

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 20, 2019  
8:30 a.m.**

**WESTERN COUNTY SERVICE CENTER – 705 N. ZEEB RD.**

**Members Present:** Dries, Pratt, Maciejewski, Walz, Schmidt, Smith

**Members Absent:** Mekjian

**Liaison Absent:** Commissioner Ricky Jefferson

**Public Present:** None

**Staff Present:** Michelle Katz, Water Resources Service Coordinator  
Theo Eggermont, Public Works Manager

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Dries called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**  
Motion by Schmidt, supported by Maciejewski to approve the agenda amending adding Walz to provide update to the PIAC item. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes**  
Motion by Maciejewski supported by Schmidt to approve the minutes of February 20, 2019 with addition to item 6B, add the date of April 10, 2019 for the First Public Hearing for the Pleasant Lake Lake Improvement Project to minutes. Motion carried.
4. **Public Comment-Related to Meeting Agenda Items**  
Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)\*\*  
None
5. **Reports/Program Updates**
  - A) Public Works Annual Solid Waste Report  
Eggermont presented the 2018 Annual Report providing highlights including the HHW waste diversion was 1.3 million pounds of waste. Thus the largest amount collected in the history of the program. Smith asked about the e-waste stream and what the most common materials that are accepted. Eggermont responded as the most common electronic items received are laptops, printers, and televisions. Eggermont mentioned they will be sharing the report with the municipalities as well.
  - B) Region Recycling Stakeholder (WRRMA) Update  
Eggermont reported the Ypsilanti Township has also joined the WRRMA and so far the communities that have approved the WRRMA, include Scio, Pittsfield Townships and the Cities of Saline and Dexter. Discussion about the current markets for recycled materials are on a downward trend.

c) PIAC Committee Update

Eggermont provided update on the meetings held. He mentioned they are in the forming stages with creating by-laws that cover the Board of Public Works approvals required for adding/removing members, creating subcommittees, etc. Maciejewski asked about the by-laws that the PIAC is creating and had questions about the Board of Public Works does not have by-laws. She feels it is unusual that a subcommittee would have by laws when the approving committee does not. Eggermont mentioned that the by-laws created for the PIAC would be presented to the BPW for approval. Members discussed the authorities of the PIAC committee and the expectations of the approval processes by the Board of Public Works. Dries asked about when the Board could expect to see the by-laws and the procedures for awards on the sponsorships/grants. Pratt and Eggermont expect the board to have those at the next BPW meeting.

Walz mentioned she attended the PIAC meeting and share some of her thoughts on some of the items discussed. She also announced that she would have to resign from the PIAC appointment as the Board of Public Works Liaison as she is relocating and would not be able to attend the meetings. She also mentioned at the end of her Board of Public Works term this year, she would not be seeking to be reappointed.

D) Advanced Disposal Update

Pratt reported that Advanced Disposal continues to have issues with the gas collection systems. He mentioned they have additional remedial work to on the system that will take a few months to complete. He also mentioned there are also issues with the leachate system and soil erosion that the DEQ has determined. He expects that Advanced will have a remedial list sometime in April to address these issues. Eggermont mentioned Advanced has hired new staff and there will be paving the current dirt roads, Chubb and part of Five Mile Roads.

E) DPW Directors Report

2019 Draft Goals

Pratt presented the 2019 Draft Goals and asked for feedback and guidance from members. He would like to have these wrapped to approve the goals at the next meeting. Maciejewski had a question about the department operation goals with regards to the RFP for drop off station and if this is in conjunction with the WRRMA or separate goal. Pratt responded that the first step would be to go through the RFP process to then make the determination of how to move forward as the costs for this goal is unknown until we have a proposal.

Dries commented in regards to the Grant section as asked about adding more focus towards reduction and reuse as opposed to recycling through education

2018 Goal Progress

Pratt provided summary of the 2018 goals.

**6. Action Items**

A) Memorandum of Claims – Invoice Vouchers #8122-8123

Motion by Schmidt, supported by Maciejewski to approve Invoice Vouchers #8122-8123 as presented. Motion carried.

B) Debt Retirement Claims- Vouchers #8124-8125

Motion by Maciejewski supported by Schmidt to approve Debt Retirement Vouchers #8124-8125. Motion carried.

**7. Financial Reports**

Financial reports presented. File and Received.

**8. Other Business**

Revised Board of Public Works Calendar

Motion by Walz, supported by Schmidt to approve the revised Board of Public Works Calendar. Motion carried.

Walz reported she heard of the new DNR law with regards to boating and fishing, these new laws will take steps in the prevention of spreading aquatic invasive species.

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

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)\*\*

None

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:25a.m.



**Secretary, Gary Mekjian**