



Mid Michigan Waste Authority
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
9:30 am – October 9, 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, October 9, 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 9:32 am.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Member Attendance Roll

26 present – Quorum Achieved

Members Present

Bethany Twp/B. Devine		James Twp/E. Hak
Birch Run Twp/R. Letterman		Kochville Twp/S. King Alt
Blumfield Twp/K. Huber		Lakefield Twp/J. Schmidt
Brady Twp/P. Goodrich		Maple Grove Twp/D. Drexler Alt
Brant Twp/P. Cooper		Richland Twp/R. Grose
Bridgeport Twp/M. McGregor		City of Saginaw/P. Karwat
Buena Vista Twp/D. Fairris		Village of St. Charles/H. Aue
Carrollton Twp/D. Sumption		Spaulding Twp/E. Masters
Chapin Twp/B. Radabaugh		Swan Creek Twp/S. Golden
Chesaning Twp/K. Hornak Alt		Thomas Twp/R. Taylor
City of Frankenmuth/R. Jimenez Alt		Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva
Frankenmuth Twp/J. Frahm Alt		Wheeler Twp/J. Rohde
Fremont Twp/D. LaClair		City of Zilwaukee/M. Bourbina

Members Absent

Albee Twp/J. Wasmiller		Marion Twp/S. Goschka
Village of Birch Run/P. Moore		Village of Merrill/J. Wazny
Village of Breckenridge/C. Seeley		Saginaw Twp/D. Gotham
Jonesfield Twp/S. Foye		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

IV. Public Comment

Public comment solicited – No public comment.

V. Review Minutes and Other Information

A. Approve June 12, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metevia, seconded by Chesaning Twp/Hornak, to approve the June 12, 2023, MMWA Board of Trustees meeting minutes.

Passed unanimously.

VI. Financial Information review and/or Approval

A. 2023 YTD Financial Information

Tessin reviewed the simple financials included in the meeting packet noting they are through July, normal and on target. Tessin explained that all carted communities have transitioned to carted prices. Tessin advised she is planning to discuss the increasing cost of the Special Waste program with the Executive Committee at the November meeting.

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

Passed unanimously.

B. MMWA 2024 Budget including Member Solid Waste Services Estimates (Motion/Second)

Tessin stated the everyone should have received their member community solid waste services estimates last week via email noting that with the pricing structure in the new contracts estimates are even more streamlined. The 2024 estimate for the Authority is \$11.1 MM.

Motion by Richland Twp/Grose, seconded by Lakefield Twp/Schmidt to approve the 2024 Budget including the Solid Waste Services Estimate as presented.

Passed unanimously.

C. MMWA FY 2022 Audit (Motion/Second)

Tessin stated that MMWA received an unmodified opinion which is the highest you can receive. Tessin stated that on page 15 members could see the accrued rebate funds applied to member deposits which accounted for most of the change in the net position for the year. Karwat/City of Saginaw asked if MMWA tracked accrued rebate funds by community. Tessin stated that MMWA does and the calculations took into account house count changes and any changes in services over the years.

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metevia, seconded by Lakefield Twp/Schmidt to approve the 2022 Audit as presented.

Passed unanimously.

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

A. Update WM

Tessin explained that MMWA is at the tail end of cart roll out reconciliation. Tessin reiterated that

MMWA created a cart delivery list of residential addresses for each member community using data from the Saginaw County GIS. Those lists were sent to each member community for review and approval and then sent to the vendor. The Executive Committee decided that if Cascade came upon a parcel with a house that was not on the approved cart delivery list a set of carts should be left and MMWA would resolve it once cart delivery was completed. Tessin explained that reconciliation is the process of investigating those addresses on the approved cart delivery lists that Cascade reported as empty lots, commercial properties, vacant homes, resident refused and addresses that appeared residential but were not on the approved cart delivery list where carts were delivered. Reconciliation netted out to the addition of around 300-350 homes to the house count. The next phase is ensuring that all residents are using carts. Drivers will begin tagging and leaving trash that is not in a cart that is not next to a cart unless the address is on the approved side door service list or the resident has selected premium manual service.

B. Update Priority Waste

Tessin advised that MMWA had a good meeting with Andrea, Vince, and Todd in July to address some accumulated issues and do some resetting. Tessin stated that service is going well, ticket volumes have stabilized and communication has improved. MMWA had a demo of an interim portal that more closely resembles the WM portal. Tessin also stated that Priority is working on electronic routing. Implementation was supposed to begin last week; per Long/Priority Waste that did not happen. Grose/Richland Twp stated service has improved quite a bit.

C. Update Saginaw County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee (SCSWMPC) and Part 115

Tessin stated that while the State was required to call for plans at the end of September, it has not yet done so. Given the dissolution of the County Planning Department, the impact of Covid 19 and the lack of availability of previously appointed members the Saginaw County Waste Solid Planning Committee doesn't really currently exist. Chris Klawuhn from the Saginaw County Health Department is working with the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners to determine next steps as the County will eventually need to appoint a Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC) as a successor to the SCSWMPC. There are specific requirements for appointment to the MMPC. Once the State calls for plans the County will have 180 days to let the State know if it is going to write its own plan. Once that notification is made a three year clock for plan completion starts. Counties are eligible for \$60,000/year for three years to assist with writing the plan, with an additional \$10,000 incentive for working with other counties. Tessin and Thayer will be attending an EGLE presentation on Part 115 later in the week in Bay City. Tessin will also be reaching out to the Gratiot County Board of Commissioners.

VIII. Program Items:

A. 2023 Special Waste Update

Thayer stated that MMWA held five hazardous waste drop off events this past summer along with two shred events. Ninety percent of the residents registered online. MMWA had a total of 1,713 cars come through our events between April and September; 1,536 for HSW drop off and 177 for shred events. That is an increase of 177 cars over 2022 and an average of 306 cars per event. MMWA collected 63,984 pounds of latex paint and 66,880 pounds of e-waste. Overall, MMWA took in 258,111 pounds of waste. This is an increase over 2022 of 16,496 pounds.

Thayer stated that this year we handed out little business cards with a QR code on them to everyone that came through to let them know if they didn't have cash to donate, they could donate online. MMWA

collected \$205.00 in online donations. Thayer stated that overall MMWA had a great year collecting donations. MMWA collected \$5,900.91 in donations. That is an increase of \$1,506.10 over the previous year. Thayer thanked Bridgeport Twp for hosting MMWA at the June event. Thayer also thanked the Saginaw County Sheriff's office for their support and volunteering their time.

B. 2023 Holiday Lights Program

Thayer stated that she recently sent out an email to ask communities to participate in the Holiday Lights collection program. Thayer stated that she is working on the 2023 flier and the program begins on November 15th. Anyone who wants to participate should let her know by October 20th.

IX. Other

N/A

X. Next Scheduled MMWA Meetings

A. Next Executive Committee Meeting: Next Regularly Scheduled Executive Cmte. Mtg: 9:30 am, Thursday, November 16, 2023, @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Building

B. Next Board Meeting: Annual Board of Trustees Mtg: 9:30 am, Monday, December 11, 2023, @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Building

XI. Adjourn

Motion by Village of St Charles/Ave, seconded by Lakefield Twp/Schmidt, to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 am.

Passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Katharine Tessin/Administrative Director _____