive Committee Meeting, it might not be possible to send it out earlier, but Mr. Beaubien will look into it and try to get it out sooner.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

*Mr. Ballosh moved, Mr. Malzahn supported to adjourn this meeting of the SASWA at 2:30 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully submitted,

John Malzahn, Treasurer