

Beaver Island Waste Management Committee
Virtual Committee Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 1:00PM

MINUTES

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Marsh, Transfer Station and Recycle Center Manager, Pam Grassmick (Peaine Township) and Barb Rahn (St. James Township).

CALL TO ORDER: The Beaver Island Waste Management Committee (BIWMC) was called to order by the Chair at 1:01 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15th via Zoom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Chair indicted Doug Tilly has replaced Carla Martin as the Peaine Township representative on the Committee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion to approve the Minutes for October 20th, 2020. Motion made by Martin and seconded by D'Andraia. Unanimously Carried.

REPORTS

- A. Budget Update: Tilly provided a budget update. A brief discussion followed.
- B. Transfer Station & Recycle Center Update: Marsh gave an up-date on the activities of the Transfer Station. Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Single Stream Recycling: The Chair asked D'Andraia to outline the pros and cons of Single Stream Recycling. Marsh reported the County was willing to assist in covering some of the costs required to convert the Transfer Station to handle single stream processing. Marsh noted the customer routines would not change dramatically when they come to the Station to dispose of their rubbish and recyclables. He did not envision a need for customers to buy extra green bags in order to comply with single stream recycling practices. Marsh observed the major change caused by adoption of single stream recycling would be how the Transfer Station processes items for shipment to the mainland. In order to better understand the benefit of embracing single stream recycling, Moore asked for cost comparison data. The Chair proposed and the committee concurred that the next step required the formation of a sub-committee to examine the impact to the

Station, Island townships, and residents. Marsh, Martin, Moore, Richards, and Cole stepped up to form an Ad Hoc Committee to identify costs and related issues. The Committee is to meet in January and report back to the full Committee.

- B. Base Rate Adjustment (Salaries and Wages): The Chair asked for a motion to move forward with base rate adjustments for Transfer Station personnel. Motion made by Moore and seconded by Richards. Unanimously carried.
- C. Committee Priorities 1/2021-7/2021: The Chair led a discussion on the continuing commitment by the Transfer Station to address the removal of large scrap metal items from the Island. Cole plans to meet with the Peaine Township Supervisor to draft a policy and to identify the quantity of metal needing to be removed, the estimated charges for crushing the metal and the estimated fees for barging the scrap metal to the mainland. A meeting with the St. James Supervisor is planned.

The Chair noted that the COVID Pandemic has disrupted Committee priority efforts and recommend that the priorities of 7/20 through 12/20 be rolled over into 2021 and they are:

1. Single Stream Recycling - Richards (Lead), Tilly (replaces C. Martin) & Moore)
2. Incentives for residence large item disposal Cole (Lead) & D'Andraia
3. Compensation - Station personnel Tilly (Lead - replaces C. Martin); Kohls, T. Martin (Welke's replacement is pending Peaine/St. James deliberations).
4. Recycling Education: D'Andraia (Lead) and Moore

NEW BUSINESS

Ricahrd's recommended the Committee and the TS Manager explore the benefit of hiring a professional to conduct a costs/benefit review and analysis of Single Stream Recycling operations. The Chair indicated he would work with Ricahrds on her suggestion.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Rahn explained a growing interest among Island residents to do something about unsightly trash --including hazardous and nonhazardous waste, abandoned vehicles, discarded furniture and metal objects, and related blight issues. Rahn indicated that come spring she and other citizens will begin working on a clean plan to remove these items from the Island and hoped the Waste Management Committee and the Transfer Station & Recycle Center would work collaboratively with those concerned citizens. The Chair noted this citizen initiative compliments the Committee's ongoing efforts address blight and encouraged Ms. Rahn to prepare a brief written statement outlining the goals and objectives to be achieved in order for added discussion to occur at the January meeting of the Committee.

MEETINGS - The next scheduled monthly meeting of the BIWMC is on Tuesday, January 19, 2020 at 1:00PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Cole adjourned the meeting at 2:07PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Frank D'Andraia, Recording Secretary