



SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY

GENERAL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2006 – 2:00 PM
THOMAS TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

PRESENT: John Malzahn, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Marvin Kozara, *Carrollton Township*; John Premo, *City of Saginaw*; Jerry Wieneke, *James Township*; Sonny Grunwell, *Saginaw Charter Township*; Chris Snyder, Bob Weise, *Thomas Township*; Paul Vasold, *Tittabawassee Township*; Tom Waters, *City of Zilwaukee*; James Koski, Matt Rappley, *Saginaw County*; Kelly Quimpel, *Saginaw ISD*; Robert Tutsock, *Saginaw Valley State University*; Ken Cichosz, *Swan Valley Schools*; Russell Beaubien, Adam Ward, Becky Kubica, *Spicer Group*.

ABSENT: Birch Run Township; Buena Vista Charter Township; Kochville Township; Spaulding Township; Saginaw County Board of Commissioners; Saginaw County Road Commission; Bridgeport-Spaulding Community Schools; Saginaw Township Community Schools

GUESTS: David Russell, Saginaw Conservation District

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

II. ROLL CALL: Mr. Malzahn completed the roll call. He declared that a quorum was present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Koski called for Public Comments. There were none.

IV. REVIEW OF DECEMBER 21, 2005 MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Grunwell moved, Mr. Malzahn supported approval of the December 21, 2005 meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

V. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Malzahn reported that he had received information from the Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control. They are accepting proposals for 2006 grants. Mr. Beaubien was given the information for follow-up.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Malzahn reported that the Money Market account has a balance of \$129,228.86. The checking account has a balance, as of December 31st, of \$6,260.63. He noted that the SASWA earned \$3,492.87 in interest in 2005.

Mr. Malzahn presented two invoices from Spicer Group. The first was Invoice #143711 for \$9,693.75 for general services.

A motion was made by Mr. Snyder to approve Invoice #143711 for \$9,693.75 from Spicer Group, and supported by Mr. Tutsock. MOTION PASSED.

He also presented Invoice #143717 for \$9,721.88 for IDEP services.

A motion was made by Mr. Vasold to approve the Invoice #143717 for \$9,721.88 from the Spicer Group, and supported by Mr. Premo. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Malzahn presented Invoice #6958 from Roberts, Boehler, & Fisher for \$200 for services through December 31st.

A motion was made by Mr. Grunwell to approve Invoice #6958 for \$200 from Roberts, Boehler, & Fisher, and supported by Mr. Malzahn. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Malzahn presented Invoice #02273 from Bamberger Insurance for \$3,690.00 for insurance for the 2006 year.

A motion was made by Mr. Wieneke to approve Invoice #02273 for \$3,690 from Bamberger Insurance, and supported by Mr. Vasold. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Malzahn requested membership approval to have a check issued to the State of Michigan for \$75 for 2006 Grant Administration Workshop being held by the MDEQ, on January 31st in Lansing on the non-point source grant program. This training concerns handling finances for the 2005 grant that SASWA received for the IDEP implementation. The cost is \$25, and Mr. Rappley, Mr. Beaubien, and Mr. Malzahn will be attending.

A motion was made by Mr. Grunwell to approve the \$75 to the State of Michigan, and supported by Mr. Snyder. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Malzahn also noted that he had cancelled the Public Service Bond for Mr. Sika and applied for one for Mr. Snyder.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Progress Report on Storm Water Ordinance – Mr. Koski reported that he has not heard anymore since he last reported at the meeting that was held with the attorneys, Mr. Beaubien, and Mr. Rappley to bring them up-to-date on why the Storm Water Ordinance is in the best interests of the County. The attorneys will be contacting Mr. Meyer, Smith Bovill, and working with him on the language of the Ordinance, as necessary. He noted that actual approval could take place in three to four months.

He also reported that he had been contacted by 911 regarding about a suspicious discharge in the City. Since it was in the City he told them it was not a problem and he would contact the City and have them investigate. Mr. Premo stated that the City had investigated and the discharge was only water.

At this time a discussion was held regarding a refresher course for 911 personnel regarding spills and discharges. It was noted that this was being considered and it should be included in the SWPPI's.

B. IDEP Project Update

Mr. Beaubien reported that he is working on the annual report for MDEQ and will have it for review at the Executive Board meeting next week.

Mr. Beaubien reported that there has been a slowdown in the IDEP because of the weather.

He did report that one of the Area of Concerns on State Street and M-47 has been started. An outlet was discovered going into a catch basin that originates from a maintenance area and has a bunch of nasty looking material coming from it. It appears to be a floor drain connection. It maybe the source of the concern. The remainder of the MDOT drain is out in M-58 (State Street) and would pose a hazard to crews to investigate. We may have to videotape this portion of the drain up to Weiss. Mr. Beaubien reported he is in the process of requesting storm sewer plans from MDOT and talking to MDOT about this drain.

