

Beaver Island Waste Management Committee Monthly Meeting
Peaine Township Hall
36825 Kings Highway, Beaver Island, MI 49782
March 16, 2021 at 1:00pm

Draft - MINUTES

PRESENT

Roll Call of Board Members Present: Paul Cole, Chair; Frank D'Andraia, Recording Secretary; and Committee members Travis Martin; Joe Moore; Sheri Richards; Brock Rosema; and Doug Tilly All members present.

ABSENT

None

OTHERS

Members of the public present at the start of the meeting: Bob Marsh, Transfer Station and Recycle Center Manager. Pam Grassmick, Peaine Township resident.

GENERAL

Chair Cole called to order a regular meeting of the Beaver Island Waste Management Committee at 1:06pm on March, 16 2021

The Chair added the following two items to the agenda: Consultant Up-date and Tire Disposal

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Moore, supported by Martin to approve the following minutes as presented: Minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting of the Waste Management Committee. MOTION APPROVED - Unanimous.

REPORTS

Budget: Tilly provided a budget update and addressed financial questions asked by committee members. Tilly noted "tipping fee" revenues had increased and attributed the rise to more people being on the island throughout 2020. Tilly pointed out a hike in the hourly base pay rate for Station personnel ---as approved by both Township Boards --would take effect April 1, 2021. The approved rate increase is \$2.55/hr. Motion made by Moore and seconded by Tilly to approve the current and proposed Transfer Station & Recycle Center budget. MOTION APPROVED - Unanimous.

Transfer Station & Recycle Center: Received update from Manager Marsh.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

OLD BUSINESS

Single Stream Recycling Explained: Tilly provided an overview on the steps required to acquire and install Single Stream Recycling Equipment, as well as steps on briefing the public about the new processes. Tilly indicated the new procedures streamline trash handling by both TS staff and residents and he envisioned the new processes will allow residents to shorten the amount of time needed to dispose of various types of trash and recyclables.

Metal Baler: Cole indicated the Townships were moving forward with completing an agreement with Daryl Butler to bring a baler to the island to assist with the removal of scrap metal, junked cars and old metal appliances. He noted residents involved with the Joe's Jink initiative encouraged the Township to explore working with L. P. Padnos, a midwest firm that specializes in recycling and scrap management. Padnos, which has a location in Traverse City, did not submit a written proposal and thus the decision of the Townships to move forward with working with Butler. Cole indicated a meeting with all interested parties was needed to ensure a coordinated effort to collect as much scrap metal, junked cars, and old appliances as possible. Accordingly the Chair will work on setting up a meeting of all interested parties to coordinate and publicize how residents may go about disposing of junked cars, old appliances and scrap metal.

Credit Cards: Moore reiterated that acceptance of credit cards for payment of TS services should be up and running by April 1, 2021.

Consultant Up-date: Richards reported a local consultant has been identified to undertake an analysis of TS operations. Richards is now in discussions with the consultant, Elisa Saltzer, on what the costs would be for undertaking such a study and would report back to the Committee.

Tire Disposal: The Committee participated in a general discussion on the removal of old tires from the Island. The discussion touched upon incentives on how to go about getting residents to bring tires to the TS for disposal. The challenges associated with temporarily storing and removing tires, as well as the costs associated with transporting the tires to a mainland facility for disposal. It was the sense of the committee that drop off days should be considered. A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Tilly that the committee, in consultation with the Transfer Station and Recycle Center Manager, would identify "drop of days" for 2021.

Martin noted that money had been set aside to buy a new trailer for use in transporting old and worn tires to the mainland. The TS Managing Director reported the trailer the Station was interested in acquiring had been sold. Since the trailer money remained available in the budget, it was the sense of the committee that the Managing Director should move forward and purchase an appropriate trailer for hauling tires.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Grassmic completed the Committee on its work

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Moore, second Rosema to adjourn the meeting. MOTION APPROVED - Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Frank D'Andraia, Recording Secretary