

**EMMET COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 15, 2009**

Members Present: D. Keiser, Chair; J. Jones, Secretary; W. Dohm; L. Atchison; L. Sumner

Members Absent: A. Smith; A. Bawkey

Staff: E. Seltzer, Director; D. Mapes, Superintendent; A. Arthur, Administrative Secretary

Public: Bob Mogford; Tom Richards

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Keiser called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 2009 meeting were reviewed. Atchison motioned to approve. Dohm seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

June financials were not ready in time for this meeting. Seltzer reported that market prices for cardboard have increased \$10 from \$30 to \$40.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Ordinance Enforcement Update: Letters have been sent to a resident in Bear Creek township regarding commercial debris on their private property.

Expansion Update: Fire barrier wall variance was approved unanimously by the board of appeals. Building bid was advertised Friday, July 10, 2009. Bids are due July 31. Bid results and engineer recommendation should be ready to review at August 12, 2009 DPW meeting.

Curbside Agreement Update: A signed Curbside Recycling Renewal Agreement was received from City of Petoskey. Resort Township approved the agreement at their meeting the night prior. City of Harbor is the only agreement that is outstanding. Tom Richardson, City Manager from Harbor Springs commented on concerns from sub-committee reviewing the agreement. They feel that the seasonal nature of the area should get some special rate considerations. Jones noted that all participating municipalities have the same issue with highly seasonal areas. The fixed cost of the program remains the same. Removing or reducing service areas would increase cost to remaining participants. Curbside recycling rates actually have decreased over time due to the increase in participation across the program. Seltzer noted that increasing participation within the city is the most effective way to increase the value of the cost of the program.

Northern A-1: Northern A-1 returned signed contract for leachate hauling service at the original rate of \$0.30/gallon.

OTHER BUSINESS

Budget 2010: Seltzer noted that the 2010 budget is due July 31, 2009. Changes were discussed both at County level and Department level.

Market prices: Seltzer noted that all are start to show signs of slowly improving.

Film Plastic: Seltzer noted that we have been collecting film plastic as a pilot program. After the boat shrink wrap event, DPW shipped over 30,000 lbs of film plastic to Petoskey Plastics to be used in their Green-Core garbage bags. Seltzer also noted DPW staff's intent to start a reduction campaign in regards to the use of film plastic.

Interest was expressed in purchasing reusable bags to distribute as a promotional effort prior to accepting film plastic for recycling.

Adopt a Road: Emmet County Road Commission was approached to start an Adopt a Road clean up program. Sumner asked if DPW would be willing to buy the signs and Road Commission will post. Signs would have DPW logo and name of sponsor. Signs are \$40 a piece. Road Commission is requesting \$2000 for a stock of signs. Motion by Atchison to approve \$2000 to Road Commission for signs. Jones supported the motion. All present voted in favor.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Keiser adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Jones, Secretary