C. WMP's on website

Mr. Beaubien reported that the WMP's are now on the website in PDF format.

Mr. Malzahn asked if it was possible to post the position papers, letters, and other information we have on the Water Quality Compliance Fees on the website. Mr. Beaubien agreed and will have this information put on the SASWA website.

D. Grant Information – Mr. Beaubien reported on the following grant information.

1. ***Michigan Volunteer River, Stream & Creek Cleanup program*** there is \$25K available annually for this type of project.

Volunteer stream cleanup – must be ongoing, can be made part of the SWPPI for some municipalities. Looking at either the Birch Run Creek in Spaulding Twp. Or, clean up from Freeland downstream to Center Street Bridge Boat Launch Area. Should be able to get volunteers to assist in this clean up. Advertise at Fishing Expo for volunteers, approach Walleye groups. Get Rolloffs at the boat launch areas to keep track of material removed from river. Will this be dioxin hazard? Should we look at other sections of the Rivers - Cass?? Swan Creek??

A discussion was held regarding the issues and questions from Mr. Beaubien. It was decided that more information was needed regarding the hazards and liabilities. Mr. Beaubien was directed to go ahead with the grant application, but to get more information.

2. ***CMI Grants for WMP implementation*** – There will be another round of funds available for this type of project. GAP's will be available in early 2006.
3. ***Saginaw Bay WIN Grants*** – There may be grant funding available to develop regional training for Low Impact Design, BMP construction and maintenance, introduction of contractors and developers to the goals and objectives of the Phase II rules and what is being implemented in this region. There might be \$50K available for this training.

Mr. Beaubien reported that he had been working with Mr. Ward to write the proposal for this grant. They will be proposing two trainings – one for contractors, architects, engineers, planners, municipal personnel, and developers and one for landscaping/lawn care companies. The conferences would be in the Saginaw area, with invitations also be sent to other surrounding counties.

4. Mr. Koski reported that Mr. Russell had given him nomination information for a Michigan based Award. He has the information if anyone is interested.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Stationary

Mr. Beaubien noted that the SASWA stationary that was purchased last year is now out of date with the resignation of Mr. Sika as Secretary and Mr. Snyder being elected as the new Secretary.

After a discussion, Mr. Rappley made a motion that 500 hundred sheets of new letterhead be purchased. Mr. Malzahn supported. MOTION CARRIED.

Revised 02/15/06 - At the January meeting a motion was passed to purchase 500 sheets of new letterhead. Ms. Kubica reported that she had obtained four (4) quotes. After a short discussion, it was decided that the purchase of a quantity of letterhead would be put on hold until the need (such as a large mailing) made it necessary. Since a motion was passed in January to purchase the letterhead a motion was needed to correct the minutes from that meeting to reflect today's decision.

Mr. Malzahn made a motion to revised the January 18th meeting minutes to reflect that the purchase of 500 sheets of new letterhead be put on hold until needed. Mr. Snyder supported. MOTION CARRIED

B. Investment Policy – Resolution Adopting Investment Policy #01-06

Mr. Malzahn distributed copies of Resolution #01-06. He explained that the only change was in the name of the financial institution where the SASWA's money is being held.

Mr. Malzahn made a motion that a Roll Call be conducted for approval of Resolution. The Resolution was passed by a vote of 12 ayes and 0 nays.

C. SWPPI Survey

Mr. Beaubien distributed copies of the SWPPI survey to the membership. Mr. Beaubien and Mr. Ward explained how this survey would help identify the things that will be needed in each individual SWPPI. The document is a WORD document, mostly yes and no answers, and will be emailed out to the members for completion and return to Mr. Beaubien by January 31st.

D. Community Rating System

Mr. Beaubien reported that he had been contacted by Joy Brooks to visit the March, 2006 General Membership meeting to discuss the CRS program.

E. Web Site Statistics

Mr. Beaubien reported that the statistics are holding steady and there have been almost 31,000 hits over the last year.

F. Other

1. Next Meeting – A discussion was held as to where the next General Membership meeting would be held. It was decided that:
 - a. February 15th meeting would again be held at Thomas Township
 - b. March 15th meeting would tentatively be held in James Township – Mr. Wieneke would be checking and getting back to Ms Kubica.
 - c. April 19th meeting is still open
 - d. May 17th meeting will be held in Saginaw Township
 - e. June 21st meeting will be held at Saginaw Valley University

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Malzahn moved, and Mr. Grunwell supported to adjourn this meeting of the SASWA at 3:20 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Snyder, Secretary