



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

9:30 am – December 11, 2017

Andersen Enrichment Center – 120 Ezra Rust Dr/City of Saginaw

The following are the minutes of the Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mid Michigan Waste Authority (Authority), a Michigan Municipal Corporation, located in Saginaw County, Michigan, held Monday, December 11, 2017, at the Andersen Enrichment Center, Saginaw, Michigan, pursuant to written notice served on the members of the Authority and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

I. Call to Order

Chair Grunwell called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Comment

Public comment solicited – no public comment.

IV. Member Attendance Roll

22 present – quorum achieved

Members Present

Bethany Twp/C. Morris		Lakefield Twp/D. Rohn
Village of Birch Run/P. Moore		Maple Grove Twp/C. Bishop
Birch Run Twp/C. Trinklein	alt	Richland Twp/A. Reno
Blumfield Twp/K. Huber		City of Saginaw/P. Karwat
Brant Twp/P. Cooper		Saginaw Twp/H. Grunwell
Chapin Twp/B. Radabaugh		St. Charles Twp/T. Sargent
Chesaning Twp/K. Hornak	alt	Swan Creek Twp/S. Golden
City of Frankenmuth/B. Smith		Thomas Twp/R. Taylor
Fremont Twp/D. LaClair		Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva
Jonesfield Twp/L. Tibbits		Wheeler Twp/J. Rohde
Kochville Twp/J. Zittel	alt	City of Zilwaukee/J. Zittel

Members Absent

Albee Twp/J. Wasmiller		Frankenmuth Twp/T. Hildner
Brady Twp/P. Goodrich		James Twp/E. Hak
Village of Breckenridge/C. Seeley		Marion Twp/S. Goschka
Bridgeport Twp/R. Licht		Village of Merrill/N. Brown
Buena Vista Twp/W. Butler		Village of St. Charles/M. Lane
Carrollton Twp/M. Weaver		Spaulding Twp/E. Masters

Staff / Guests / Public

Staff: K. Tessin/Administrative Director; C. Somers/Community Engagement Officer;

M. Johnson/Customer Service Representative; K. Guinn/Customer Service Representative

Guests/Public: Dale Drexler/Maple Grove Alternate; Elaine Zelinko/Fremont Twp resident; Jerry

Maxson/Saginaw County Department of Public Health Environmental Health Specialist;

Brian Burke/Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Recycling & Waste Minimization Specialist; Gary Hicks/Saginaw County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee; Tom McIntyre/Saginaw County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee; Demetra Manley/Saginaw County Planning Commission; Brian Stark/Saginaw County Planning Commission; Shawn Charboneau/Waste Management Route Manager; David Dubey/Waste Management Route Manager; Pat Greve/Waste Management Area Manager of Public Sector Solutions; Jill Reynolds/Waste Management Public Sector Representative; Joseph Weiss/Waste Management District Manager

V. Introduction of Guests

Tessin introduced each guest and provided a brief description of his/her role.

VI. Review Minutes and Other Information

A. Approve Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the October 9, 2017, MMWA Board of Trustees meeting were provided in the meeting packet.

Motion by City of Zilwaukee/J. Zittel, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva, to approve the October 9, 2017, meeting minutes as presented.

Passed unanimously

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

A. 2018 Officer, Executive Committee Slate - Election

Chair Grunwell shared the proposed MMWA Executive Committee Slate, noting that Russ Taylor of Thomas Township has agreed to serve as Vice-Chair, and Annamarie Reno of Richland Township will be the new member of the Executive Committee.

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva, seconded by Chesaning Twp/K. Hornak, to approve the resolution to approve the Executive Committee Slate as presented.

Passed unanimously

B. 2018 Meeting Schedule

The 2018 MMWA Board of Trustees and Executive Committee meeting schedule was provided in the meeting packet. Chair Grunwell noted that the Executive Committee has recommended eliminating the July and August meetings, as it is often difficult to get a quorum during those months.

Motion by Chesaning Twp/K. Hornak, seconded by City of Zilwaukee/J. Zittel, to approve the 2018 Meeting Schedule.

Passed unanimously

C. Public Employer Health Plan Cost Coverage

1. Resolution to Exempt MMWA from Public Act 152 for 2018

Chair Grunwell explained that MMWA must pass a resolution to exempt itself from Public Act 152, as an organization that pays for more than 80% of employees' total healthcare costs. MMWA employees will pay 75% of 20% of the cost of their benefit plan for 2018, and in 2019 that will increase to 100% of 20%.

Motion by City of Zilwaukee/J. Zittel, seconded by Thomas Twp/R. Taylor, to approve the resolution to exempt MMWA from Public Act 152 for 2018.

Passed unanimously

VIII. Program Items: Information &/or Approval

A. MMWA 2017 Year End Review

Tessin presented a summary of the projects and programs undertaken by MMWA throughout 2017. Year-to-date financials are under budget, at 72% of projected figures. MMWA handled 9,442 phone calls thru November 30, 2017; about 60% of those calls were from residents seeking information on a variety of solid waste topics, including hazardous waste and paint disposal, electronics recycling, and bulk item preparation. Tessin explained how MMWA staff handle customer service concerns, noting that every phone call is treated as an educational opportunity.

2017 was another safe and successful year for MMWA's household special waste program, with 2,297 cars taking part in 22 events from May through September. Residents from all 34 MMWA member communities participated. A total of more than 220,000 pounds of problem wastes, including hazardous waste, paint, and electronics, were diverted from the landfill. The third annual holiday light recycling drive kicked off on November 15 and will run through January 15, 2018. Nearly three tons of lights were collected in the first two years of the program.

MMWA participated in many community events in 2017, including farmers markets, festivals, parks and recreation programs, and library summer reading programs, and continued to offer its school education program. The 2017 Earth Day event at the zoo, which is the Authority's biggest public education event of the year, was very well-attended.

Other successes in 2017 include the launch of new website and a Michigan DEQ Recycling Education Grant award. The grant will partially fund a curbside education pilot that will launch in April 2018. More project details will be shared once participating communities are identified.

MMWA's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws will be reviewed in 2018.

IX. Closed Session – None needed.

X. Other

A. Member/Staff Other

1. Wheeler Twp/Rhode – Rhode asked if any communities offer any kind of incentive to get residents to recycle. Chair Grunwell shared Saginaw Township's tentative plans to implement a recycling container giveaway in the spring of 2018. Residents would turn in their recycling bins for a 32-gallon can, which helps decrease blowing litter and encourages increased recycling.

2. Chesaning Twp/Hornak – Hornak expressed appreciation for MMWA's efforts in keeping the cost of curbside collection services down. He asked if recycling costs would be increasing. Tessin explained that the recyclables commodities market remains volatile, noting that in 2017, processing costs have ranged from \$6 to \$58 per ton.

3. Michigan DEQ/Burke – Burke announced that the DEQ is offering a recycling cart grant. Tessin noted that the grant program may not be a good fit for MMWA member communities, as the grant is for carts and favors communities providing a cart to all residences. MMWA's current collection contract does not include curb cart service which would likely mean increased collection costs and with current recycling participation rates the cost of universally providing carts may not be feasible.

XI. Next Scheduled MMWA Meetings

A. Next Executive Committee Meeting: 9:30 am, Thursday, January 25, 2018 @ MMWA

B. Next Board Meeting: 9:30 am, Monday, February 12, 2018 @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Bldg

XII. Adjourn

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva, seconded by City of Zilwaukee/J. Zittel, to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 am.

Passed unanimously

Submitted by: Katharine Tessin/Administrative Director _____