



KENT COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

June 1, 2017

8:30 AM

**Earl G. Woodworth Building
Meeting Room Chambers
1500 Scribner Avenue NW
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Vonk, Koorndyk, Bulkowski, Brieve, Skaggs, Yonker, Morren

OTHERS PRESENT: Darwin Baas, Director; Kimberly Williams, Finance Division Director; Alisha Barber, Office Manager; Nic VanderVinne, Resource Recovery and Recycling Manager Dan Rose, Solid Waste Operations Manager; Molly Sherwood, Environmental Compliance Manager; Adam Canute, Engineering Intern; Paul Smith, WTE Operations Manager; Cal Brinks, Purchasing/Fleet Services Manager; Nicole Spetoskey-Gault, Buyer; Charles Jakems, Appraiser from Jakems Appraisal Company; Chad Stoub, Co-owner of Everkept Disposal; Russ Boersma, General Manager at Arrowaste Inc.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Vonk called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Koorndyk and seconded by Commissioner Brieve to approve May 4, 2017 minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

III. Resource Recovery and Recycling Operations

A. Recycling Site Supervisor – Action Request

Director Baas reviewed the action request to approve adding a Recycling Facility Supervisor at the Recycling & Education Center.

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Brieve and seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk to approve adding a Recycling Facility Supervisor.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Property Acquisition – Closed Session

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Koorndyk and seconded by Commissioner Morren to enter Closed Session pursuant to Section 8 (d) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing Property Acquisition.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Accounting & Finance

A. 2018 Operations Budget Presentation – Action Request

Director Baas presented the Operating Budget for 2018. Highlights are:

- The revenue budget consists of three major types of revenue: Tipping Fees, Energy Revenue and Material Recycling Facility Sales.
- Over half of the expense budget comes from Waste to Energy Facility.
- The Waste to Energy Advisory Committee recommended holding the \$45 per ton tip fee for one (1) more year year. The tipping fee has been set at \$45 per ton since 2012.

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Yonker and seconded by Commissioner Brieve to approve the 2018 Department of Public Works Budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. Approval of Monetary Outlays

Motion

It was moved by Commissioner Yonker and seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk to approve the Monetary Outlays.

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Director's Report

- A. South Kent Landfill – Permit Modification & Public Hearing
A permit modification has been submitted to MDEQ requesting a vertical and horizontal expansion within the existing foot print of the landfill. The MDEQ has notified property owners within a half mile of the South Kent Landfill and will hold a public hearing in July 2017. DPW staff is meeting with Tom Hooker, Byron Township Supervisor to provide a detailed overview of the permit modification and proposed changes.
- B. WTE – Solid Waste Composition Study
Gershman, Brickner & Bratton, Inc (GBB) will complete a waste characterization/ composition study in July to assess all waste materials coming into the facility. The goal is to determine what material to focus on diverting to provide more combustion through put by removing materials that burn too hot and recycling the high value material.
- C. Sustainable Business Park Master Plan – Consultant Interviews
Three bids were received and interviews will be conducted next week to select a consultant to develop the sustainable business park masterplan for the expansion property at the South Kent Landfill.

VII. Public Comment/Miscellaneous

Russ Boersma, General Manager from Arrow Waste discussed the SWAP agreement and between the Department of Public Works and The Republic.

Chad Stoub, co-owner of Everkept Disposal, discussed the transportation of waste to landfills and trailer requirements on highways. He proposed decreasing dumping at the landfills by expanding the recycling center floor to increase capacity for recycled product. Also, assess City of Grand Rapids' residents placing trash in their curbside recycling bins.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.