

**CLINTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE COUNCIL MEETING**

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**PURSUANT TO PA 228 of 2020, DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

TUESDAY- MARCH 9, 2021

5:30PM

**AGENDA**

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Election of Officers
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes: December 8, 2020 – Attachment 1
6. Approval of Per Diem Vouchers
7. Public Comment
8. Other Business
9. Activity Report Review – Attachment 2
10. Waste Wizard Search Tool Annual Report - Appendix A
11. Lion's Club Recycling Site Quarterly Report – Appendix B
12. Adjournment

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## ATTACHMENT 1

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CLINTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE COUNCIL (SWC) HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M. VIA TELEPHONIC or VIDEO CONFERENCE.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Maahs, David Seeger, Mark Simon and Charity Little

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bruce Delong

**STAFF:** Kate Neese, Waste Management Coordinator; Nicole King Assistant and Education Coordinator; Lisa Longoria, Secretary

**GUESTS:** Charles Hauser

### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

David Seeger called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairperson Seeger asked for any additions/deletions to the agenda. ***A motion was made by Member Mark Simon supported by Member John Maas to approve the agenda. Five ayes, zero nays. Motion Carried***

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 8, 2020 – ATTACHMENT 1**

Chairman Seeger asked for input on the minutes from the September 8, 2020 meeting. ***A motion was made by Member John Maahs, supported by Member Charity Little to approve the minutes from the Solid Waste Council meetings of September 8, 2020. Five ayes, zero nays. Motion carried.***

### **4. APPROVAL OF PER DIEM VOUCHERS**

***A motion was made by Member John Maas, supported by Member Mark Simon to approve the per diem vouchers as submitted. Five ayes, zero nays. Motion carried.***

### **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Charles Hauser mentioned things at Granger are going well. The recycling at Granger has been steady, but they have had more residential waste than usual.

### **6. ACTIVITY REPORT REVIEW**

**2021 Budget Update** - The 2021 recommended budget was adopted in October.

**Lion's Club Drop-Off Recycling Site Quarterly Report** - was provided for the SWC to review in Appendix A.

## **Collection Programs & Special Events**

The October 3<sup>rd</sup> Free For Fall event was cancelled due to State and CDC guidelines. Ms. Neese provided historical information from previous Clean Community Events for the SWC to review. The DWM is actively promoting and encouraging residents to use our Waste Wizard search tool for recycling and disposal options.

As discussed at our last meeting, DWM will no longer sponsor single day medication collection events, with the exception of the annual Clinton Community Health Fair. We will continue to promote our year round medication collection sites. Our host sites and law enforcement agencies have been notified of this change and as of this date, we have received no feedback.

## **Rural Recycling Sites & Advisory Council**

The 2021 Rural Recycling Service Plan was adopted in October in conjunction with the county budget. Community cost share calculations remain at \$15 per household in the four jurisdictions participating, generating a total of \$21,000 in revenue. In communities utilizing the Act 69 of 2009 (formerly Act 138 of 1989) funding mechanism, the fee will be collected in the winter tax bills going out in December. These communities will receive an invoice after the first of the New Year and payment is due by May 1 each year.

## **2021 Collections Events**

Even with all of the uncertainty due to COVID 19, DWM is moving forward with planning the 2021 spring Clean Community Event and Free for Fall Event. Dates are tentative at this time, as are locations. We are looking at April 24 for the Clean Community event and October 16 for the Free For Fall event. Contractors have been put on notice and DWM staff will work closely with host sites and County Administration to ensure the health and safety of everyone involved in this events. 2021 events make look very different than their predecessors, if they happen at all. As always, information will be posted on the DWM webpage as well as Clinton County's social media pages, emailed to municipalities and past volunteers, and submitted to local media outlets.

## **Education Report**

Mrs. King has reached out to schools about presentations, and other educational opportunities she can provide. She has started putting traveling trunk totes for teachers to request if in student learning. She was able to deliver the Michigan Green School certificates and flags this quarter to the schools. She plans to continue to encourage schools to participate in the Michigan Green School this year.

A new program Mrs. King started was a recycling bingo challenge for county residents to do at home with their families. If families participated they received a reusable straw and enter a drawing to have the chance to win a tumbling composter. The challenge ends on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

She has also continued to educate residents through social media, and the monthly newsletter. Topics vary month to month on events, activities families can do together at home, and general education on recycling. Ms. King agreed to send an email to SWC members with a link to sign up for the monthly newsletter.

