



Mid Michigan Waste Authority
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
9:30 am – June 12, 2023
Thomas Twp Public Safety Building – 8215 Shields Dr/Thomas Twp

The following are the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mid Michigan Waste Authority (Authority), a Michigan Municipal Corporation, located in Saginaw County, Michigan, held Monday, June 12, 2023, 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. Call to Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Member Attendance Roll

24 present – Quorum Achieved

Members Present

Bethany Twp/B. Devine		Kochville Twp/S. King	Alt
Blumfield Twp/K. Huber		Maple Grove Twp/K. Yaros	
Brady Twp/P. Goodrich		Village of Merrill/J. Wazny	
Bridgeport Twp/M. McGregor		Richland Twp/R. Grose	
Buena Vista Twp/D. Fairris		City of Saginaw/P. Karwat	
Carrollton Twp/D. Sumption		Village of St. Charles/H. Aue	
Chapin Twp/B. Radabaugh		Spaulding Twp/E. Masters	
Chesaning Twp/K. Hornak	Alt	Swan Creek Twp/T. Krzeszewski	Alt
City of Frankenmuth/R. Jimenez	Alt	Thomas Twp/R. Taylor	
Frankenmuth Twp/T. Hildner		Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva	
Fremont Twp/D. LaClair		Wheeler Twp/J. Rohde	
James Twp/G. Hakes	Alt	City of Zilwaukee/M. Bourbina	

Members Absent

Albee Twp/J. Wasmiller		Jonesfield Twp/S. Foye	
Village of Birch Run/P. Moore		Lakefield Twp/J. Schmidt	
Birch Run Twp/R. Letterman		Marion Twp/S. Goschka	
Brant Twp/P. Cooper		Saginaw Twp/D. Gotham	
Village of Breckenridge/C. Seeley		St. Charles Twp/D. Ackerman	

Staff / Guests / Public

Staff: K. Tessin/Administrative Director; S. Thayer/Assistant Administrative Director; S. Charboneau/WM; J. Reynolds/WM; A. Kruse/Priority Waste; M. Long/Priority Waste; A. Ellis/US Ecocycle Systems

IV. Public Comment

Public comment solicited – No public comment.

V. Review Minutes and Other Information

A. Approve April 10, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Richland Twp/Grose, seconded by Chesaning Twp/Hornak, to approve the April 10, 2023, MMWA Board of Trustees meeting minutes.

Passed unanimously.

VI. Financial Information review and/or Approval

A. 2023 YTD Financial Information

Tessin reviewed the spreadsheet included in the meeting packet noting financials are on track YTD. MMWA has not yet received an invoice from TDE for the City of Frankenmuth's yard waste and has reached out to TDE. MMWA is also waiting on the load tickets requested from Priority.

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Chesaning Twp/Hornak to approve the 2023 YTD Financials as presented.

Passed unanimously.

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

A. Update WM Cart Service Implementation

Tessin informed members that Amber is back in the office from medical leave. Tessin detailed that 83,000 carts have been delivered across the 23 carted communities and MMWA has received 7,955 incoming calls so far. Tessin stated that she had planned for an estimated call volume at 10% of carted households or about 4,000 calls which was substantially exceeded. MMWA has created 5,600 service tickets for WM since April and answered several hundred emails. MMWA has begun the next phase of swapping 96-gallon carts for 64-gallon carts and made approximately 600 outbound calls for cart swapping alone. To date WM has swapped 978 trash and recycle cart sets, 25 trash carts only, 23 recycle carts only, removed 26 recycling carts and removed 29 carts for premium manual service. Tessin stated there are about 1,400 items that need to be reconciled; meaning addresses that should have gotten carts but were identified as an unsuccessful delivery, addresses that were not on the municipal approved cart delivery list etc. Given phone and message volume all reconciliation work is taking place before the hours of 8 am and after 6 pm and on weekends.

B. Side Door Service

Tessin stated that as a result of cart roll out a new side door service process and application have been approved and will be utilized with both WM and Priority. Residents who are grandfathered will not have to fill out the application. Once WM/Priority approves side door service MMWA will then send an application to the resident to be completed by their doctor. Once MMWA receives that completed application side door service will begin.

Tessin also reminded everyone that residents have up to six months to swap cart size at no charge and after that there will be a \$50 charge.

C. Update Priority Waste Solid Waste

Tessin stated that during cart roll out approximately 1,000 service tickets were created for Priority including some for people inquiring about carts. Tessin stated that tickets are stabilizing around 400-500 tickets a month. Tessin advised that there continue to be some issues at the margin mostly centered around tickets MMWA has to follow up on, incorrect videos that are still being sent, Manager level service tickets that are not responded to and require follow up from MMWA and emails

from MMWA pursuing ongoing performance issues that are not acknowledged by Priority or responded to in full. In some instance residents have contacted MMWA when they have not heard back from Priority. Frankenmuth Twp/Hildner stated these issues need to be addressed and resolved by senior management immediately.

D. Part 115 Summary

Tessin stated she has an EGLE meeting on Wednesday which should result in better information about the timeline for rewriting the Saginaw County Solid Waste Plan. Tessin stated that once the state calls for plans the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners has 180 days to determine who will be responsible for writing the plan. Counties should receive \$60,000/year for five years with an additional \$10,000/yr incentive for multi county planning. Counties will be required to provide proof they have consulted with each neighboring county.

Richland Twp/Grose asked if MMWA was going to write the plan and how involved it would be. Thomas Twp/Taylor stated that MMWA chaired the Saginaw County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee (SCSWMPC) in the past. Grose thinks that MMWA should be the author and manage the information and message given that 31 Saginaw County communities are members of the Authority. After some discussion it was determined Tessin would create a letter to the Board of Commissioners, signed by all 31 Trustees, stating that MMWA should be involved in the plan writing process. Bethany Twp/Devine asked if Gratiot County would be included in the Saginaw County plan. Tessin replied that Gratiot County is required to develop its own County plan. Tessin stated that EGLE will provide a toolkit and templates to help Counties out. Grose asked if MMWA would have to hire a consultant, Taylor stated he thinks MMWA could write it.

Motion by Richland Twp/Grose, seconded by Chesaning Twp/Hornak, to create a letter to the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners urging MMWA's involvement in rewriting the Saginaw County Solid Waste plan and signed by all MMWA member communities in Saginaw County.

Passed unanimously.

VIII. Program Items:

A. 2023 Special Waste Update

Thayer stated that MMWA has held its first two HSW events with the third one set for June 24, 2023. Thayer also stated that MMWA had its first of two shred events. 611 cars came through the first two HSW events and 82 cars came through the shred event. \$1,594.78 in donations have been collected to date. Out of that \$100.00 was an online credit card donation.

Thayer stated the June 24, 2023, event would be held in Bridgeport Twp at the old Candlelight Parking lot.

IX. Other

Tessin stated that WM had some availability in its route matrix that would allow some Friday communities to switch to Monday collection. Devine stated Bethany Twp is interested in switching. Tessin noted MMWA extended the deadline for responding so that James Twp could discuss it at their regular Twp meeting.

X. Next Scheduled MMWA Meetings

- A. **Next Executive Committee Meeting:** Next Regularly Scheduled Executive Cmte. Mtg: 9:30 am, Thursday, September 21, 2023, @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Building
- B. **Next Board Meeting:** Next Regularly Scheduled Board of Trustees Mtg: 9:30 am, Monday, October 9, 2023, @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Building

IX. Adjourn

Motion by Bethany Twp/Devine, seconded by Frankenmuth Twp/Hildner, to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 am.

Passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Katharine Tessin/Administrative Director _____