

**EMMET COUNTY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Meeting held via ZOOM Meeting #831-9169-2815**  
**September 3, 2020**

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

Members Absent: A. Bawkey

Members of Public: None

Staff Members: A. Shepherd; J. Steffel

**CALL TO ORDER**

D. Keiser called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the August 6, 2020 DPW Board meeting were reviewed. C. MacInnis motioned to accept the August 6, 2020 minutes. B. Dohm supported. All present voted in favor.

**FINANCIALS**

The July 2020 Financial report was reviewed. B. Notestine motioned to accept the July Financial report, B. Dohm supported. All present voted in favor.

**OPERATIONS UPDATE (OLD BUSINESS)**

Personnel: A new temporary employee from Northern Staffing started on Wednesday. She will be helping with daily drop-site cleanup and battery bucket pickups. She helped as a Blissfest Recycling Village volunteer in past years, and has a good understanding of our recycling program. W. Fought has compiled transfer station data of the past ten years, and has discovered that there are 15,000 more cars coming in annually than ten years ago, yet we have the same number of staff. This explains some of the burnout and staffing issues that we are experiencing.

Enforcement: Illegal dumping at public recycling drop-sites has improved dramatically since letters were mailed and newspaper articles addressed the issue. Communication with haulers has been regular and positive.

MRF Upgrade: The upgrade officially started on Friday August 28. The old sort line has been removed. Machinex is very happy with how the project is progressing. They are ahead of schedule. RRS has secured \$25,000 from the Carton Council and \$25,000 from The Food Service Packaging Institute for the project.

New Loader: The new loader has been purchased and will be delivered on Friday September 4, 2020.

Rate Increase: An increase in rates on bagged garbage and loose trash was discussed further. The DPW Board felt that it would be beneficial to start the new rates on October 1, 2020. C. MacInnis motioned to increase the bagged trash rate by \$.50, going from \$2.50 per bag to \$3.00 per standard 30-gallon bag, and the loose trash rate from \$16.00 per cubic yard to \$17.00 per cubic yard; D. Fuller supported. All present voted in favor.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 8.**, TBD whether meeting is via Zoom or at 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 attend the meeting.

D. Keiser adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.