

TCSWMO MEETING
Union Town Office
July 20, 2023
6:30 pm

The following directors were present: Thomas Pitzi, Alexandra Crocco, Jacob Tobias, Scott Esancy, Dana Philippi, Elaine Porter, Gordon Thebeau, Sara Bullard and Lee Shane.

Also present were President David Stanley, Facility Manager, and Gail Philippi, Administrative Assistant.

Tom Pitzi, President opened the meeting at 6:35.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by Lee Shane and seconded by Ali Crocco to accept the minutes of the April 27, 2023, meeting. The minutes were accepted with one abstention. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The checking account balance is \$ 192,404.06. The Reserve Account balance is \$138,705.59. The total is \$331,109.65. Dana Philippi made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Ali Crocco seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Scott had a request from the Appleton Selectboard regarding our fiscal year. It doesn't coincide with their fiscal year. They recently had a special Town Meeting as they hadn't budgeted for the increase in the TCSW budget. Because it is through the ILA, every town would have to vote on it at their Town Meeting. David, Gail, and Tom will meet with the assessor. Tom said the big increase last year was payroll.

Lee reported that Norman wanted to talk about picking up bottles and cans. David said that Washington said they weren't going to do it, so it went to Appleton. She'd like Washington to be next and not get skipped next year. It rotates by alphabet, changes in July, and must be picked up twice a week. There must be a schedule as the volume of bottles and cans has gone up. There are also fewer redemption places still open.

FACILITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Revenues and expenses are both up.

The Amish made the new planter in front of the recycling building. This was Bunny Stanley's idea.

Paving - David got more quotes. Gilbert says it is too big for them, Martin Paving gave a quote of \$107,000, B&S came back with \$150,000. Discount Asphalt Paving out of Belmont came in at \$78,000. David signed a contract with them for \$77,000. They have good references and will start shortly. The only day David can shut down comfortably is on a Tuesday. They would do it on a Sunday and Monday. This includes shimming, paving, and changing the pitch away from the buildings where they can. Adolphson will mark the pavement when they are done.

David called Apparl Impact regarding clothing recycling. He got a lot of answers that satisfied him, and we are going to do it. We'll have two bins down by the scale shack. They come once a week, there is no contractual agreement and both parties can cancel at any time. MidCoast does this and has four bins. They do try to redistribute any useful clothing. This will start in the next few weeks. Sara will put it on the website when David lets her know to do so. Towns can put it on their sites.

We paid \$33,375 for 100,000 bags which have arrived and are OK. It was a bit more than budgeted. We were trying to beat a 7% price increase. They arrived at the end of May. August 15, 2016, was the last time we raised bag prices. Bags and demo are self-funding lines.

We do get people from other towns who don't mind paying extra. The Town of Searsmont has a Selectman

telling people to come down. Nonresidents pay \$3 for a \$2 bag. \$10/100 instead of \$8 for demo.

HHW Day – There was a great turnout. We budgeted \$5500 and spent \$6997. The revenue we received was \$2268. We knew it would be a loss.

Demo – This is very unpredictable. Demo income is over budget. There are some Transfer Stations who don't care if they break even. They only have one bin and once they're full their customers need go to somewhere else. It is mostly shingles which are heavy. You can only put 30,000 pounds maximum in a roll-off. We've made three times the budgeted amount so far.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Dana made a motion to re-elect and vote everyone in as a group and Ali seconded, motion carried.

Tom called it to a vote, the motion passed.

Tom Pitzi was elected **President**.

Lee Shane was elected **Vice President**.

Ali Crocco was elected **Secretary**.

Henry Hall was elected **Treasurer**.

NEW BUSINESS:

On-Boarding – When she was a new Board member, Lee Shane requested a tour of the Station and got one from David. We should put a packet together to hand out to new members. Sara will take over the Google drive from Ali Crocco and will work with Tom Pitzi and Lee Shane.

Website – when the website transitioned from Peter to Sara, she had to create a new domain name and paid \$50. Peter's original site TCSWMO.com is automatically transferring to: TCSWMO.org for the next two years. Gail will send an email to all the Town Offices.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Second Quarterly Financial reports and the July warrant were previously emailed or sent by U.S. Mail to one board member who doesn't have email.

At 7:45 pm a motion was made by Jacob Tobias and seconded by Dana Philippi and passed to enter Executive Session to discuss a matter pursuant to Title 1 MRSA 405§6(A). All in favor.

At 8:04 pm a motion was made by Dana Philippi and seconded by Ali Crocco and passed to enter the Director's regular meeting.

The next meeting is on October 19 in Washington.

Preliminary Budget meeting is December ___ in Appleton.

The Final Budget meeting is January ___ in Liberty.

Dana Philippi made a motion and Ali Crocco seconded to adjourn at 8:09 pm.

Submitted by, Gail Philippi, Administrative Assistant