

**EMMET COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
August 5, 2021  
Meeting held at 8:30 a.m.  
Emmet County Drop-Off Center  
7363 Pleasantview Rd. Harbor Springs, MI.**

Members Present: D. Keiser, Chairperson; B. Dohm, Vice Chairperson; D. Fuller, Secretary; C. MacInnis; D. Bachelor; M. Hoffman; A. Bawkey

Members Absent: None

Members of Public: None

Staff Members: A. Tolzdorf; J. Steffel

**CALL TO ORDER**

D. Keiser called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the July 8, 2021 DPW Board meeting were reviewed. M. Hoffman motioned to approve the July 8, 2021 Minutes: D. Bachelor supported. All present voted in favor.

**FINANCIALS**

The June 2021 Financial reports were reviewed. D. Bachelor motioned to accept the June financials, C. MacInnis supported. All present voted in favor.

**OPERATIONS UPDATE (OLD BUSINESS)**

Personnel: New team members are doing well in their new positions. We have a retiree volunteering to do drop-site cleanup. We have received compliments on the cleanliness of the drop sites.

Enforcement: No update

Landfill Contract: No update for August. We are awaiting a response from GFL Environmental.

**OTHER BUSINESS (NEW BUSINESS)**

Straits Area Services Update: Straits Area Services was not able to provide temporary staff over the past year partly due to Covid, and a lack of supervisory staff in the spring. Due to the shortage of staff going into the busiest months, Emmet County DPW was approved to hire more staff members to keep operations running. Emmet County DPW now has 30 members on staff and all are Emmet County employees. Recently, Straits Area Services reached out stating that they have staff available to work. Emmet County Civil Counsel sent a letter of notice to Straits Area Services stating severance of contract due to a breach of contract due to their inability to provide staff in May, June, and July. Both parties are amicable and willing to potentially work together in the future if needed.

Petoskey News-Review Drop-Site: The Petoskey News-Review property sold, and Emmet County DPW received notice from the purchaser that the Recycling Drop Site must be removed by September 13, 2021. We are actively searching for nearby options to keep a drop-site in or near downtown Petoskey. The college, the City of Petoskey and some privately owned sites are all options at this point.

Round Table Discussion: None

Meeting Adjourned: 9:12 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 8:30 a.m., at the Emmet County Drop Off Center, 7363 Pleasantview Rd. Harbor Springs.