

**EMMET COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 9, 2021
Meeting held at 8:30 a.m.
Emmet County Drop-Off Center
7363 Pleasantview Rd. Harbor Springs, MI.**

Members Present: D. Keiser, Chairperson; B. Dohm, Vice Chairperson; D. Fuller, Secretary; C. MacInnis, D. Bachelor, M. Hoffman

Members Absent: A. Bawkey

Members of Public: None

Staff Members: A. Tolzdorf; J. Steffel

CALL TO ORDER

D. Keiser called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 4, 2021 DPW Board meeting were reviewed. C. MacInnis motioned to approve the November 4, 2021 Minutes: M. Hoffman supported. All present voted in favor.

FINANCIALS

The October 2021 Financial report was reviewed. B. Dohm motioned to accept the October 2021 financial report, D. Bachelor supported. All present voted in favor.

OPERATIONS UPDATE (OLD BUSINESS)

Personnel: A. Tolzdorf reported an improvement in employee morale at the facility due to changes in County benefits and employees now being County employees versus being employed by temporary agencies.

Enforcement: No update.

Landfill Contract: A. Tolzdorf has met with Administrator Reaves and finance director Pam Gibson. She is awaiting a numbers report from county finance before giving any updates.

Petoskey News-Review Drop-Site: No new site has been established. We are still working on possibilities.

Refrigerants: West Climate Control performed Freon removal services from appliances in November. Due to the accuracy of their collection procedure, the process took a huge amount of time for the amount of appliances collected. West Climate Control chose not to proceed with Freon collection at our facility due to the overwhelming number of appliances, and amount of time that it takes. Emmet County Recycling located another company in Grand Rapids that is EPA certified, will haul Freon-containing appliances away in exchange for the value of the scrap metal in the appliances.

OTHER BUSINESS (NEW BUSINESS)

2022 DPW Board Members: D. Fuller will be re-apply for the DPW Board for another three-year term.

#1 - #7 Plastics: ReVital Polymers, the vendor for the lowest grade plastics sorted at Emmet County Recycling, stopped accepting any more materials. L. Walker located a vendor that accepted a trial load from Emmet County Recycling. They liked the product so much that they offered a higher rate than the previous vendor, and they ordered three more shipments immediately.

Hazardous Waste: Emmet County DPW has a contract with ERG Environmental for household hazardous waste collection until 2023. ERG reached out to A. Tolzdorf requesting that Emmet County honor a higher collection rate than previously contracted. Inflation of program costs has impacted their operations. A. Tolzdorf was able to negotiate an agreeable price somewhere in the middle of the contracted rate and ERG's new proposal. Emmet County will go out to bid for Hazardous Waste Collection in 2023.

2022 Rate Increases: A. Tolzdorf presented a proposal for a recycling rate increase for 2022. C. MacInnis motioned that the DPW Board recommend to the Administrator that the Board of Commissioners approve the proposed rate increase on commercial curbside recycling, private recycling drop-site bin services, and shredding services; D. Bachelor supported. All present voted in favor.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:25 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday January 6, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., at the Emmet County Drop Off Center, 7363 Pleasantview Rd. Harbor Springs.