

RESORT TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Resort Township Hall
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Tuesday, 4 September 2007; 7:00 P.M.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

- A. **Call Meeting to Order.** The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:06 PM.
- B. **Roll Call.** Present were Vice Chair Leo Simon, Chuck Sanback, Jennifer McKay, Chair Al Welsheimer, and Clerk Lucy Eppler. Absent was Mark Ferguson.

Audience: None

- C. **Approval of the Agenda.**
Motion by Sanback Support by Clerk Eppler
To approve the agenda as printed.

Voice vote

Ayes

All

Nays

None

Motion carried.

- D. **Public Hearings**
None scheduled.

- E. **Brief Public Comment.**
None presented.

- F. **Minutes of Previous Meetings.**
Motion by Clerk Eppler Support by Sanback
To approve the minutes of the 7 August 2007 meeting as presented.

Voice vote

Ayes

All

Nays

None

Motion carried.

- G. **Communications to the Committee.**
None

H. Reports from the Members.

None

I. Unfinished Business

Bay Harbor Discussion – Chair Welsheimer indicated work on the treatment facility and drive are underway. McKay indicated that the permits for both the proposed injection well in Star Township, Antrim County and discharge of treated leachate into Little Traverse Bay are still in the permitting process. The EPA and DEQ are still reviewing comments received during the public comment period for the proposed injection well and the DEQ is awaiting additional information requested from CMS to complete the draft permit for the NPDES discharge. Vice Chair Simon inquired into the likelihood that CMS would be granted a permit for discharge into the Bay. McKay noted that NPDES permits are commonly granted throughout the State of Michigan for any discharge to surface waters such as the Petoskey Wastewater Treatment Plant. The issue for the NPDES permit will be the effluent levels – at what levels the DEQ will allow CMS to discharge at. McKay indicated that current surface water quality standards for mercury are 1.3 parts per trillion (ppt) and the permit application requests a variance of 30 parts per trillion. Clerk Eppler asked whether the current water quality standard was feasible. McKay noted that many facilities are able to meet the current surface water quality standard through dilution which means the same concentrations of pollutants still enter the water resources. Technology is advancing and there are some promising methods to treat mercury but cost is often a limiting factor. Sanback called attention to a well-written Letter to the Editor in the Petoskey News Review by a Dr. Ed Tim regarding disposal options.

Vouchers / Recycle Contract – Clerk Eppler reported that the vouchers are still used quite a bit. Sanback inquired into the uses of the vouchers for wastes considered hazardous. Chair Welsheimer indicated that vouchers can be used for those materials that cannot be recycled but that hazardous wastes such as paint are taken for free on certain days of the year.

Inoperable / Dismantled Vehicle Ordinance – Vice Chair Simon inquired about the status of the current complaints. Chair Welsheimer noted that there was no update at this time. The Chair requested that Larry Houghton attend the Resort Township Environmental Committee meeting but Mr. Houghton did not attend. Vice Chair Simon noted that at least one complaint has been going on for over a year. Sanback inquired who is Mr. Houghton's boss and what can be done to get him to take action to address the complaints. Clerk Eppler indicated that it is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees and she will follow up on the matter. Clerk Eppler further noted there is a new complaint in Parkview regarding a car and motor home on a property. Mr. Ken Banks has assisted in the past with other vehicles on the property. Sanback inquired if Mr. Banks or someone else would be willing to provide assistance again. Chair Welsheimer will go by the property and speak to the owner. The Environmental Committee is still interested in

receiving an update report from Larry Houghton.

Stormwater Ordinance project – No update

Schultz Creek – No update

J. New Business.
None

K. Announcements.
None

L. Adjournment.
Motion by Vice Chair Simon
To adjourn the meeting.

Support by McKay

Ayes
All

Nays
None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 7:28 P.M.

Note: the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Resort Township Environmental Committee will be held on 2 October 2007 at 7:00 PM at Resort Township Hall.