Waste Management Committee

Meeting Minutes

8/21/12


Absent: Paul Welke

Others: Don Welke

Meeting called to order at 9:00 by Angel Welke at the Peaine Township Hall.

Motion to approve the July minutes by Ed Troutman with second by Tim McDonough. Unanimous consent

Manager’s Report:

Discussion of the need for additional self dumping hoppers and also an additional roll-off container. We are nearing the limits of our capacity with the existing containers and hoppers. Motion by Ed Troutman with second by Angel Welke to purchase two hoppers and one roll-off container based on the quotation from Universal Handling Equipment. Don will try to make the purchase through the State to get a discount. Estimated total costs to be in the area of $9,000.

Don reports that there is no need to grind plastics any longer and this will save us labor costs. The bales will be somewhat bigger but it will still be advantageous not to have to go through the grinding process.

Don has installed a time clock for TS employees to clock in and clock out. Some glitches but getting better. Don has hired one part time person and will attempt to hire an additional part timer. The object is to have several sets of trained hands to handle the day-to-day operations while Don concentrates on management and efficiency issues.
We can no longer grind up any treated lumber and for the time being we have no alternative but to stack and store. We do not get a great deal of this type of material.

Don reports problems getting paid by CMU. Their procedures are unique and will call for special handling including making multiple copies of the original invoice because they are notorious for loosing their paperwork. Don will try this different approach because we cannot give service if we are not going to be paid.

Don suggests a face to face meeting with Charlevoix County Recycling to resolve some procedural issues. Don is free to attend mainland meetings as he deems necessary and committee members can join him as the occasion calls for.

Motion by Ed Troutman with second by Angel Welke for all bills relating to Waste Management to be routed through Don Welke for his signature and date prior to payment by the Township Clerk. Don is beginning to get bills and correspondence mailed directly to the Waste Station instead of the Township. Motion carried unanimously. Township Clerk needs to be advised once again of this procedure regarding our bills.

Motion by Angel Welke with second by Jim Birdsall to give Don Welke authority to spend up to $1000 without prior board approval. Unanimous consent.

Angel Welke reports that Tim Myers has been denied unemployment compensation for the reason of “intoxication on the job”. This is an erroneous report based on the hearing that was held several months ago. Angel Welke will check with the Township Attorney for advice on the best way to correct the official record and to review any submissions to the state agency.

It was clear to all members of the Waste Committee that the unilateral action by the Peaine Clerk did not serve the Waste Committee or the Township well. At a minimum, the Chair of the Waste Committee should have been consulted and involved in the response to the State.

Motion to adjourn at 10:00 by Ed Troutman with second by Angel Welke. Unanimous consent.

Jim Birdsall, Secretary