



SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY

GENERAL BOARD MEETING
APRIL 19, 2006 – 2:00 PM
TITTABAWASSEE TOWNSHIP HALL

PRESENT: John Malzahn, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Vic Killingbeck, *Buena Vista Charter Township*; Mark Pilkington, *Carrollton Township*; John Premo, *City of Saginaw*; Mike Comstock, *Kochville Township*; Sonny Grunwell, *Saginaw Charter Township*; Chris Snyder, *Thomas Township*; Doug Trembath, *Tittabawassee Township*; Tom Waters, Warren Davis, *City of Zilwaukee*; Matt Rappley, *Saginaw County*; Brian Wendling, *Saginaw County Road Commission*; Tom Kelly, *Bridgeport-Spaulding Community Schools*; Kelly Quimper; *Saginaw ISD*; Russell Beaubien, Adam Ward, Becky Kubica, *Spicer Group*.

EXCUSED: Jerry Wieneke, *James Township*; James Koski, *Saginaw County*; Robert Tutsock, *Saginaw Valley State University*

ABSENT: Birch Run Township; Spaulding Township; Saginaw County Board of Commissioners; Saginaw Township Community Schools; Swan Valley Schools

GUESTS: David Russell, Saginaw Conservation District

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Grunwell called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Grunwell called for Public Comments.

There were none.

IV. REVIEW OF March 15th MEETING MINUTES:

*Mr. Malzahn moved, Mr. Snyder supported approval of the March 15th meeting minutes.
MOTION CARRIED.*

V. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Malzahn reported that he had received the Bond for Chris Snyder.

He also reported that he had received a memo from the EPA for an illicit discharge training program. He noted that there was information for signing up for the NPDES Newsletter on www.EPA.gov/NPDES and that it contained interesting information.

Mr. Beaubien reported distributed information from the Michigan Townships Association regarding a lawsuit that being filed on behalf of the Charter Townships of Comstock and Kalamazoo, which contends that the MDEQ has erroneously applied state and federal law in its determination that plaintiff townships are “owners or operators” of municipal separate storm systems. They are requesting that townships consider making a donation to the legal fund for this suit. After a discussion, it was suggested that the SASWA make a contribution. This suggestion was tabled for more discussion at a later date.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Malzahn reported that the Money Market account has a balance of \$81,868.46. The checking account has a balance, as of March 31st of \$16,103.35. He noted the 4th quarter billing for 2005 for reimbursement for the IDEP grant of approximately \$9,600 had been received and the 1st quarter billing for 2006 for approximately \$13,000 will be sent shortly.

Mr. Malzahn noted that the audit is going smoothly.

Mr. Malzahn presented Invoice #7648 from Roberts, Boehler, & Fisher for \$200 for services for March.

A motion was made by Mr. Grunwell to approve Invoice #7648 for \$200 from Roberts, Boehler, & Fisher, and supported by Mr. Snyder. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Malzahn presented Invoice #144462 from Spicer Group for \$3,774.38 for March IDEP services.

A motion was made by Mr. Grunwell to approve Invoice #144462 for \$3,774.38 from Spicer Group, and supported by Mr. Premo. MOTION PASSED.

He also had the Invoice from Spicer Group for general services for March. One of the line items on the invoice referenced the IDEP and Mr. Malzahn asked for more information from Mr. Beaubien. Mr. Beaubien said that the items did not get deleted from the invoice information, but he did not think the amounts were included in the total of the invoice. Mr. Beaubien will take the invoice back to Spicer and get it corrected and have it for the Executive Committee meeting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Progress Report on Storm Water Ordinance – Mr. Koski was not in attendance at today's meeting.

B. SWPPI

Mr. Beaubien reported that all SWPPI's have been submitted except for one. MDEQ is aware of the situation and it is not a problem.

Mr. Ward distributed copies of their final SWPPI to all the members who were in attendance at the meeting.

C. Storm Water Operator Training

Mr. Beaubien reported that date for the Storm Water Operator Training had been set. The training will take place May 12th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00, at Spicer Group in the 3rd floor presentation room. He will be sending this information out so everyone who needs to can sign up. At this time, there are 16 people signed up for the training.

Mr. Beaubien discussed how important this training was due to the fact that the MDEQ had started to enforce the Soil Erosion Soil Control laws.

Mr. Beaubien also reported that Charlie Bauer has contacted him regarding a private storm water outlet in the Tittabawassee River that was causing erosion, and Mr. Bauer wanted to know how the SASWA was going to handle it. After some discussion regarding the fact that the MDEQ is responsible for waters of the State of Michigan, a motion was made.

A motion was made by Mr. Malzahn that a letter from Mr. Koski, Chairman of the Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority, be sent to the MDEQ stating that this is not our problem to solve. Motion was supported by Mr. Rappley. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Ward noted that the Storm Water Operator Training was listed in everyone's SWPPI so it was important to keep track of who is going to the SWPPI reports. It was requested that Spicer Group create a standardized log/record for the SWPPI. Mr. Beaubien reported that Mr. Ward had already been working on this idea.

Mr. Beaubien noted that the presentation today by David Russell on "Lawn Care for Water Quality" could also be recorded for the SWPPI, and he suggested having other 10-15 minute BMP presentations at the General Board Meetings.

D. SASWA Outing – Watershed Education

Mr. Beaubien and Mr. Grunwell will be meeting to discuss this outing. If anyone has any suggestions, they can contact Mr. Beaubien or Mr. Grunwell.

VIII. New Business

A. HB 5906

Mr. Beaubien distributed and discussed copies of HB 5906, a bill sponsored by the MTA. This is a bill "to authorize local units of government to levy a tax for the purpose of operating and maintaining storm water utility systems." It is felt that this Bill will probably not go anywhere and it is being used to start educating legislators.

B. NPDES Phase II information on pending litigation in MI – Discussed under Storm Water Training

C. SASWA Member spill kit inventory

Mr. Beaubien distributed a form to fill out, which will provide an inventory of spill kit items and where they are available. He requested that the forms be filled out and returned to him by the next General Meeting.

D. Website statistics

Mr. Beaubien reported on website statistics.

E. Lawn Care for Water Quality Presentation by David Russell – NRCS

Mr. Russell presented a very informative and appreciated presentation on Lawn Care for water quality using power point and handouts.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Snyder, Secretary