

**EMMET COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Held at Pleasantview Drop Off Center  
7363 Pleasantview Rd.  
Harbor Springs, MI. 49740  
January 9, 2020**

Members Present: D. Keiser, Chairperson; B. Dohm, Vice Chairperson; D. Fuller, Secretary; C. MacInnis; B. Notestine; J. Kargol

Members Absent: A. Bawkey

Member of Public: None

Staff Members: A. Shepherd, J. Steffel; W. Fought

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

C. MacInnis motioned that the slate of officers remains the same; J. Kargol supported. A unanimous vote was cast for the slate.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 5, 2019 DPW Board meeting were reviewed. J. Kargol motioned to accept the December 5, 2019 minutes; B. Notestine supported. All present voted in favor.

**FINANCIALS**

The November 2019 financial report was reviewed. D. Fuller motioned to accept the November financial report, B. Dohm supported. All present voted in favor.

**OPERATIONS UPDATE (OLD BUSINESS)**

Leachate Water: D. Fuller and A. Shepherd met with E.G.L.E. officials to discuss the permitting process. E.G.L.E. thinks that a pilot would work, but getting a water discharge permit at the end of the pilot process would be near impossible. E.G.L.E. suggested working with a water treatment facility. A. Shepherd and D. Fuller met with the City of Petoskey Wastewater Treatment Facility. They stated that our pre-treated water would be too clean, as it needs more bacteria in it for their facility. More research on a pilot is necessary, as well as researching other avenues for disposal. Two landfills in northern Michigan have injection wells. Looking into hauling our leachate to one of them would be a possibility too.

Personnel: One employee is still out on disability, but operations continued through a busy holiday season without disruption as all positions were covered.

Enforcement: J. Steffel is working on a case at Bear Creek Meadows Apartments regarding their dumpster enclosure area. Five Emmet County drop site bins have been vandalized in various locations. All local area law enforcement agencies are aware of the issue and working on the case. To paint and relabel each bin costs thousands of dollars. Thankfully, we were able to get the paint off the bins ourselves this time.

MRF Upgrade: The down payment for the robots and all equipment has been made. The robots are ready and on hold until we give permission to proceed. Machinex will issue finalized drawings and a finalized

timeline next week. Nine letters were mailed to market partners requesting donations towards the MRF upgrade project. We are receiving support from many already. During construction, our paper line will still be running. A secondary container line will be able to run. However, we may not be able to recover glass during that time.

New Roll-Off Truck: J. Brubacher has located a truck of interest in Minnesota and is preparing to travel to look at it.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Harbor Springs Appliances: Harbor Springs residents may soon be able to bring Freon containing appliances into the Emmet County Drop-Off Center for Freon removal and recycling, pay for the service, submit an electric bill, and receive a rebate in the mail from the electric company "Clear Result". A. Shepherd requested a contract with Clear Result for Freon removal reimbursement for Harbor Springs Clear Result customers. C. MacInnis motioned to request to the Administrator that Emmet County enter into a contract with Clear Result based on approval of the contract wording from Civil Counsel. D. Fuller supported the motion. All present voted in favor.

Safety Procedures: A. Shepherd, W. Fought, and J. Brubacher will complete their ten-hour OSHA training this week. The processors are scheduled for Blood borne pathogen training on January 9. W. Fought is working with Lieutenant Rodwell on an emergency plan for the entire facility.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday February 6th, at 8:30 a.m., Pleasantview Drop-Off Center, 7363 Pleasantview Rd. Harbor Springs, MI. 49740. Board Members: Please call the DPW office at 348-0640 if you are unable to make the meeting.**

D. Keiser adjourned the meeting at 9:31 a.m.