

BOARD MEETING OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**March 13, 2023 AT 10am
Mishawaka City Hall
100 LWW Mishawaka IN
Board of Public Works Room**

- 1. ROLL CALL** – Sheila Niezgodski, Dale “Woody” Emmons, Carl Baxmeyer, Deborah Fleming, Rafael Morton, Dave Doll. Also, John Schwelnus, Ben Carson, Attorney Mike Trippel, John Murphy, Abby Doyle and Tim Ryan.

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE January 9, 2023 BOARD MEETING.** Motion to approve the 1/9/23 minutes by Dale “Woody” Emmons. Second by Dave Doll. Vote 6-0 to approve.

- 3. AUDITOR’S REPORT – Auditor John Murphy / John Schwelnus – See Attached** – Mr Murphy introduced his new Chief Deputy Auditor Abby Doyle, and indicated that his office is now fully staffed and is able to help the District with future budget and Indiana Gateway reporting. Mr Murphy again reiterated that the District is sound financially with reserves and expenses. The District insurance fund is also in solid financial condition. Mr Schwelnus pointed out that the HHW expenses were about to increase with the oncoming of Spring and the opening of the Mishawaka HHW site. Mr Ryan informed the Board that the Mishawaka site will open April 8, 2023.

- 4. EDUCATORS REPORT – Ben Carson** – Mr Carson was introduced to the Board as the new District Educator in 2023. Mr Carson has been with the District for over 3 years and has had good success getting the District Education programs reinstated after the pandemic. See attached for a listing of schools, libraries, and community events attended so far in 2023.

- 5. DIRECTOR’S REPORT – (See attached) A) HHW Usage and the opening of 5th St. location.** Mr Ryan and Mr Schwelnus both agreed to open 5th St on April 8, 2023. The District will have all supplies ready and available prior to the open date. **B) Discussion of rear lot of Kerr St location. Cost of material and pursuit of bids for excavation/installation.** The Board agreed to start the process of getting bids to excavate and fill the rear lot of Kerr St. Mr Ryan and Mr Emmons both talked about the use of “Milled Recycled Asphalt” for the lot as it settles and binds well. It was also suggested that “Bob Frame Plumbing Services”, “Kfex” and “Inserve” are

local companies that pump dry wells and inspect them for problems. **C) Discussion of Household count in Borden Curbside servicing** – The District is still working with our vendor, Borden Waste Away, to establish a residence count for the curbside pick up program. This count was initially set at 74,404 over 12 years ago and needs to be updated for accurate billing. It is agreed that a new count will be presented to the Board at the May 8, 2023 meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS – Resolution 1-2023 – Re-Establishing the “Citizens Advisory Committee” – The Resolution was reviewed and passed by the Board. Original signatures on file. The committee will be re-established and have its first meeting on 4/12/23. Mr Schwelnus will make a report on the meeting to the Board on 5/8/23.

7. NEW BUSINESS – Mr Emmons suggested that the Board meet on 5/8/23 at the Mishawaka City Hall and provide for some time for a tour of the new facility for interested parties.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mr Kyle Woolsey from Borden Waste Away, stated briefly that Borden is still working to find a mutually acceptable residence count for the curbside program. As stated, the final solution is expected at the 5/8/23 Board meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT – Motion to Adjourn by Sheila Niezgodski, second by Dale “Woody” Emmons. Vote to Adjourn 6-0.