## **7. Other Business**

History of the Clean Community Events June 2004 – September 2020 was provided in Appendix B. The information did not change from what was previously presented because the DWM did not have any events in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Solid Waste collection participation by zip code** - Was provided for SWC members to review on Attachment C.

**Proposed Solid Waste Council Meetings for 2021**

Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm – Virtual via Zoom

Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm – Clinton County Courthouse – Suite 1500

Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm – Watertown Charter Township Hall

Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm – Clinton County Courthouse – Suite 1500

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Dave Seeger asked if there was any other business. There being no further business, ***the meeting was adjourned @ 6:03 pm. Motion carried.***

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Bruce DeLong, Chairman

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Kate Neese, Waste Management Coordinator

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Lisa Longoria, Recording Secretary

## ATTACHMENT 2

### Clinton County Department of Waste Management First Quarter Activity Report March 9, 2021

This report is prepared by Kate Neese, Clinton County Waste Management Coordinator, to update the Clinton County Solid Waste Council (SWC) and stakeholders on activities of the Department of Waste Management (DWM). It highlights activity conducted in the first quarter of this year and is intended to facilitate discussion when the SWC meets on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. The meeting will be held **VIA TELEPHONIC CONFERENCE: Dial 1-253-215-8782 ~ MEETING ID: 991 177 466**  
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#### Administration

##### **Board of Commissioner Communications (BOC)**

Ms. Neese will meet with Commissioners in February to approve and accept the annual site agreements for the upcoming recycling and reuse events. The spring and fall events have been set and are being publicized. It is important to note that both events are subject to change or cancelation due to COVID-19 restrictions.

##### **Budget**

Just a reminder, the 2021 Budget can be found using the link below:

<https://www.clinton-county.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=38>

#### 2021 Special Recycling & Waste Collection Events

The Clinton County Department of Waste Management is working hard to provide special recycling and waste collection events this year. The health and safety of our residents, vendors, volunteers and employees is our priority and we will be following CDC and state guidelines. For more information or to learn about other disposal and recycling options that may be available, please check out our Waste Wizard search tool [www.clinton-county.org/679/Waste-Wizard](http://www.clinton-county.org/679/Waste-Wizard). You may also visit our webpage at [www.clinton-county.org](http://www.clinton-county.org) and look for the link to the Department of Waste Management. And finally, you may call our office at 989-224-5186 or send an email to [recycle@clinton-county.org](mailto:recycle@clinton-county.org).

##### **Medication Disposal Programs**

Protect your family, pets, the community and the environment by properly disposing of unwanted or expired medications through one of the drop off programs noted below. Do not put medications “down the drain” or in the trash. They can end up in surface waters and negatively impact local ecosystems. The preferred disposal option is through designated drop off sites, which ensure safe disposal through incineration. *Please keep your medications in their original containers but be sure to black out any personal information.*

Pills, tablets, and capsules can be safely and securely dropped off at the Clinton County Sheriff’s Office lobby, Bath Township Police Department and DeWitt Charter Township Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm. More drop off locations can be found online at [www.clinton-county.org/679/Waste-Wizard](http://www.clinton-county.org/679/Waste-Wizard) and [www.takebackmeds.org](http://www.takebackmeds.org).

*Please be sure to black out personal information but leave the drug name visible!* We CAN accept used needles, Epi pens, inhalers, aerosols and patches at the Special Spring & Fall Collection Events.

## Spring Collection Event

**Saturday, April 24, 2021 - An appointment is required to attend!**

Details and location are yet to be determined. This event is subject to change or cancelation due to COVID-19 restrictions. Clinton County residents are encouraged to check the website [www.clinton-county.org/315/Clean-Community-Events](http://www.clinton-county.org/315/Clean-Community-Events) or follow the County's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/ClintonCountyMI](http://www.facebook.com/ClintonCountyMI) for details as we move through this year.

Acceptable items include household hazardous waste, unwanted medications, farm & landscaping chemicals, motor oil & antifreeze, and household computer equipment & electronics. Most items are accepted free of charge but nominal fees do apply (\$10 a piece for televisions and computer monitors – details to come).

## Rural Recycling Sites & Annual Report

Invoices were mailed to partner communities according to the figures in the Table below. A report summarizing annual costs and activities over the last several years will be shared in June and community input sought on future cost share contributions. Ms. Neese will follow up with the Board of Commissioners after the annual report is completed.

