



**GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 6, 2008 – 10:00 A.M.  
BRIDGEPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

**PRESENT:** Ken MacLeod, *Birch Run Township*; John Malzahn, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Vic Killingbeck, *Buena Vista Charter Township*; Jason Casteel, *City of Saginaw*; John Premo, *City of Saginaw*; Mike Burger, *Kochville Township*; James Koski, *Saginaw County*; Carl Ruth, *Saginaw County Board of Commissioners*; Jim Stone, *Saginaw Township Schools*; Robert Tutsock, *Saginaw Valley State University*; Dan Sika, *Thomas Township*; Ed Mahaney, *Tittabawassee Township*; Russell Beaubien and Jamie Galbraith, *Spicer Group*.

**GUESTS:** Mike Young, *MDEQ*; Charlie Bauer, *MDEQ*; Keith Noble, *MDEQ*; Bob Grnak, *Senator Kahn's Office*

**EXCUSED:** Mark Pilkington, *Carrollton Township*; Sonny Grunwell, *Saginaw Charter Township*

**ABSENT:** City of Zilwaukee, Saginaw County Road Commission, Bridgeport-Spaulding Community Schools, Saginaw ISD, and Swan Valley Schools

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Koski called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

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

III. **REVIEW OF APRIL 16<sup>th</sup> MEETING MINUTES:**

*Mr. Malzahn moved, Mr. Sika supported approval of the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, MOTION CARRIED.*

IV. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. "Bit for the Bay" Campaign Update

Mr. Beaubien reported that radio ads have started for the campaign. Four different ads are being played on four different radio stations. Brochures are available to distribute from municipal offices. Mr. Beaubien will contact area car washes to see if they are willing to hand them out, since the radio ads urge people to use them instead of washing them at home. Magnets (800) and pens (300) have been ordered for distribution and will be handed out at the next meeting.

B. Draft Permit Update

Mr. Beaubien reported that the permit update is available on the web. Spicer is taking care of the applications to send in for SASWA members. The deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup> and requires GPS outfall coordinates. SEMCOG is offering training on filling out the permit and all that it includes. Mr. Noble from the DEQ will coordinate with Russ to bring training for Saginaw, Gratiot, Bay, and Genesee Counties. This would be a four hour

session and possibly held at Saginaw Valley State University. This training will be setup for the end of June.

C. Attorney General's Opinion

Mr. Koski reported that if the county drainage district is found to be a municipality and wanted to charge the residents, it can not be done for storm water work. The rules set in place by the Drain Code conflicts with this setup. County drains and outfalls also can not be paid for under the set rules. The DEQ is working on changing this to incorporate these fees into the Drain Code, still waiting to hear the Attorney General's opinion on the matter.

V. New Business

A. SB 1249

Mr. Grnak from Senator Kahn's office reported that a call was made to Senator Birkholtz's office regarding the bill. It was reported that the bill is on hold and not moving forward at this time. Mr. Koski reported that the bill needs to be changed regarding the drainage district. Overall SASWA agrees with the idea of a municipality having the right to charge for assessments of drainage districts.

B. Discussion of Bill

Mr. Beaubien attended the meeting at Senator Birkholtz's office and had received comments on the bill. The MML also attended the meeting and are working on rewriting certain sections such as: flooding, voluntary fees (lake front owners), payment for plans, and industrial settings.

Mr. Koski reported that instead of passing this bill the Drain Code should be updated to include the need to assess for storm water. Other sections should be updated including planning, defined benefits, regulated areas, and schools. Mr. Koski urged Senator Kahn's office to make more meetings with legislation.

C. Other

Mr. Malzahn reported that he received a letter from the DEQ regarding the application for the water quality monitoring grant. Our application was denied.

Mr. Bauer from DEQ requested assistance from SASWA to help with Frankenmuth's application for watershed planning permit. Frankenmuth is looking to focus on the Cass River and total watershed. They have a committee formed to make the river more attractive and return to "Crystal Clear Waters of the Cass."

*Mr. Malzahn moved, and Mr. Koski supported the assistance for the permit, MOTION CARRIED.*

Mr. Beaubien reported that the sound bites from the radio ads will be posted to the SASWA web site once he has received final copies of the ads from NEXT MEDIA.

D. Website Statistics

Copies of the web site statistics were distributed to the membership. Mr. Beaubien explained that the web site gets hits from all over the world including, China, Canada, South Africa, and Australia.

II. ADJOURNMENT:

*Mr. Malzahn moved, and Mr. Koski supported to adjourn this meeting of the SASWA at 10:52 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sika, Secretary

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