

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 15, 8:30 a.m. WESTERN
WASHTENAW COUNTY SERVICE CENTER
705 N. Zeeb Rd, 2nd Floor Room 2010

Members Present: Kathleen Root, Lauren Smith, Evan Pratt, Gary McCririe, Andrew Schmidt,
Molly Maciejewski

Members Absent: Bryan Weinert

Liaison Present: Commissioner Jason Maciejewski

Staff Present: Theo Eggermont, Public Works Director
Lauren Koloski, Environmental Supervisor
Nichole Worth, Water Resources Customer Service Specialist

1. Call to Order

Chair, Schmidt called meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by K. Root, supported by G. McCririe to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting- October 18, 2023

Motion by K. Root, supported by E. Pratt to approve the meeting minutes of October 18, 2023. Motion Carried.

4. Public Comment-Related to Meeting Agenda Items

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker) **

No Comments

5. Reports/Program Update

A) Lake Improvement Projects Update

L. Koloski reported with the cold weather, the projects have been quiet. She mentioned the Huron River Watershed Council received a grant for five lakes in Washtenaw County, including Joslin Lake, to develop shoreline protection and restoration education. It will provide educational and stewardship programs to property owners with information on how to improve natural habitats and restore shorelines to more natural conditions.

L. Koloski also reported that contracts for Silver Lake are also out. No year end reports yet, will work on these next months.

T. Eggermont reported Freedom Township pass a resolution asking for the renewal for the Pleasant Lake Lake Improvement project at their regular board meeting for the special assessment district. There were many property owners in support of the program to continue.

T. Eggermont also has sent the Whitmore Lake Improvement project resolutions for townships to consider. He expects we will have both renewal projects early next year with expectations of those public hearings scheduled for June and July 2024.

B) PIAC Update

T. Eggermont mentions at the last meeting they did a tour of the recovery facility of WWRA, very clean and a good tour. One more meeting early December to talk about how they can transition the knowledge PIAC has gained to the materials management planning committee.

C) WRRMA Update

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 9/18/2023

T. Eggermont reported at the next meeting WRRMA is expected to vote on the final Hauling RFP which will include all four of the municipalities. The WRRMA members will soon discuss staffing models and funding for the authority.

D) Directors Report

- NOV's for Arbor Hills Landfill

T. Eggermont reported there have been three notices of violations at Arbor Hills Landfill in the past few months. He has reached out to EGLE's Jackson District Office Supervisor and is awaiting response regarding the expansion process and updates of the violations. There was a group discussion on the violation procedures and protocols when complaints are received. E. Pratt also mentioned there is currently legal matters being sought against Arbor Hills Landfill. He also mentioned we don't have any regulatory jurisdiction to these matters.

Materials Management Planning

T. Eggermont also mentioned the Letter from the State by Statue for the opening of the Materials Management Plan has not been received yet by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners', we are still awaiting the formal notice to arrive before we can begin this process.

T. Eggermont also reported potential legislation proposed for Environmental Producers Responsibility (EPR) for Michigan. This would follow the State of Colorado's EPR model. This is a policy that producers (manufacturers, importers, distributors, and retailers) of products minimize life-cycle environmental impacts and assigns that responsibility for the end-of-life management of those materials. This would create financial help for municipalities possibly and place that financial burden of the waste management to the manufacturers and create an incentive to reduce the materials entering the waste stream.

6. **Action Items**

- A) Claims \$50,000.00 and Under (November 2023) Attachment A
Motion by E. Pratt, supported by K. Root to file and receive claims for November 2023 as presented.
Motion Carried.

7. **Financial Reports**

Received and filed.

8. **Other Business**

- 2024 Proposed Board of Public Works Calendar
T. Eggermont mentioned that members can review, and we will seek approval of the 2024 meeting calendar next month.

9. **Public Comment- General/Un-related to Current Meeting Agenda Items**

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

No Public Present publicly or remotely.

E. Pratt commented that Dam at the Chain of Lakes is operating requiring major future repairs.

An informational public meeting was held in October for residents to attend regarding the required repairs and there is work beginning on the costs of those repairs that will affect the Assessment District.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 9:19 a.m.



Andrew Schmidt, Chair