



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

9:30 am – August 14, 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 Monday, August 14, 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

Chair Grunwell called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Member Attendance Roll

24 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
Bridgeport Twp/R. Licht		Richland Twp/A. Reno
Buena Vista Twp/W. Butler		City of Saginaw/B. London
Carrollton Twp/M. Pilkington		Saginaw Twp/H. Grunwell
Chapin Twp/ B. Radabaugh		St. Charles Twp/T. Sargent
Chesaning Twp/F. Kukulis		Swan Creek Twp/S. Golden
City of Frankenmuth/B. Smith		Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva
Fremont Twp/D. LaClair		Wheeler Twp/J. Rohde
James Twp/E. Hak		City of Zilwaukee/J. Zittel

Members Absent

Albee Twp/J. Wasmiller		Marion Twp/S. Goschka
Birch Run Twp/R. Letterman		Village of Merrill/N. Brown
Brant Twp/P. Cooper		Village of St. Charles/M. Lane
Village of Breckenridge/C. Seeley		Spaulding Twp/E. Masters
Frankenmuth Twp/T. Hildner		Thomas Twp/R. Taylor

Staff / Guests / Public

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

IV. Public Comment

Public comment solicited – no public in attendance.

V. Review Minutes and Other Information

A. Approve Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the June 13, 2017, MMWA Board of Trustees meeting were provided in the meeting packet.

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Village of Birch Run/Moore, to approve the June 13, 2017, meeting minutes as presented.

Passed unanimously

VI. Organizational/Administrative Items: Information &/or Approval

A. Updated Membership Agreements

MMWA has received executed membership agreements from all 34 member communities. The next step is publication of information via a legal notice in area newspapers. Tessin will work with legal counsel on this process.

B. 2018 Extension of Recyclables Processing Contract

The MMWA Executive Committee is recommending approval of a one-year extension of the recyclables processing contract with ReCommunity, Inc. YTD weighted average processing costs/ton are \$25.17 versus \$26.45/ton disposal costs for refuse. There are no changes from the 2017 contract. Tessin noted that one-year extensions allow MMWA for flexibility in what can be a volatile recyclables commodities market.

Passed unanimously via roll call vote

C. 32 gal Recyclables Only Can

Chair Grunwell reported that Saginaw Township officials are working on a project in which residents can turn in their recycling bins in exchange for a free 32-gallon recycling can, with the goal of increasing recycling participation and volume, while better controlling blowing litter. Tessin has obtained quotes from several can manufacturers, and shared pricing and design specs from the company with the lowest quote. If other communities are interested in offering cans to their residents, it would be advantageous to combine orders to get better pricing because there is a price break by volume. The cans, which are available in many colors, are \$18 each, and lids are \$5. There is a one-time set-up fee of \$350 if communities wish to add their logo to the can. Grunwell said once Saginaw Township places an order, other communities may borrow a can to show to their councils/boards. Grunwell will keep the board updated on Saginaw Township's project.

VII. Program Items: Information &/or Approval

A. CRRC/Special Waste Drop Off Days Update

Tessin noted that 16 of the 22 household special waste events scheduled in 2017 have been held. Thus far, the events have taken in 27,000 pounds of electronic waste, 70,000 pounds of toxic and non-toxic waste, and \$2,100 in donations. The season's first "all-in-one" combo event will be held on Saturday, August 24, with residents disposing of e-waste, hazardous waste, and paint via one drop-off day. This is the first combo event that has been held in two years. Next year, the program will likely decrease by one paint day per month.

B. Community Engagement Officer Report

1. Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Education Grant Award Update

Somers gave an update on MMWA's Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Recycling Education Grant, which was announced in May. There has been a delay in getting contract paperwork

from the state, so the curbside education pilot project outlined in the grant will have to be pushed back to Spring 2018. The project cannot proceed until the agreement has been executed, and it is unclear when MMWA will receive the signed contract. MMWA will keep members updated on the project's start date and participating communities.

2. August Public Education Materials

Somers shared two informational flyers that will also be emailed to trustees and alternates. MMWA continues to educate residents on the difference between yard waste and brush, and Somers has created an educational piece to support those efforts. The "Yard Waste: Bag It or Can It" flyer outlines proper preparation guidelines for yard waste, emphasizing that all yard waste materials need to be placed in cans or bags. The second flyer promotes MMWA's second Document Shredding Day of the season, set for Thursday, September 14 from 3 to 7 pm. The event is free and open to residents of Saginaw County, Bethany Township, Village of Breckenridge, and Wheeler Township.

VIII. Closed Session – None needed.

IX. Other

A. Member/Staff Other

None

B. Next Executive Committee Meeting: 9:30 am, Thursday, September 28, 2017 @ MMWA

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

X. Adjourn

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Bethany Twp/Morris, to adjourn the meeting at 10 am.

Passed unanimously

Submitted by: Katharine Tessin/Administrative Director _____