



Mid Michigan Waste Authority
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
9:30 am – April 8, 2024
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, April 8, 2024, 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 Karwat called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Member Attendance Roll

25 present – Quorum Achieved

Members Present

Albee Twp/J. Wasmiller		Jonesfield Twp/K. Nock	
Birch Run Twp/R. Kiessling	Alt	Kochville Twp/S. King	Alt
Blumfield Twp/K. Huber		Lakefield Twp/J. Schmidt	
Brady Twp/A. Somers	Alt	Maple Grove Twp/D. Drexler	Alt
Brant Twp/P. Cooper		City of Saginaw/P. Karwat	
Bridgeport Twp/M. McGregor		Saginaw Twp/D. Gotham	
Buena Vista Twp/D. Fairris		Spaulding Twp/E. Masters	
Carrollton Twp/D. Sumption		Swan Creek Twp/T. Krzeszewski	Alt
Chapin Twp/B. Radabaugh		Thomas Twp/D. Frollo	
Chesaning Twp/K. Hornak	Alt	Tittabawassee Twp/T. Metiva	
City of Frankenmuth/B. Smith		Wheeler Twp/J. Rohde	
Frankenmuth Twp/J. Frahm	Alt	City of Zilwaukee/M. Bourbina	
James Twp/G. Hakes	Alt		

Members Absent

Bethany Twp/B. Devine		Village of Merrill/J. Wazny	
Village of Birch Run/P. Moore		Richland Twp/R. Grose	
Village of Breckenridge/C. Seeley		Village of St. Charles/H. Aue	
Fremont Twp/D. LaClair		St. Charles Twp/D. Ackerman	
Marion Twp/S. Goschka			

Staff / Guests / Public

Staff: K. Tessin/Administrative Director; S. Thayer/Assistant Administrative Director; B. London/City of Saginaw; 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 February 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Chesaning Twp/Hornak, seconded by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, to approve the February 12, 2024, MMWA Annual Board of Trustees meeting minutes.

Passed unanimously.

VI. Financial Information review and/or Approval

A. 2024 YTD Financial Information

Tessin reviewed the 2024 financials stating that MMWA is on target YTD. Tessin walked members through the new format reminding members that under the new contracts there are no longer separate costs for trash disposal, recycling transloading and processing and yard waste composting. Those costs are now included in the unit rates for trash, recycling and yard waste respectively. The only exception is for the City of Frankenmuth which will continue to see a yard waste composting fee. City of Saginaw/Karwat asked how far along into the fiscal year we are. Tessin explained that the chart header now includes the YTD percentage.

Chesaning Twp/Hornak asked how the rebate is determined. Tessin explained that both the Priority and WM contracts include a provision that MMWA receives a one percent rebate if we submit payment within 30 days of receiving an acceptable invoice. The rebate does not apply to TDE Enterprises. Tessin explained that upon joining the Authority each member community provides a deposit equal to one month's estimated costs. Although costs have increased over the past several years the last increase in some member deposits was in 2010. Since late 2015 MMWA has been accruing the rebate monies and in 2022 proportionally applied the funds to each member community bringing each member deposit to an amount equal to one month's current costs. Each member community received a letter with its specific data. MMWA will continue to invoice members at 100% and accrue the one percent to keep up with increasing costs. By doing so MMWA will not have to ask member communities for additional monies.

Hornak asked if there was a fuel surcharge. Tessin stated that there is no fuel surcharge in the new contract. Tessin noted that WM is rolling out CNG trucks. Hornak asked why the trucks moved from front loaders to side loaders. Tessin explained that side loaders are primary for recycling trucks. This will give the opportunity for less spillage when emptying the cart as recycling is loose. WM still will have front loaders on their trash trucks.

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Chesaning Twp/Hornak to approve the 2024 YTD Financials as presented.

Passed unanimously.

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

A. Update WM

Tessin stated that everything is good with WM.

Tessin explained that the WM contract provides MMWA with three hundred Bagsters® per year. MMWA did not initiate a Bagster® campaign last year due to the implementation of new solid waste contracts including cart roll out and reconciliation. The Bagsters® itself, which retails for \$29.99, will be free to eligible residents. The resident would then pay for collection which typically runs around \$200. WM is providing an initial promotion of 10% off. The program will be limited to eligible residents in MMWA member communities, except Gratiot County which is currently outside of the product service area, and offered to eligible residents that contact MMWA about cleaning out a home or small remodeling projects. Bagsters® will be offered on a first come first serve basis while supplies last. MMWA will promote Bagsters® on its Facebook page, website, and will send information to each municipality. The Bagsters® have a 4-yard capacity and hold around 3,000 pounds. Tessin stated that at the Executive Committee meeting it came up that Bagsters® would be a good option for code enforcement to be able to offer so 20% will be set aside for member communities.

Tessin also announced that MMWA has sold approximately 150 carts since the beginning of 2024.

B. Update Priority Waste

Tessin stated that everything is going well.

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

Tessin stated that the SCSWMPC had a meeting scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2024. Brenda Moore, the current City of Saginaw Mayor, has agreed to fill the City Elected Official slot. Tessin stated the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners sent out a letter to its neighboring counties about working together. Tessin also stated that she has asked for an update on the Saginaw County Solid Waste Fund (SCSWF) balance and the quarterly landfill reports for the past few years.

VIII. Program Items:

A. 2024 Special Waste Update

Thayer stated that everything is going well. The first event on April 24th is at capacity, which means 349 residents have already signed up. Thayer stated that we have had a couple of donations in the amount of \$15.00.

IX. Closed Session

N/A

X. Other

Tessin reiterated that the first week of yard waste began on April 1, 2024.

XI. Next Scheduled MMWA Meetings

- A. **Next Executive Committee Meeting:** Next regularly scheduled Executive Committee Mtg: 9:30 am, Thursday, May 16, 2024 @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Building
- B. **Next Board Meeting:** Next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Mtg: 9:30 am, Monday, June 10, 2024, @ Thomas Twp Public Safety Building

XII. Adjourn

Motion by Tittabawassee Twp/Metiva, seconded by Chesaning Twp/Hornak, to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 am.

Passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Katharine Tessin/Administrative Director _____