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November 21, 2024

1. Bring Meeting to Order: Meeting brought to order at 7:34 p.m.

Meeting held at UARRC

2. Board Members and Alternates Present:

Phil Bloomstein (Freedom)

Michael Berry (Thorndike)

Penny Stevens (Knox—ALT)

Paige Zeigler (Montville)

Kip Penney (Knox)

Rose Zoller (Troy)

Greg Falzetta (Thorndike-ALT)

Leigh Juskevics (Manager)

Ross Nason (Dixmont)

3. Board Members & Alternates Absent:

Jenny Tibbetts (Jackson)

Jeri Roberts (Jackson-ALT)

Beth Soucie (Unity)

Diana Hauser (Unity)

[Currently there are no Alternates representing the Towns of Unity, Freedom, Montville, Troy, Dixmont]

4. Agenda Adjustments:

Mike suggested jumping straight to budget discussion. Motions were made, seconded and approved.

5. Approve October 17, 2024 Minutes:

A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved

6. Budget Committee and Discussion

Budget for FY25/26 was discussed, questions were asked and answered. Greg commented that over the past 10 years budget has had a rise of just 5.7%. The new proposed budget would increase by just under 4%.

A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved to accept the proposed budget.

A Budget vs. Actual was distributed.

7. Manger's Report

We've had baler issues. At one point we had 2 balers locked out. We finally got an electrician who came and easily fixed the problem in one baler. The other baler has a broken part, and we're waiting for the part to fix it. Hopefully that will come soon, and we'll be back to full operating power.

All the outside glass aggregate is gone! Now we only have what's been crushed recently, which can be hauled away in a large bulk bag. We have an abundance of barrels and pallets now—some of the barrels are in bad shape and will have to go for scrap.

Following Rose's suggestion, I did create a new board member cheat sheet.

We have 42+ freon devices ready to be emptied. The mitigation company will be coming soon, hopefully next week.

I've been going through older files and scanning lots of records to the NAS. I've found many years of board meeting minutes but am missing about 10 years. There are many more boxes/files to go through and I anticipate I'll find the rest.

We hope to have another load of plastic shipped out soon, along with another shipment of OCC/paper.

Traffic numbers so far for November: 392

Albion's town administrator reached out. They're wondering about membership.

A discussion followed about the possibility of Albion buying-in and what that would detail. The options discussed were Albion buying in per the interlocal agreement, which would provide them with 2 board seats and use of the sales credit. Cost to buy-in would be \$28,786, with the first year's invoice at \$31,664. The second option would be no buy-in, no seat on board, no sales credit, and an invoice for first year being approximately \$39,184, with a yearly contract. Albion could also reimbursement individuals if/when they purchase a non-resident membership, as Burnham does. Leigh will share options with Albion.

9. A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved to adjourn at 8:51p.m.

10. Minutes Submitted:

Leigh Juskevics, Manager