

**IONIA COUNTY
SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

10:00 a.m.

**County Administration Building
Commissioner's Board Room – 3rd Floor
101 West Main Street
Ionia, Michigan**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes – June 6, 2024
5. Public Comment (**Three-minute time limit per speaker- please state name/organization**)
6. Business
 - Motion to approve and recommend to the Ionia County Board of Commissioners to approve the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment
7. Public Comment (**Three-minute time limit per speaker**)
8. Adjourn

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1. Chair Shattuck called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM
2. Roll Call: Committee Members Present: Jack Shattuck, Lynn Mason, John Feuerstein, Gary Pitsch, Mark Novak, George Chickering, Al Almy, Shelley Gladding. Members Absent: Rob Weick, John Vriese, Clare Colwell, Dan Schoonmaker and Roger Rockburn.
Others Present: Melissa Eldridge DPW, Sarah Osburn Attn, Patrick Jordan Admin and several members of the public.
3. Approval of Agenda: Gary P. moved and Shelley G. seconded to approve. Motion carries.
4. Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2024: Moved by Al A. to approve and seconded by John F. Motion carries.
5. Absent Member Statement: John Vriese asked for the following to be read: He does not support the Host Agreement document from Feb. 6 and does not authorize the DPA to move forward with this version. . He felt that an updated copy of the agreement should have been provided prior to 6/6. He recommended the SWC be disbanded and the Materials Management Committee be formed and work on the Host Agreement be stopped. He felt that the lack of timely response from Pitsch to the committee's good faith negotiations in the recent 6 mos. indicates they are not serious about working with the county to responsibly conduct a working relationship with the county and citizens.
6. Public Comment:
Christie Valentine supports John V's comments. She asked to turn down the 300,000 ton increase, their issues were not considered. She asked that any upcoming public hearing be held at Orleans Township Hall after 6 PM. Noted that Board Member Clair C. also supports John V. comments.
7. Business:
Sarah O. spent time reminding and reviewing protocol. for example, there will need to be a 90 day review period, we are presenting a draft amendment and revisions can occur. A detailed handout is available. The Document is called: PROCEDURE AND PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR AMENDMENT TO THE IONIA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN. (ATTACHED)

The AMENDMENT document was also provided.

Gary P. moved and John F. moved to Authorize the Designated Planning Agency to make the draft plan amendment available for public review for at least 90 days, schedule a public hearing, and handle all notices and draft mailing as required by law. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion was made by Al A. and seconded by Lynn to move the Public Hearing to the Orleans Township Hall @ 7:00 PM on August 26, 2024. Motion passes 4-3.

Public Comment:

C. Valentine thanked Al and told the committee that she appreciated their work. she suggested the hearing have people sign in for comments.

Pitsch Attn. Andrew Vredenburg asked the committee to focus on the narrow issue of 300,000 tons vs the minutia. Try to keep it meaningful and in control.

8. Meeting Adjournment: 3:00 PM

**AMENDMENT TO IONIA COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

_____, 202__

The Ionia County Solid Waste Management Plan (January 2001) is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

1. Import Authorization Tables I-A and Table I-B, (III-2 -III-4), shall delete all listed counties and any specific restrictions identified in the table and shall be replaced with the following language:

All counties within the State of Michigan are authorized by Ionia County for primary importation. The authorized annual cap is 300,000 tons of solid waste from all counties combined.

2. Facility User Fee, (III-47 and August 13, 2004, transmittal letter p. 2), is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - a. In order to finance the implementation of Part 115 County Solid Waste Management Plan, Ionia County imposes a user fee upon all solid waste deposited and/or processed at facilities located within the County. Any previous County memorandum, contract, resolution or ordinance regarding a user fee or surcharge is repealed and voided. Unless a different user fee is agreed to through a "host community agreement" between Ionia County and a particular facility, the following user fee is established based on each ton deposited and/or processed in the facility:
 - (1). \$2.00 per ton of waste accepted for deposit and/or processed to be paid to Ionia County.
 - (2). \$1.00 per ton of waste accepted for deposit and/or processed to be paid to Orleans Township.
 - (3). \$0.25 per ton of waste accepted for deposit and/or processed to be paid to Otsico Township.
 - b. The County may enforce the user fee through a solid waste ordinance with civil and/or criminal sanctions if the fee is not collected and remitted, or through the terms of the host community agreement.
 - c. Each owner or operator must remit the user fee to Ionia County, Orleans Township and Otisco Township in accordance with this plan on a monthly basis. On a form selected by Ionia County, the facility owner or operator shall also provide monthly reports to Ionia County, Orleans Township and Otisco Township identifying the gross amount of paid receipts and/or solid waste collected during the preceding month. Ionia County, Orleans Township and Otisco Township must receive all monthly reports and user fees no later than the 10th day of the succeeding month.

- c. In order to encourage the development of resource recovery facilities, user fees shall not be imposed on material that is recycled at resource recovery facilities.
 - d. Host Community Agreement: is defined as a written contract that is approved and signed by the owner of a “facility” as defined in Rule 103 of Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, administrative rules; and the Ionia County Board of Commissioners (“BOC”) after approval in a public meeting, by the BOC.
 - e. Delete all text on p. III-48.
3. Elected System, (III-51) is hereby amended to read as follows:
- a. **Local Responsibility for Plan Update Monitoring and Enforcement:** Ionia County Board of Commissioners and any designee appointed by the Ionia County Board of Commissioners, and the Ionia Conservation District as the Designated Planning Agency.
 - b. **Educational and Informational Programs:** Ionia Conservation District.
4. Special Conditions (D-7), is hereby amended to read as follows:
- a. Ionia County Solid Waste Export Condition:

Ionia County's Solid Waste Management System includes Pitsch Sanitary Landfill, the Household Hazardous Waste Program, Recycling Drop-Offs, and public education programs.

Ionia County has listed the following counties which accept Ionia County waste on a reciprocating basis: Allegan, Barry, Kent, Clinton, Montcalm, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Clare, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa, Osceola, Saginaw, Shiawassee, St. Joseph, Van Buren, Wexford.
 - b. Ionia County Solid Waste Import Condition:

Ionia County's Solid Waste Management Plan establishes limits on the amounts and origins of waste authorized for disposal in Ionia County, including a controlling overall maximum amount of 300,000 tons annually.

Ionia County will accept waste generated in any county located in the State of Michigan. According to the amendment to the Plan of 2024, this Plan authorizes solid waste for disposal from any county in the State of Michigan.