

Beaver Island Waste Management Committee  
Special Meeting on "Blight"  
Peaine Township Hall  
36825 King's Hwy, Beaver Island, MI 49782  
Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 2:00PM

**MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Cole (Chair), Frank D'Andraia (Recording Secretary), Carla Martin, Travis Martin, and Joe Moore.

ABSENT: Sheri Richards and Paul Welke.

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Marsh, Transfer Station and Recycle Center Manager, Pam Grassmick, Bill Kohls, Dave Paul, Bailey McDonough, Bill McDonough, and Brock Rosema

CALL TO ORDER: The Beaver Island Waste Management Committee (BIWMC) was called to order by the Chair at 1:02 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at the Peaine Township Hall.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of May 19, 2020 made by D'Andraia and seconded by Moore. Unanimously Carried.

CHAIR:

Announcements: The Chair shared the following:

New Website: The new Transfer Station website is under construction and the content should be ready for Committee review and comment during late June, with the goal of making the website operational in July of 2020. The website would be up-dated quarterly.

King's Highway Trash Pick-up: The State has selected July 18-26 as the dates for the Michigan Adopt-a-Highway summer Cleanup/Pickup effort. The King's Highway is in the Adopt-a-Highway program. Individuals interested in participating in picking up roadside litter along the King's Highway this July 18th through 26th should contact Frank D'Andraia (8-2603) by Friday July 10th.

Metal Baler & Blight: St. James Township is working on blight related issues, such as determining priority areas and the identification of unsafe structures. Additionally, both Peaine and St. James Townships have held discussions on the costs of underwriting the rental of a

mobile “metal baler” (versus a car crusher) and the Chair invited the supervisor of Peaine Township, Bill Kohls, to elaborate. The townships, Kohls noted, lean toward rental of a baler rather than a car crusher, for a baler offers more versatility. A metal baler is able to crush, cut and bale a wide range of scrap metal --- something as small as aluminium cans or as large and robust as washing machines, other white goods and whole vehicles. Kohls pointed out that the Transfer Station currently has an excessive amount of scrap metal that needs to be removed from the Island. In addition to versatility, a mobile baler is attractive because it enables the townships to allow residents a cost effective and labor saving option. He noted the baler is mobile, eliminating the time and expense associated with hauling large amounts of scrap to the Transfer Station. Since the baler is on the island there would be no transportation charges to consider. At this time both townships are considering providing up to \$9000 each to underwrite rental and transportation costs. Kohl added that at this time the townships are estimating a possible rental fee of \$350 to \$450 per hour for use of the baler. Specific price points are dependent upon the acceptance of an RFP. Kohl then stated that the townships request the Waste Management Committee prepare an RFP for the rental of a baler during July and/or August. The Chair then asked for a motion to move forward with a RFP for the metal baler as soon as possible, as well as volunteers to work on the preparation of the bid document. Motion moved by Moore and seconded by C. Martin. Unanimously passed. The Chair noted Moore stepped forward to work with the Chair on preparing the RFP. The Chair then led a brief discussion on how residents could be enticed to rent the baler, as well as bring scrap metals to the Transfer Station for proper disposal.

Summer Meetings: The Chair asked for a sense of the Committee regarding meeting in July and August. The Chair noted there was support to meet during the aforementioned months.

Tire Grant: The Chair announced that the Transfer Station had received a grant from Charlevoix County to underwrite the cost of shipping discarded and unusable tires to the mainland. The grant underwrites one shipment per month during July and August. It is envisioned that between 600-800 tires would be shipped during this period. Additionally, the Chair indicated the Transfer Station has set aside funds to cover a third shipment in September.

Brock Rosema: The Chair then invited Brock Rosema, a resident of Peaine Township, to discuss his request for assistance in his ongoing effort to clean up the blight on his newly acquired property (formerly the Graves property) that is located on Sloptown Road. A lengthy discussion ensued, including comments from members of the public

who were attending the meeting. As a result of the dialog with Mr. Rosema the Chair believed it was the sense of the Committee that the following action was warranted:

1. The Transfer Station would immediately deliver a receptacle to Mr. Rosema's property to be filled with unwanted tires. Because of the large number of tires being disposed of, Rosema would not need to remove the wheel rims. The Transfer Station would bill Mr. Rosema based on the number tires placed in the receptacle.
2. A second receptacle would be delivered in August and a third in September. The same terms as above would apply.
3. Mr. Rosema welcomed the Chair, a member of the committee, and the Transfer Station Manager to tour his property in order to gain perspective on the depth and breadth of the blight issues Rosema outlined in his presentation. Moore volunteered to accompany the Chair on the visit to the Rosema property.
4. The Chair underscored the willingness of the Committee and the Transfer Station Manager to work with Mr. Rosema on solutions for some of his other blight challenges, such as contaminated sawdust and rubble, scrap metal and the disposal of a large boat and log truck.

The Chair and Committee thanked Mr. Rosema for his presentation and for his commitment to clean up his property.

## REPORTS

Budget Update: C. Martin distributed a budget update. Discussion followed.

Transfer Station & Recycle Center Update: B. Marsh was present to answer questions.

Square One Point of Sales System: Moore reported the system which allows Station customers to use credit cards for payment of Transfer Station transactions was successfully tested. Moore is working with the Station Manager to identify a block of time for staff training, with the goal to make the system operational as soon as possible.

Consolidation of Transfer Station Facebook Pages: Moore reported that only one Station Facebook page is now available to the public and the Station Manager has the capability of maintaining the page.

## OLD BUSINESS

Performance Evaluation Policy and Procedures: The Chair indicated he would work with the Secretary to draft Performance Evaluation Policy and Procedures and present the draft for review by the Committee in July.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Financial Approval: The Chair indicated that during the July meeting the Committee would be asked to review and approve several financial matters, such as the Transfer Station's 2020 pricing structure for services, as well as the matter of cost of living increases.

PUBLIC COMMENT - All members of the public present contributed to the discussion on blight, including making recommendations on the need to monitor permits which allow individuals to handle hazardous products, the need to provide incentives for property owners to address blight issues and on the need to routinize the removal of scrap metal and abandoned or unusable vehicles from the Island.

MEETINGS - The next scheduled monthly meeting of the BIWMC is on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 1:00PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Cole adjourned the meeting at 2:31PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Frank D'Andraia, Recording Secretary