



**Mid Michigan Waste Authority  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

9:30 am – June 13, 2017

Thomas Twp Public Safety Building – 8215 Shields Dr/Thomas Twp

The following are the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mid Michigan Waste Authority (Authority), a Michigan Municipal Corporation, located in Saginaw County, Michigan, held Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at the Thomas Township Public Safety Building, Saginaw, Michigan, pursuant to written notice served on the members of the Authority and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

**I. Welcome and Public Comment**

Chair Grunwell called the meeting to order at 9:32 am. Public comment solicited – no public in attendance.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Member Attendance Roll**

23 present – quorum achieved

**Members Present**

Bethany Twp/C. Morris		Jonesfield Twp/L. Tibbits
Village of Birch Run/P. Moore		Kochville Twp/J. Loiacano
Blumfield Twp/K. Huber		Lakefield Twp/D. Rohn
Brady Twp/D. Cook	alt	Maple Grove Twp/C. Bishop
Brant Twp/P. Cooper		Richland Twp/A. Reno
Bridgeport Twp/R. Licht		Saginaw Twp/H. Grunwell
Buena Vista Twp/W. Butler		St. Charles Twp/T. Sargent
Carrollton Twp/M. Pilkington		Swan Creek Twp/S. Golden
Chesaning Twp/F. Kukulis		Thomas Twp/R. Taylor
City of Frankenmuth/B. Smith		Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva
Fremont Twp/D. LaClair		Wheeler Twp/J. Rohde
James Twp/E. Hak		

**Members Absent**

Albee Twp/J. Wasmiller		Village of Merrill/N. Brown
Birch Run Twp/R. Letterman		City of Saginaw/P. Karwat
Village of Breckenridge/C. Seeley		Village of St. Charles/M. Lane
Chapin Twp/ B. Radabaugh		Spaulding Twp/E. Masters
Frankenmuth Twp/T. Hildner		City of Zilwaukee/J. Zittel
Marion Twp/S. Goschka		

**Staff / Guests / Public**

Staff: K. Tessin/Administrative Director; Carol Somers/Community Engagement Officer; K. Guinn/Customer Service Representative; no public or guests in attendance.

**IV. Review Minutes and Other Information**

**A. Approve Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the April 10, 2017, MMWA Board of Trustees meeting were provided in the meeting packet.

*Motion by Brant Twp/Cooper, seconded by Village of Birch Run/Moore, to approve the April 10, 2017, meeting minutes as presented.*

*Passed unanimously*

## **V. Organizational/Administrative Items: Information &/or Approval**

### **A. MMWA 2016 Audit**

The 2016 Audit for the Mid Michigan Waste Authority was discussed and two hardcopies were provided to each attending municipality. Tessin welcomed questions from those in attendance. There were no questions.

*Motion by Chesaning Twp/Kukulis, seconded by Maple Grove Twp/Bishop, to approve the MMWA 2016 Audit.*

*Passed unanimously*

### **B. Restated Member Contracts - Update**

Tessin noted that many municipalities have returned updated membership agreements and MMWA is on track to meet its projected timeline. Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva stated that the board meeting for Tittabawassee was taking place that evening and he was sure the restated member contract would be approved.

## **VI. Program Items; Information &/or Approval**

### **A. CRRC/Special Waste Drop Off E-Waste Vendor Update**

Tessin stated that there has been a total of six events, which have taken place without incident, including two e-waste, one HHW and three paint drop-off days, with a total turnout of 625 cars.

SVRC, the vendor contracted for this year's e-waste events, is no longer able to provide services to MMWA. Tessin researched the DEQ list of e-waste vendors and sent out inquiries to several vendors. She noted that she only received pricing from two vendors. The vendor she is recommending that the Authority use for e-waste events is Valley City Electronic Recycling, as the company's bid is \$.04/lb. less than the one other bid received. These costs would not be passed on to the residents, who will still be able to drop off electronics for free.

*Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Bethany Twp/Morris, to approve Valley City Electronic Recycling as the vendor for the remaining e-waste drop off events.*

*Passed unanimously*

### **B. Community Engagement Officer Report**

Somers gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on two major projects recently undertaken by MMWA staff.

#### **1. Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Education Grant Award**

MMWA is one of thirteen entities statewide that have received a recycling education grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The grant program's primary objective is to increase recycling participation in the state of Michigan. MMWA will be coordinating a curbside education pilot program in 10-12 member communities from July to October 2017. In place of the current orange stickers a new streamlined sticker will use friendlier language and design to educate residents on the three most common recycling container contaminants – plastic bags, foam, and greasy pizza boxes. New recycling recognition stickers will be placed on the recycling containers of residents who have properly prepared their recyclables and followed accepted material guidelines. MMWA believes the positive reinforcement will result in more confident recyclers who are excited about recycling and

encouraged to continue their good curbside behavior. The back side of both stickers will feature information encouraging residents to use a 45-gallon or smaller recycling can instead of a recycling bin. The tags will explain the benefits of using the larger can and reinforce the no-sort recycling message. The campaign also includes billboard advertising that promotes the use of 45-gallon or smaller cans for recycling.

## 2. MMWA Website

MMWA successfully launched its newly designed website two weeks ago. The new site is optimized for both desktop and mobile devices and has enhanced search and navigation capabilities. The new “How do I dispose of \_\_\_\_\_?” search allows users to easily learn how to recycle or dispose of household and problem waste materials, either through the MMWA curbside program, special waste drop-off days, or other resources. New items are being added to the materials database daily. The website also features community collection calendars, frequently asked questions, upcoming events, press releases, a contact form, links to the Authority’s Facebook and Twitter accounts and more. The MMWA website address remains the same, [www.recyclemotion.org](http://www.recyclemotion.org), so the links on member community websites do not need to be updated. Somers acknowledged that while the site has been streamlined to make it more intuitive and user-friendly, it does look very different from the old site, so it may take some time for users to acclimate. She offered to do phone consultations with trustees, alternates, or municipal staff who may need help navigating the new site.

## VII. Closed Session – none needed

## VIII. Other

### A. Member/Staff Other

None

B. **Next Executive Committee Meeting:** 9:30 am, Tuesday, July 25, 2017 @ MMWA

C. **Next Board Meeting:** 9:30 am, Monday, August 14, 2017 @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Bldg

## IX. Adjourn

*Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Village of Birch Run/Moore, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 am.*

*Passed unanimously*

Submitted by: Katharine Tessin/Administrative Director \_\_\_\_\_