

Beaver Island Waste Management Committee Monthly Meeting

Peaine Township Hall

36825 Kings Highway, Beaver Island, MI 49782

December 21, 2021 at 1:30pm

REVISED - MINUTES

PRESENT

Roll Call of Board Members Present: Paul Cole, Chair; Frank D'Andraia, Recording Secretary; and Committee members Sheri Richards; and Doug Tilly.

ABSENT

Travis Martin, Joe Moore and Brock Rosema.

OTHERS

Bob Marsh (Transfer Station and Recycle Center Manager); Andy Stebbins (Chair, Beaver Island Community School Board), and Will Cwikiel (Beaver Island Community School Superintendent-Principal).

GENERAL

Chair Cole called to order a regular meeting of the Beaver Island Waste Management Committee at 1:38pm on December 21, 2021

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D'Andraia, supported by Richards to approve the Minutes of the October 19, 2021 meeting of the Waste Management Committee: MOTION APPROVED - Unanimous.

REPORTS

Budget: Tilly provided a budget update and noted tipping fee revenues were significantly up.

Tilly indicated single stream processing of waste continues to be delayed because of the temporary unavailability of a backordered electrical switch. Another issue expected to hamper the transition to single stream processing was the failure of Charlevoix County ship appropriate waste hoppers to the Island. The hoppers sent by the County were the wrong size and do not work well with the new single stream equipment and therefore the hoppers must be manually filled—a labor intensive process. The Station will place an order for two new hoppers for April delivery. Tilly advised the committee that wholesale prices for plastic green bags are going up and this will have an impact on retail charges for green bags.

Motion made by Cole and seconded by D'Andraia to approve the Transfer Station & Recycle Center budget report. MOTION APPROVED - Unanimous.

Transfer Station & Recycle Center Manager: Marsh, presented an update on the Center operations and services. His update included a report that Station personnel needed to begin addressing a backlog of equipment maintenance work and Transfer Station personnel needed to mark the Station boundary line adjacent to property owned by Jon Bonadeo.

A lengthy discussion then took place concerning returnable aluminum and plastic beverage containers and the challenges the Station has in storing the containers and the problems BICS students have with the sorting process. Cwikel and Stebbins underscored the value of the partnership with the Station in allowing the recyclable containers to be collected and stored at the Station. Both men observed the project generates considerable income for student sports. Coles added he would see if the St. James Township Trustees would be amenable allowing stored recyclables to be stored and sorted in the Marina Storage Facility. Marsh indicated if the Marina Facility was available for use the collection of returnable beverage containers could continue. Cwikel indicated BICS would be willing to defray some of the costs associated with storing and transporting the recyclables. A satisfactory agreement was reached; and the partnership was expected to continue. Cole will get back to Marsh and Cwikel on the use of the Marina Storage Facility.

Marsh then took questions. In answer to a question from Committee member D'Andraia, Marsh indicated Fogg did not act on the offer to purchase the Transfer Station's backup roll on/off vehicle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Committee Member: Cole announced that since St. James Trustees recently elected Joe Moore Township Supervisor, St. James Trustee Vick Fingerroot would replace Moore on the committee. The changeover is effective January 2022.

Consultant: Cole announced he was working with the Consultant hired by the committee to review and evaluate TS operations and services, to explore an opportunity to have a Goodyear tire distributor visit the island this summer to pick up and shed worn tires and to offer residents an opportunity to purchase new tires. Also, Cole indicated the consultant should learn if the island will be eligible for grant in the next 3 to 4 weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Top Three Priorities (goals and objectives) for FY 2021/22 (Cole). The Chair indicated the need to focus in January on such priority matters as Station staffing; space, and new equipment needs. A brief discussion followed. It was the sense of the committee that discussions about space, personnel and equipment would be facilitated by having comparative annual data for several past years available for review. Marsh indicated he could pull this data together for the January meeting.

Richards asked about the availability of Station sales summary data. Marsh indicated he had copies available and distributed said data to the committee (attached).

NEW BUSINESS

New & Temporary Policy Concerning Recyclable Cans and Bottles. SEE Transfer Station & Recycle Center Manager Report:

PUBLIC COMMENT

SEE Transfer Station & Recycle Center Manager Report

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION D'Andraia, second Richards to adjourn the meeting. MOTION APPROVED - Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 2:37pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is set for Tuesday January 18, 2022 @ 1:30 pm at the Peaine Township Hall.

Respectfully Submitted:

Frank D'Andraia, Recording Secretary