



# Mid Michigan Waste Authority Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

9:30 am – October 8, 2018

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, October 8, 2018, 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 9:31 am. Public comment solicited – no public in attendance.

## II. Pledge of Allegiance

## III. Member Attendance Roll

25 present –quorum achieved

### Members Present

Bethany Twp/C. Morris		Lakefield Twp/D. Rohn
Blumfield Twp/W. Reinbold	alt	Maple Grove Twp/C. Bishop
Brant Twp/P. Cooper		Marion Twp/S. Goschka
Buena Vista Twp/D. Fairris		Richland Twp/A. Reno
Carrollton Twp/D. Sumption		City of Saginaw/P. Karwat
Chapin Twp/ B. Radabaugh		Saginaw Twp/H. Grunwell
Chesaning Twp/F. Kukulis		St. Charles Twp/T. Sargent
City of Frankenmuth/B. Smith		Swan Creek Twp/S. Golden
Frankenmuth Twp/T. Hildner		Thomas Twp/R. Taylor
Fremont Twp/D. LaClair		Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva
James Twp/G. Hakes	alt	Wheeler Twp/J. Rohde
Jonesfield Twp/L. Tibbits		City of Zilwaukee/M. Bourbina
Kochville Twp/J. Loiacano		

### Members Absent

Albee Twp/J. Wasmler		Bridgeport Twp/R. Licht
Village of Birch Run/P. Moore		Village of Merrill/N. Brown
Birch Run Twp/R. Letterman		Village of St. Charles/M. Lane
Brady Twp/P. Goodrich		Spaulding Twp/E. Masters
Village of Breckenridge/C. Seeley		

### Staff / Guests / Public

Staff: K. Tessin/Administrative Director; C. Somers/Community Engagement Officer; K. Guinn/Customer Service Representative II; Eric Mahan/City of Zilwaukee.

## IV. Review Minutes and Other Information

### A. Approve Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the April 9, 2018, MMWA Board of Trustees meeting were provided in the meeting packet.

*Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Jonesfield Twp/Tibbits, to approve the April 9, 2018, meeting minutes as presented.*

*Passed unanimously*

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

### **A. YTD Financials**

Financials YTD are as expected.

### **B. Approval of 2017 Audit**

The 2017 Mid Michigan Waste Authority audit was discussed, with hardcopies previously provided to each member community. Tessin welcomed questions from those in attendance. There were no questions.

*Motion by Richland Twp/Reno, seconded by Jonesfield Twp/Tibbits, to approve the 2017 Audit.*

*Passed unanimously*

### **C. Banking Change from 1<sup>st</sup> State Bank to Isabella Bank**

The MMWA Executive Committee has recommended that the Authority move its accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> State Bank to Isabella Bank. Tessin explained that Isabella Bank offers better interest rates and customer service.

*Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Chesaning Twp/Kukulis, to approve moving MMWA accounts to Isabella Bank.*

*Passed unanimously*

*1 member abstained, St. Charles Twp/Sargent*

### **D. Review of Republic Services 2019 Recyclables Processing Contract Extension**

Tessin reviewed with members various examples from across the country of the impact of increased recyclables processing costs and higher contamination standards on municipal recycling programs. Tessin updated members on the current status of the 2019 recyclables processing contract extension with Republic Services. The contract proposes a substantial increase to the processing cost/ton threshold from \$125/ton to \$180/ton, and an amendment that allows for additional increases to the threshold with 30 days' written notice for any reason. Tessin noted that MMWA members are obligated to pay for recyclables collection through at least 2019 based on the collection contract with Waste Management. There is a provision in the contract that allows member communities to discontinue recycling collection in 2017 and 2020. Tessin has been working the Authority's attorney on a response to Republic, and will seek a proposal from Waste Management for recyclables processing for one year. Tessin reported that the Waste Management Recycle America public recycling drop-off center is closing as of December 1, 2018, due to costs and contamination.

### **E. 2019 Solid Waste Services Estimates**

The proposed 2019 Solid Waste Services estimates were provided in the meeting packet. Tessin noted the recyclables processing costs estimate reflect the threshold amount of \$180/ton proposed by Republic.

*Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Chesaning Twp/Kukulis, to approve the 2019 Solid Waste Services Estimates.*

*Passed unanimously*

## VI. Program Items: Information &/or Approval

### A. 2018 Special Waste Drop Off Report

Somers gave an overview of the 2018 household special waste drop-off season, which included 18 events from May through September. A total of 2,585 cars participated, representing residents from all 34 communities. About 120,000 pounds of hazardous waste and paint was collected via the first 17 events, but MMWA is waiting on final numbers for the last event on September 27. The polystyrene foam recycling pilot was very well-received, with good attendance for the two events that were held in conjunction with document shredding. Tessin noted that the September 27 event was extremely busy, with some cars turned away because the vendor had met its capacity. Based on the turnout and volume at that event, Tessin is proposing two major changes to the 2019 program: using one vendor, ERG Environmental for all problem wastes, including electronics, and using an appointment format for events.

### B. Community Engagement Officer Report

Somers said the holiday light recycling drive will be held from November 15, 2018, to January 15, 2019. Digital and hard copy promotional materials will be distributed to all member communities. She explained that drivers from all three waste streams will start collecting at 6 am – one hour early – on Halloween, Wednesday, October 31. The early start will help ensure that collection trucks are off the road by the time trick-or-treating hours start. Affected communities will receive promotional materials to share with their residents. The curbside recycling education pilot wrapped up on July 27 after 15 weeks. The project generated some very positive data about the impact of targeted education on reducing recycling container contamination. A full report will be shared at the Authority's annual meeting on December 10.

## VII. Other

### A. Member/Staff Other

Tessin advised that Waste Management has provided a proposal for collecting yard waste beyond the end of November if any participating communities would like to extend their season. The collection cost is \$115/hr with a four-hour minimum.

Grunwell introduced new trustees Duane Fairris of Buena Vista Twp, Donald Sumption of Carrollton Twp, and Mary Bourbina of the City of Zilwaukee, and new alternate Eric Mahan of the City of Zilwaukee.

Tessin shared that there is an opening on the MMWA Executive Committee. Any member interested in joining the committee should contact her for more information. The treasurer position on the Executive Committee is also vacant. The Executive Committee slate of members and officers will be approved at the annual meeting.

**B. Next Executive Committee Meeting:** 9:30 am, Thursday, November 29, 2018 @ MMWA

**C. Next Board Meeting:** 9:30 am, Monday, December 10, 2018 @ Andersen Enrichment Center

## IX. Adjourn

*Motion by Bethany Twp/Morris, seconded by Tittabawassee/Metiva, to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 am.  
Passed unanimously*

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