

**EMMET COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Meeting held at 8:30 a.m.
Via Zoom Meeting #853 4666 1533
June 3, 2021**

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

Members Absent: A. Bawkey

Members of Public: Mark Hoffman

Staff Members: A. Tolzdorf; J. Steffel

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 6, 2021 DPW Board meeting were reviewed. D. Fuller motioned to approve the May 6, 2021 Minutes: C. MacInnis supported. All present voted in favor.

FINANCIALS

The April 2021 Financial reports were reviewed. B. Dohm motioned to accept the April financials, D. Bachelor supported. All present voted in favor.

OPERATIONS UPDATE (OLD BUSINESS)

Personnel: DPW will be asking for Board of Commissioner approval for two temporary staff members to be moved to full-time county staff. The Emmet County Drop-Off Center is really struggling with a labor shortage. The recycling sort line is currently working with four people on the sort line, whereas it typically operates with a minimum of eight people. The recycling sort line is running as slow as possible and the piles of recycling are running out the door. Office staff is putting in at least one or two days a week at the facility working on the sort line to help out. Work release from jail is not an option due to Covid regulations. Community service is still an option but there are very few people coming forward for community service. Community service is utilized whenever possible, but it's not consistent. Office staff is also covering drop site cleanup daily. These issues are being addressed, but it will be a slow fix.

Enforcement: A. Shepherd spent six hours on Monday picking cardboard boxes off the ground that were illegally dumped at drop sites. B. Dohm mentioned that Readmond Township did a great job catching illegal dumping on their drop site camera. The 10 trail cameras that we received via grant in 2020 did not work out. The batteries needed to be changed every couple of days, and their data maxed out too quickly by taking photos of the mass amount of cars driving by.

DPW Board Vacancy: DPW is waiting for an appointment from the Emmet County Road Commission.

Landfill Contract: A first draft of the 4th Amendment to the original Landfill Contract is complete. A. Shepherd is meeting with Chris Gee from GFL Environmental on Friday to review the first draft. The goal is to have the 4th amendment in place by September of 2021. D. Keiser suggested a DPW Board sub-committee to take a closer look at the new contract before approval. A. Shepherd will give an update after her meeting with GFL Environmental.

OTHER BUSINESS (NEW BUSINESS)

Shredding fees: Due to labor shortages, we are pausing drop-off shredding Memorial Day through Labor Day. If an employee has time to do shredding, they can be helping on the sort line where their time can be better utilized. The DPW website and newsletter has been updated to inform customers. After looking at other shredding services prices, we will be looking at raising the cost per box.

Public Comment: None

Round Table Discussion: None

Meeting Adjourned: 9:20 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday July 8th at 9:30 a.m., 2021 at the Emmet County Drop Off Center, 7363 Pleasantview Rd. Harbor Springs.