



SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY

GENERAL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2005 – 2:00 PM
BRIDGEPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER

PRESENT: Dick Dunnill, John Malzahn, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Vic Killingbeck, *Buena Vista Charter Township*; Debby Lopez, *Carrollton Township*; Vicki Johnson, *City of Saginaw*; Jerry Wieneke, *James Township*; Mike Comstock, *Kochville Township*; Sonny Grunwell, *Saginaw Charter Township*; Don Ackerman, *Spaulding Township*; Dan Sika, Chris Snyder, Bob Weise, *Thomas Township*; Warren Davis, *City of Zilwaukee*; James Koski, *Saginaw County*; Brian Wendling, *Saginaw County Road Commission*; Timothy Applebee, *Saginaw Intermediate School District*; Jim Stone, *Saginaw Township Community Schools*; Bob Tutsock, *Saginaw Valley State University*; Ken Cichosz, *Swan Valley Schools*; David Russell, *Saginaw Soil Conservation District*; Russell Beaubien, *Becky Kubica, Spicer Group*.

ABSENT: Birch Run Township; Tittabawassee Township; Bridgeport-Spaulding Community Schools; Saginaw County Board of Commissioners

EXCUSED: John Premo, *City of Saginaw*

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Koski 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 DECEMBER 15, 2004 MINUTES:

Mr. Malzahn moved, Mr. Dunnill supported, approval of the December 15, 2004 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Malzahn reported that he had received another letter from the Land Information Access Association regarding our application to *Partnerships for Change*. Mr. Beaubien explained that he had submitted a proposal on behalf of the Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority for this grant for funding for the public education program. The letter informed us our application had not been accepted. The letter also stated that there would be another round in February and Mr. Beaubien will be refining our proposal and reapplying.

Mr. Malzahn reported that he had received the Resolution from Saginaw Charter Township appointing Mr. Grunwell their Trustee to the SASWA with Mr. Grose as the Alternate.

Mr. Malzahn received notification of a seminar in Lansing on March 30th regarding “Current Issues in Storm Water – Regulations in Michigan. If anyone has an interest in going they can contact Mr. Malzahn for more information.

Mr. Beaubien reported that he had been in contact with Mr. Noble and he stated that he had sent his comments regarding PEP, PPP, and IDEP and we should be receiving them soon.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Malzahn provided the Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority Deposits and Disbursements for 2004 to the membership. He stated that as of 12/31/04 there was a fund balance of \$170,023.67.

Mr. Malzahn reported that he had discussed what would be needed for the annual audit with Roberts, Boehler & Fisher and they felt it would not take much time.

He also stated that the 1st Quarter, 2005 billings had been sent out this week. He stated that Bridgeport-Spaulding School had not paid for the 3rd Quarter 2004 and he had hand delivered a copy of their invoice to them.

Mr. Malzahn presented an invoice from the attorney, Smith and Bovill for \$734 for the 2004 activities.

A motion was made by Mr. Grunwell to approve Invoice #20148 for \$734 from Smith and Bovill for 2004 activities, and was supported by Mr. Sika. MOTION PASSED.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Education Program accreditation: Mr. Beaubien reported that he would be spending more time on this starting in February.

B. Act 517 of 2004 (formerly SB 1432) an update on aspects of this act:

Mr. Koski reported that he had been in Lansing Tuesday and in talking to some people there he was informed that Senate Bill No. 1432 (Act No. 517) allowed "alliances" to get one permit for a watershed. Mr. Beaubien reviewed the information on the bill and reported on his understanding. After a discussion, it was decided Mr. Koski would follow up and try to obtain more information on costs, Authority vs. Alliance, and other pertinent benefits for the SASWA.

C. Press Releases and Public Meetings for 2005:

Mr. Beaubien reported that we are moving ahead with the press releases and Public Meetings. He will be working with Aaron Bedford, Marketing Department, Spicer Group, creating and publishing the press releases. He is also working on the mailing lists for the Public Meetings.

D. Mailing of letter to Legislators and support from other communities:

Mr. Beaubien reported that the letter to the legislators would be going out shortly. The mailing list has been updated to reflect the legislators elected in November, 2004. Mr. Beaubien reported that both he and Mr. Koski had talked to Cindy Pine, the new Supervisor for Hamburg Township. She had seen the letter the SASWA had sent out to all the Phase II communities and was interested in more information. She asked to be kept informed regarding project funding and legislative pressure. We have also been in contact with St. Clair County, as they also requested to be kept informed.

E. GIS Authority:

Copies of the pricing for work performed by the GIS Authority were distributed to the membership. It would cost the SASWA \$2,000 per year to join. After an explanation and discussion it was motioned that the SASWA pay the fee for the year.

A motion was made by Mr. Grunwell to pay \$2,000 for the yearly fee to the GIS Authority, and was supported by Mr. Malzahn. MOTION PASSED.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Overview of Milestones for 2005 and review of Milestones for 2004:

Copies of the 2005 Milestones and the 2004 Milestones were distributed to the membership. All Milestones were met for 2004 except for the implementation of an illicit discharge plan in a selected township and performing unknown outfall search during dry weather. This did not have to be done in 2004 so it has been postponed until 2005. Mr. Beaubien also reviewed the Milestones for 2005.

B. Rob Gross and Russ Beaubien will be doing a presentation on the SASWA at the Michigan Storm Water – Floodplain Association at the Grand Traverse Resort February 15th. Mr. Koski will also be in attendance.

C. Printing of brochures for upcoming Boat and RV shows and the implementation of the IDEP spill reporting program.

Mr. Beaubien reported that he would be printing the brochures for distribution at upcoming Boat and RV shows. He also asked that anyone with ideas on distributors and distribution to please contact him.

D. Future Executive Committee meeting dates will change: It was noted that the Executive Committee will now be meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month, starting January 26th, at Spicer Group, Board Room 1 at 10:00 a.m.

E. Other:

Mr. Koski announced that there had been a settlement between Dow and the DEQ, which would be made public later in the day.

Mr. Beaubien reviewed the website statistics. He also reported that we would start using a new format next month that would be easier, quicker, and accessible to the membership.

Mr. Beaubien introduced David Russell from Americorps, Saginaw County Soil Conservation District. He has volunteered to help with our public education program.

VIII. MEETINGS:

- A. Executive Committee meeting and SNITCH meeting January 26th in Board Room 1 at Spicer Group at 9:00 a.m.
- B. General Membership meeting February 16th at Bridgeport Charter Township Governmental Center, at 2:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sika, Secretary