



Recycling Committee

April 23, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.
225 W. Main Street, Room 100
Gaylord, MI 49735

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Burt called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Members Present: John Burt, Judge Pat Morse, Janice Lampert, Erma Backenstose, Beth Dipzinski

Others Present: Julie Marlette, Judy Wagley, Linda Reinhardt

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Morse, seconded by Lampert, to “approve the minutes of February 27, 2014.” Motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Contract Renewal/Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

Burt updated the Committee on negotiations with Emmet County. The volume of materials recycled from year 1 to year 2 increased by 62%. Emmet County lost \$110,904.25 due to the price cap in the 2nd year. In order to continue received recycling services it became necessary to renegotiate the contract. A four-year agreement has been negotiated. If the volume goes up by more than 10% in any year, Emmet can request an increase in cost.

Part of the reason for Emmet losing money is that they have often transported recycling bins that are only half full which means they receive less cost offsetting revenue. It will be important with a new contract to closely monitor the bins. We will have to make sure materials are pushed into the middle, make sure both sides are full, and to not request transport until we are sure they bins are almost completely full.

In order to pay for the cost increase, a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Event in 2015. We plan on holding an event in 2016 as long as we can keep the costs for the material processing reasonable. The City has asked the County to take over the electronics recycling. We will try to combine that with the next HHW event.

Motion by Dipzinski, seconded by Lampert, to “recommend the second amendment to the recycling contract with Emmet County to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners”. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Open Discussion

The Committee discussed the need to educate the public on breaking boxes down before placing them in the recycling bins. It costs the County more money if the boxes are not broken down. The Committee discussed creating flyers to educate people as well as potentially have volunteers at the sites on some weekends.

NEMCOG has applied for a grant to do recycling education including producing materials. Osburn will check with Diane Rekowski to find out what is happening with the grant.

The Committee discussed the need to put up more fencing at the Vanderbilt site to catch blowing debris.

V. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by Burt at 6:15 PM. The next meeting will be called as needed.

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