

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Thursday, July 28, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
County Administrative Building, Third Floor Conference Room
211 W. Main Street, Stanton, MI 48888

Members Present: Mark Sabin
 Matt Biolette-remotely
 Steve Wyckoff
 Darin Dood
 Sarah Todd
 Roger Rockburn
 Gary Holland
 Nancy Mills

Members Absent: Chris Johnston
 Lonnie Smith
 Charles Hauser
 Scott Painter

Staff Present: Brenda Taeter, Controller
 Michelle Becker, Administrative Aide
 Elijah Riggen, Recycle Technician
 Jake Ellison, Republic Services

Mark Sabin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Sabin led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present.

Public comments were offered; none were given.

Motioned by Darin Dood, supported by Steve Wyckoff, to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

Motioned by Steve Wyckoff, supported by Darin Dood, to approve the May 19, 2022 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Elijah Riggen, Recycle Technician, provided the following Coordinators Report:

- May-July, 35 appointments at the permanent electronics site.
- June 22 - Open 9:00 am-4:00 pm for drop-off permanent electronic site, 36 attendees, which filled the container; next event to be announced.
- Recycle sites in good condition with the exception of the Crystal site over the 4th of July; two truckloads of garbage and recyclables on the ground, fireworks are not recyclable.

- Fall HHW event scheduled for October 27, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Edmore DPW; Justin Lakamper has been very helpful in assisting with use of the parking lot.
- Fall Tire & Electronics event scheduled for August 13, 9am-12pm at the Edmore DPW; this event scheduled with Valley City Electronics. There is a possibility scheduling with Padnos for future events as they pay for some items and charge for others.
- Shred Day was July 15, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, 13 visitors brought in 2,000 pounds paper for recycling; discussion took place regarding the banks now offering this service and very low attendance at past events.
- Recycling Quality Improvement Grant-Met via zoom with Amina to discuss the grant; she is working on providing technology for drop-off site audits and data collection. Camera goes inside the bins and analyze the loads 3 times a day. This will only work at the Stanton, Carson City and Crystal by September and cannot be use in the compactors.
- Spring HHW stats are in and 23,346 lbs. of materials were collected on May 12, 2022.

Roger Rockburn provided the Recycling and Landfill Report:

- May & June tonnage and revenue down, July volume projected 400 ton under budget or \$400. Roger stated there would be a fall landfill tour at the he on the date.

New Business – Matt Biolette’s last day with Republic Services in July 29, 2022; Matt was in attendance remotely, and introduced Jake Ellison from Republic Services who was in attendance and will be handling the installation of the next two compactor units. Mark Sabin thanked Matt for servicing on the committee and the vast knowledge he brought to the table. Matt thanked the committee for the opportunity to serve on the committee and assured everyone that Republic Services would continue to offer assistance as needed. The committee will wait to see if Matt’s replacement will fulfill his term on the committee before posting a vacancy.

The committee reviewed the letters of intent from Justin Lakamper, Edmore Village Manager and Mike Falcon, Village of Howard City Manager regarding the installation of compactor unit at their DPW sites. Mark Sabin stated that the Board of Commissioners approved \$40,000 from the Solid Waste Fund Balance for half of the cost of the projects.

Motioned by Darin Dood, supported by Matt Biolette, to proceed with the installation of the compactor units at the Village of Edmore and the Village of Howard City. Motion carried.

Jake from Republic Services will provide the options for lease or purchase of the compactor units at the next meeting and a timeline for completion of the project. Darin Dodd will create a list of the top 10 questions and answers for the villages to address caller and questions.

The committee discussed future site for compactor units; Mark Sabin stated he has discussed with Evergreen Township and they are willing to contribute to funding a site in Stanton and he plans to discuss with Sidney, Douglass and Pine Townships as well. Jake from Republic suggested future projects be done in pairs to help keep cost down.

Brenda Taeter briefly discussed the FY2023 budget and there were no questions.

Public comments were offered, none were given.

Motioned by Mills, supported by Wyckoff, to adjourn at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darin Dood, Secretary