



Mid Michigan Waste Authority
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
9:30 am – December 11, 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, December 11, 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

22 present – Quorum Achieved

Members Present

Bethany Twp/B. Devine		Kochville Twp/S. King	Alt
Blumfield Twp/K. Huber		Lakefield Twp/J. Schmidt	
Brady Twp/P. Goodrich		Richland Twp/R. Grose	
Brant Twp/P. Cooper		City of Saginaw/P. Karwat	
Carrollton Twp/D. Sumption		Saginaw Twp/D. Gotham	
Chapin Twp/B. Radabaugh		Village of St. Charles/H. Aue	
Chesaning Twp/K. Hornak	Alt	St. Charles Twp/D. Ackerman	
City of Frankenmuth/R. Jimenez	Alt	Swan Creek Twp/S. Golden	
Frankenmuth Twp/T. Hildner		Thomas Twp/R. Taylor	
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		Maple Grove Twp/K. Yaros	
Birch Run Twp/R. Letterman		Marion Twp/S. Goschka	
Village of Breckenridge/C. Seeley		Village of Merrill/J. Wazny	
Bridgeport Twp/M. McGregor		Spaulding Twp/E. Masters	
Buena Vista Twp/D. Fairris		Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva	

Staff / Guests / Public

Staff: K. Tessin/Administrative Director; S. Thayer/Assistant Administrative Director; S. Charboneau/WM; D. Reams/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 October 9, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Chesaning Twp/Hornak, seconded by Lakefield Twp/Schmidt, to approve the October 9, 2023, MMWA Board of Trustees meeting minutes.

Passed unanimously.

VI. Financial Information review and/or Approval

A. 2023 YTD Financial Information

Tessin reviewed the YTD simple financials stating that everything is normal. Tessin explained that given the blend of manual and carted service during 2023 the overall budget percentage is what matters. Household Special Waste (HSW) events were funded partially by the Saginaw County Solid Waste Fund (SCSWF) and include a carryover from the Saginaw County Health Department (SCHD) from the previous year. MMWA will also be reimbursed for Clean Sweep eligible material.

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

Passed unanimously.

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

Tessin presented a slide detailing that year to date MMWA responded to over 20,000 incoming calls, more than 950 emails, hundreds of Facebook comments and created over 20,000 service tickets.

A. Update WM

Tessin presented a slide detailing that year to date more than 80,000 carts have been delivered, more than 4,000 carts were swapped from 96-gallon to 64-gallon and over 12,000 service tickets were created for WM. Tessin noted that swapping cart size was extremely popular, and that WM is already on its second order of 64 gal carts. Tessin reminded Members that all trash should be in a MMWA cart. Tessin reiterated that any resident setting out trash that is not in a cart that is not on the side door service list or paying for premium manual collection will have their trash tagged and left. Tessin explained that in 2024 MMWA will be moving on to the next phase of cart roll out which is identifying those residents continuing to use their own containers and those residents regularly setting out more than one or two bags of trash each week. MMWA and WM have a meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, and will determine the tagging and leaving process which will begin in January. Tessin reminded Members that while residents can occasionally have one to two bags outside their carts if they consistently have more trash than fits in their cart they should purchase an additional cart.

Tessin and Thayer attended training at WM for the City of Saginaw Fire Department and Fire Departments in Member Communities serviced by WM on the new Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) trucks which are starting to be delivered.

B. Update Priority Waste

Tessin presented a slide detailing that since service started on January 1, 2023, MMWA has handled approximately 5,600 Priority Waste service tickets and that service stabilized in February. Tessin noted that Priority Waste is looking to move on from their current vendor for routing and portal support.

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. Tessin stated that the SCSWMPC has been reestablished and she has been appointed to it. Tessin told the Members that she and Thayer will continue to attend all available Part 115 training. Tessin also informed Members that she attended the Gratiot County Board of Commissioners meeting in early November to introduce herself, explain what MMWA is and talk about Part 115.

D. Change to Employee MERS program (Motion/Second)

Tessin explained that the Executive Committee reviewed MMWA's current MERS program and has proposed reducing the required employee contribution from a one for one match to a minimum two percent contribution if an employee chooses to do so. This is based on a review of how some Member Communities handle their MERS programs and concerns it may be a burden for an employee to make a one for one match at the proposed 2024 rate of nine percent.

Motion by Bethany Twp/Devine, seconded by Richland Twp/Grose to approve the change to Employee MERS program as presented.

Passed unanimously.

E. 2024 Meeting Schedule (Motion/Second)

A copy of MMWA's proposed 2024 Meeting Schedule was included in the meeting packet. No changes were recommended.

Motion by Richland Twp/Grose, seconded by James Twp/Hakes to approve the MMWA's 2024 Meeting Schedule as presented.

Passed unanimously.

F. 2024 Executive Committee Slate (Motion/Second)

A copy of MMWA's proposed 2024 Executive Committee Slate was included in the meeting packet. Changes from 2023 are: Thomas Twp/R. Taylor is stepping down from his position as Chair. He will be replaced as Chair by current Executive Committee member City of Saginaw/P. Karwat. Current Executive Committee Member City of Zilwaukee/M. Bourbina will replace City of Saginaw/P. Karwat as Secretary. Thomas Twp/D. Frolo will fill the resulting vacancy.

Motion by Chesaning Twp/Hornak, seconded by James Twp/Hakes to approve the MMWA's 2024 Executive Committee Slate as presented.

Passed unanimously.

VIII. Program Items:

A. 2024 Special Waste Schedule (Motion/Second)

Tessin stated that MMWA will once again hold five HSW events and two shred events with the shred dates to be determined. MMWA will continue to drive online donations to help cover the increasing costs of the program. Tessin stated that the program costs around \$180,000 a year. MMWA will reevaluate the program at the end of 2024.

Motion by Richland Twp/Grose, seconded by Bethany Twp/Devine to approve the 2024 Special Waste Schedule as presented.

Passed unanimously.

A. 2023 Holiday Lights Program Update

Thayer stated that the holiday light program began. It runs from November 15, 2023, through January 15, 2024. Thayer stated there are eighteen locations participating this year, including new Townships; Brady Twp and Lakefield Twp. Thayer stated that some locations are outside where residents can drop off any time and others are inside and available during regular business hours. Thayer also stated that GM Metal Casting is participating again. Thayer thanked everyone for participating.

IX. Year in Review

Thayer played the 2023 Year in Review: <https://shorturl.at/fACT6>

X. Closed Session

N/A

XI. Other

A. Member/Staff Other

XII. Next Scheduled MMWA Meetings

A. **Next Executive Committee Meeting:** Next regularly scheduled Executive Committee Mtg: 9:30 am, Thursday, January 25, 2024, @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Building

B. **Next Board Meeting:** Next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Mtg: 9:30 am, Monday, February 12, 2024, @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Building

XIII. Adjourn

Motion by James Twp/Hakes, seconded by Village of St. Charles/Aue, to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 am.

Passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Katharine Tessin/Administrative Director _____