



SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY

GENERAL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 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*; John Premo, *City of Saginaw*; Jerry Wieneke, *James Township*; Sonny Grunwell, *Saginaw Charter Township*; Don Ackerman, *Spaulding Township*; Chris Snyder, *Thomas Township*; Tom Waters, Warren Davis, *City of Zilwaukee*; Carl Ruth, *Saginaw County Board of Commissioners*; Brian Wendling, *Saginaw County Road Commission*; Timothy Applebee, *Saginaw Intermediate School District*; Bob Tutsock, *Saginaw Valley State University*; Ken Cichosz, *Swan Valley Schools*; Keith Nobel; *MDEQ*; Russell Beaubien, Becky Kubica, *Spicer Group*.

ABSENT: Birch Run Township; Kochville Township; Tittabawassee Township; Bridgeport-Spaulding Community Schools; Saginaw Township Community Schools

EXCUSED: James Koski, *Saginaw County*; Dan Sika, *Thomas Township*

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Grunwell 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 JANUARY 19, 2005 MINUTES:

Mr. Malzahn moved, Mr. Tutsock supported, approval of the January 19, 2005 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Malzahn reported that he had received letters from (1) Bamberger Insurance Agency recognizing that we are releasing the bond for the previous Vice Chairman, Mr. Grose; (2) a form letter from Saginaw Area GIS Authority requesting us to join, even though we have already requested membership, and (3) from Merrill Lynch regarding updating authorized signatures on the checks.

Mr. Beaubien distributed copies of letters received from Keith Noble and Jon Bloemker. The letter from Mr. Noble was in response to the revised version of the SASWA Public Education Plan, which he received on March 22, 2004 and in July. The letter from Mr. Bloemker was a review of the SASWA Annual Progress Report, which he received on October 15, 2004. Both letters contained recommendations and requirements. Responses to the letters will be discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting on February 23rd.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Malzahn stated that as of January 31, 2005 there was a fund balance of \$183,236.11.

He noted that there were only three (3) members that had not paid their 1st Quarter, 2005 billings.

Mr. Malzahn presented an invoice from the accountants, Roberts, Boehler & Fisher for Inv. #5394 for \$550 for the monthly services, the preparation of the Annual Financial Statements, and getting ready for the audit.

A motion was made by Mr. Grunwell to approve Invoice #5394 for \$550 from Roberts, Boehler & Fisher, and was supported by Mr. Snyder. MOTION PASSED.

He also presented Inv. #140128 from Spicer Group for \$54.76, which was for the mailings to the legislators.

A motion was made by Mr. Grunwell to approve Invoice #140128 for \$54.76 from Spicer Group, and was supported by Mr. Tutsock. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Malzahn stated that he would be setting up an appointment sometime in March to meet with Yeo & Yeo for the 2004 audit.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

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

B. Review of HB 4023 compared to Act 517 of 2004 (formerly SB 1432) update:

Mr. Beaubien distributed a copy of HB 4023. He stated that he has not been able to find any discernable differences in HB 4023 and SB 1432. He reviewed the bills and there was a short discussion on what they might contain and how they might affect the SASWA (Authority vs. Alliance). He will be researching and following up with the Executive Committee.

C. Press Releases and Public Meetings for 2005:

Mr. Beaubien reported that the Press Releases would be going out next week, that the meeting dates were being set up, and the mailing list for the public meetings was almost done with over 1,000 names.

D. Mailing of letter to Legislators: Mr. Beaubien reported that the letter to the Legislators had been sent out on Feb. 10th.

E. County Storm Water Ordinance – Draft:

Mr. Beaubien reported that he had received the final revision back from David Meyer and it would be reviewed at the Executive Meeting.

F. Brochures and distribution:

Mr. Beaubien reported that we did get the brochures printed up for the Recreational Vehicles. Last weekend he distributed them at the SVSU Boat Show to various vendors. Hoyles Marina informed him that they have a discharge station and would like to get on the list with the next reprint. Mr. Beaubien also noted that he had heard that the Coast Guard was actively distributing the brochure and he will be delivering an additional supply to them.

A quantity of the brochures were made available to the membership, along with the survey from the website. Anyone needing more can contact Mr. Beaubien.

Mr. Beaubien stated that he had a list of upcoming shows that he would be distributing the brochure to and if anyone had information regarding places or events where the brochure could be distributed, he would be happy to take the information. He also requested that if anyone knew of someone who might want to man a table at a show (ex. Eagle Scout interested in water quality) handing out brochures and getting the survey filled out, please let him know.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SVSU Boat Show at Ryder Center: See Old Business – Brochures and distribution.

B. Report on presentation of the SASWA at the Michigan Storm Water – Floodplain Association at the Grand Traverse Resort February 15th.

Mr. Beaubien reported on the presentation that he gave on the SASWA, including the history and the program to-date. He stated that he answered questions for 2-3 hours. He noted that according to what he heard we are fortunate that we have very good cooperation with Mr. Noble, MDEQ. He also reported that the part of the Public Education Plan where we go into the classrooms at local schools generated a great deal of interest and requests for more information.

C. Review letter on PPP and IDEP from MDEQ: - Discussed under Correspondence.

D. Web Site Statistics:

Copies of the new format for the web site statistics were handed out and reviewed by Mr. Beaubien. It was also noted that the members have access to review the statistics on the web site under Member Resources.

E. Other:

1. Mr. Beaubien discussed the need for purchasing SASWA letterhead and envelopes. We will be mailing approximately 2,000 letters for the public hearings and it would be a considerable cost savings to have the printed letterhead and envelopes. He presented the different costs to the General Membership. It was decided that letterhead would be ordered with the colored logo and the envelopes would be ordered with a black logo and address. The cost for 5,000 sheets of letterhead would be \$415 and the cost for 5,000 envelopes in color would be \$335, so the black only will be cheaper, and Mr. Beaubien will report to the Executive Committee with the lower cost.

Mr. Malzahn moved to order 5,000 sheets of colored letterhead at a cost of \$415 and 5,000 envelopes with the black logo for the cheaper cost, Mr. Ruth supported. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Floodplain Insurance – Mr. Beaubien reported on a program he learned about at the Michigan Storm Water – Floodplain Association Convention. With a minimum amount of paperwork, municipalities can go through a community rating program and get credit for things that they are doing (i.e. storm water management plans) and people in that community can get from 5% to 15% discount on their floodplain insurance. It is a step program based on the number

of programs initiated for the residents. Upon a quick review of the requirements, Saginaw Township could possibly qualify for 10% for their residents. Mr. Beaubien has a list, which he will be sharing with the Executive Committee, of who might qualify and a list of the residents who hold floodplain insurance in those areas. The City of Zilwaukee is in the process of qualifying.

What Mr. Beaubien would like to propose is a meeting between the membership and Joy Brooks, who works with the program and does the on-site visits evaluations. It was noted that it could be a worthwhile idea to also have her speak at a Public Education Meeting.

VIII. MEETINGS:

- A. Executive Committee meeting February 23rd in Board Room 1 at Spicer Group at 10:00 a.m.
- B. General Membership meeting March 16th at Bridgeport Charter Township Governmental Center, at 2:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

*Mr. Malzahn moved, Mr. Snyder supported to adjourn this meeting of the SASWA at 2:55 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully submitted,

John Malzahn, Treasurer