



**GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2010 – 2:00 P.M.
BRIDGEPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

PRESENT: Sonny Grunwell, *Saginaw Charter Township*; John Malzahn, *Bridgeport Charter Township*; Ken Hyde, *Carrollton Township*; Jason Casteel, *City of Saginaw*; Robert Tutsock, *Saginaw Valley State University*; Wallace Butler, *Buena Vista Charter Township*; Mike Burger, *Kochville Township*; Ed Mahaney, *Tittabawassee Township*; Dan Sika, *Thomas Township*; Carl Ruth, *Saginaw County Board of Commissioners*; Troy Linton, *Swan Valley Schools*; Warren Davis, *City of Zilwaukee*; Russell Beaubien and Katie Murphy, *Spicer Group*.

EXCUSED: Jim Koski, *Saginaw County*; Matt Rappley, *Saginaw County*

GUEST: Andy Richardson, *City of Saginaw*; Bob Weise, *Thomas Township*

ABSENT: *Saginaw Intermediate School District; Saginaw County Road Commission; Bridgeport Spaulding Community Schools; Saginaw Township Community Schools*

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Grunwell 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 COMMENTS:**

A. None

IV. **REVIEW OF DECEMBER 15th MEETING MINUTES:**

Mr. Burger moved to approve the December 15th meeting minutes. Mr. Ruth supported the motion, MOTION CARRIED.

V. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

A. Mr. Malzahn reported that, as of the end of January, the Money Market account has a balance of \$14,635.73. The checking account has a balance, as of the end of January, of \$61,038.65.

B. Mr. Malzahn reported that payments for the 1st quarter invoices are being received.

C. Mr. Malzahn presented Invoice #18821 from Roberts, Boehler, & Fisher for \$550.00 for monthly services and 4th quarter financial statements.

A motion was made by Mr. Malzahn to approve Invoice #18821 for \$550.00 from Roberts, Boehler, & Fisher, and supported by Mr. Sika. MOTION PASSED.

- D. Mr. Malzahn presented Invoice #162420 from Spicer Group for \$8,190.50 for general services related to the Illicit Disconnect Grant.

A motion was made by Mr. Malzahn to approve Invoice #162420 for \$8,190.50 from Spicer Group, and supported by Mr. Casteel. MOTION PASSED.

- E. Mr. Malzahn presented Invoice #162419 from Spicer Group for \$4,706.50 for general services.

A motion was made by Mr. Sika to approve Invoice #162419 for \$4,706.50 from Spicer Group, and supported by Mr. Burger. MOTION PASSED.

- F. Mr. Malzahn reported that the audit is underway. The 4th quarter FSR has been filed for the Illicit Disconnect grant but no reimbursement was requested in an effort to meet the match requirement. Mr. Malzahn also reported that he needs from the Officers copies of driver's licenses, the last 4 digits of social security numbers, and signatures on the authorization form.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Meeting of December 20, 2010, in Lansing

Mr. Beaubien reported that he attended the meeting hosted by the MDEQ regarding the revoked 2008 permit. There is a summary of the meeting available. Mr. Beaubien will e-mail the summary to the members. The MDEQ has not yet begun working on a new permit. The MDEQ is considering a rotating permit schedule. The permits will still be valid for five years. However, not all of the permits issued will expire in the same year.

- B. Training Dates for Staff – On hold until further notice

Mr. Beaubien reported that due to the revocation of the 2008 permit, staff training has been put on hold until more information and direction is available from the MDEQ as to what needs to be implemented by the SASWA members.

- C. Permit Requirements for 2011

Mr. Beaubien reported that the Authority has been advised to maintain the current requirements unless submitting new or revised documents. Annual reporting is required under the 2003 permit. Mr. Beaubien has been working on compiling a combined report for 2009 and 2010. Inspection under the SWPPP is not required and is at the discretion of the individual members until more information is available.

- D. Illicit Disconnect Grant Report for 2011

Mr. Beaubien reported that he has been continuing the drain walks. To date, the Authority has walked 99.5 miles of open drain and 48.2 miles of enclosed storm drain and identified 2,334 point sources and 162 outfalls for waters of the state. The Authority

has also generated 423 crossing reports for county drains. Since 2009, there are five interventions to be followed up by the Health Department. There are 16 follow-up inspections to be done this year. Mr. Beaubien spoke with Thad Cleary from the MDEQ. Mr. Cleary advised that the Authority close out the grant by the end of March.

E. Other

Mr. Beaubien provided a handout regarding the Class Action Suit in the meeting packet. The handout includes information on the points that the communities were contesting as well as a list of the communities, their legal representation, and the category in which they were contesting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Cass River Cleanup – 2011 Request for Funds

Mr. Beaubien reported that the 3rd Annual Cass River Cleanup is scheduled for this summer. The cleanup effort will take place from the west side of the Dixie Road Bridge to the State Road Bridge. The organization has requested funds from the Authority again – less than \$400.

B. Grants – Cooperative effort with SVSU is being explored

Mr. Beaubien reported that he has been meeting with Dr. Dave Karpovich from SVSU regarding issues of water quality. The University has been issued a grant through the GLISTEN program. The University will hire students to complete water testing. The Authority can hire the students at approximately \$5.00 per hour for up to 20 hours per week. The University has equipment and labs for use by the students.

C. Other

Mr. Grunwell reported that the Fire Chief asked him to mention that the Saginaw County Emergency Notification System is available. The system has been used for weather alerts and other emergencies. It can also be used for utility-related information and emergencies, including road closures and line breaks. Registration is available online. Residents must register to be notified.

D. Web Site Statistics (Handout)

Copies of the Web site statistics were distributed to the membership.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Tutsock moved, and Mr. Sika supported to adjourn this meeting of the SASWA General Board at 2:32 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sika, Secretary