

MINUTES
JOINT SELECT BOARD MEETING
Town Office Conference Room
February 12, 2018

PRESENT: Mapleton, Matt Gregg, Barry Buck, Dave Dunlavey. Castle Hill - Chair Maylen Kenney, Herman Condon, Gerald McGlinn, Robert Vigue. Chapman - Patricia Sutherland, Milford Maynard, Terrance Hanlon, Charles Beaulieu II., Isaac Braley.

ABSENT: Mapleton - - Joshua Cheney, Grant Clark, Beth Pickens.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager David Dionne, Treasurer Theresa Denbow

PUBLIC PRESENT: Tri-Community Landfill - Mark Draper, City of Presque Isle - Dana Fowler

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM by Chair Maylen Kenney. A quorum was present.

Taken out of order:

New Business:

- C. *Discuss solid Waste Merger with City of Presque Isle and Tri Community Landfill*
Members: Dionne introduced both Mark Draper from Tri-Community Landfill and Dana Fowler from the City of Presque Isle. Fowler introduced himself and stated that he was here to answer any questions that the board may have. Fowler explained the history of Tri-Community Landfill and how the price that we've been charged was determined. Fowler explained that the price was determined on the tonnage the town had. Fowler then handed out information on what the towns would be responsible for and explained how the towns would or would not owe the debt. Fowler explained that if the towns choose to join the tri community then the debt would go away. Dionne asked about the reserves and Fowler stated that all towns own the reserves however, the reserves cannot pay down the debt. Sutherland asked why they were doing this? Fowler stated for lower cost and efficiency. Fowler stated that the plan is to operate the city's landfill as in until January 1, 2019 and that both Tri Community and the City of Presque Isle will be operating the Chapman Landfill for the next 5 years. Draper explained Tri Community, stating that it is a not for profit corporation owned by Fort Fairfield, Limestone, Caribou and soon to be Presque Isle. Draper explained how Tri-Community's business model works to build a landfill, expire a contract and build a new cell/landfill. Sutherland asked about the haulers. Draper explained, typically the haulers bring the trash, state the town the trash is from, and then the town is billed the tipping fee. Sutherland asked, how the haulers

felt? Fowler said that he felt the reaction from the haulers was good. Draper stated that if people want to bring their own trash to the landfill, that they still could and that igloos were going to be placed around the city and participating towns for recyclables. Maynard stated that he felt it was unfair to place tipping fees upon the taxpayers. Draper said that he believes that they can make it so that the tipping fee is paid by the haulers. More discussion on tipping fees. Fowler stated that Presque Isle has the right to terminate the contract with a one-year notice. Sutherland stated that people can go to the landfill now or they can contract with a hauler. She felt that the citizens would be unhappy to have a tipping fee added to the tax bills. Fowler again stated that the debt would be removed if the towns do join. Dionne stated that he wanted it in writing. A third factor is that haulers would have to agree to pay the tipping fee and pick up the trash. Draper stated that municipalities are their best customers and that they would rather have a contract with municipalities not haulers as haulers may not pay were as municipalities will never go out of business. When asked who sat on the board, Draper answered that There were 2 from Caribou, 2 from Presque Isle, 1 from Fort Fairfield and 1 from Limestone. Each municipality is allowed to vote. An alternate is usually the town manager. Dionne asked what the trigger was that put this in motion? Fowler explained that it makes better business to have one landfill instead of two in the County and that it would reduce costs in the long run. McGlenn asked what the timeframe was. Draper explained that the timeframe for a landfill is 55 years. The recycling is set to take place on Jan. 1, 2019. Draper said that he would take all concerns to the next board meeting which is set to take place on the 23rd.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting January 16, 2018: *Motion by Sutherland to approve the minutes of January 16, 2018 as written. Second by Buck.*

Motion Passed 12-0

Old Business:

A. 2018 Budget Review:

- i. *Policy Review:* Dionne stated that the policy review was skipped over at the last Joint Board meeting. Dionne explained that the salary committee discussed the sick leave portion of the personnel policy and questioned the 2 days per month earned sick time when you have been employed for fifteen years. Maynard explained that it is a bonus or incentive for a long-term employee. The board also discussed cashing out sick time and about when you actually start to accrue sick leave. Dunlavey read and explained how the policy reads. After discussion it was decided by the board to leave the policy as is.

- ii. Interlocal Formula: Dionne stated that the board needs to vote on the 2018 interlocal formulas and cost sharing. *Motion by Dunlavey to approve the 2018 interlocal formulas and cost sharing. Second by Buck.*

Motion passed 12-0.

B. Meet with MSAD 1 Staff. (Postponed)

C. Taken out of order

D. Other Business: None

Manager's Report:

A. Other Business: None.

Set Next Meeting Date: May 7, 2018 at 7:00pm. – projected.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm by Chair Kenney.

Respectfully Submitted,



Theresa Denbow, Treasurer
Approved 5.7.2018