### 2021 RRAC Cost Share Contributions

	<b>Act 69 Partners</b>	
<b>Contributors</b>	<b># HH</b>	<b>Cost Share</b>
Dallas Township	406	\$6,090
Village of Fowler	495	\$7,425
Lebanon Township	252	\$3,780
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>\$17,295</b>
	<b>General Fund Partners based on 2010 housing data</b>	
<b>Contributors</b>	<b># HH</b>	<b>Cost Share</b>
Village of Maple Rapids	247	\$3,705
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>\$3,705</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>\$21,000</b>

FINAL Rural Recycling Sites Operating Costs January thru December 2020					
SITE	TOTAL CHARGES	REBATE FOR RECYCLING	COST LESS REBATE	COMMUNITY SHARE	COST TO DEPARTMENT
Maple Rapids	\$30,673.69	\$ (6,666.80)	\$24,006.89	\$(7,455)	\$16,551.89
Fowler	\$61,592.26	\$(13,473.38)	\$48,118.88	\$(13,635)	\$34,483.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$92,265.95</b>	<b>\$(20,140.18)</b>	<b>\$72,125.77</b>	<b>\$(20,595)</b>	<b>\$51,035.77*</b>

*\*For reference, 2019 total cost to department was \$42,030.36*

**Education, Outreach & Promotional Activities**

**Education Report**

*Submitted by Nicole King*

Mrs. King has been in contact with Kari Roy from DeWitt Middle School about achieving a green school status. She has suggested some activities to help them get there. As of right now they may not receive the Evergreen green school, but it looks like they could get the Emerald. One activity they participated in this year was exploring how being in a green space has many health benefits. Students practice this Japanese custom, called “shinrin yoku,” in there woodlot.

For Earth day Mrs. King has reached out to the Briggs Library to participate in their new take and make program. The library creates a take and make craft/activity parents can pick up on request for their kids to do at home. For April, the department and the library are partnering together to create an educational take and make about recycling. The department is including earth day pencils, and activity books. Kids will create a DIY chia pet by reusing materials from recycling bins at home to make the “pot” for it.

She has been in contact with the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority about participating in summer programs for this year. She is excited to deliver fun hands on activities with DARA campers this year, because last year was canceled due to Covid-19.

She has also continued to educate residents through social media, and the monthly newsletter. Topics vary month to month on events, activities families can do together at home, and general education on recycling. She has also created more at home activities that is placed on the website for families to do together to learn more about the environment and sustainability.

**Other Items of Note**

**Michigan Recycling Coalition**

Ms. Neese and Ms. King continue to be active members the Michigan Recycling Coalition (MRC). Ms. Neese is responsible for coordinating the quarterly Mid-Michigan Regional Meetings. This group met via Zoom on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Ms. King recently joined the Recycle, MI campaign committee and they meet monthly.

## Training and Conferences

Ms. Neese and Ms. King will be attending the annual Michigan Recycling Coalition Conference, currently being held virtually this spring with possible in person dates October 2021.

## Waste Wizard

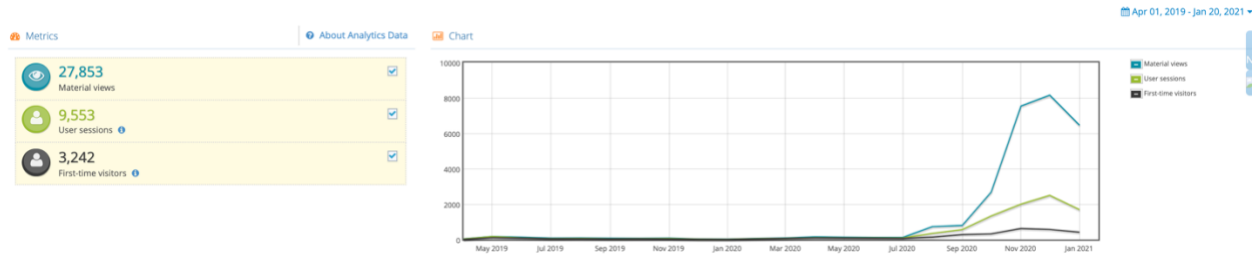
The Waste Wizard search tool has been a success this past year, due in part to the pandemic. We have promoted it, at length, as an option for residents to find local, year round recycling and disposal options since our 2020 events were cancelled. An annual report is attached in Appendix A and the annual renewal was just approved in early February. Our department will continue promoting this tool, which is a digital version of our printed "Garbage Guide".

## Promotion

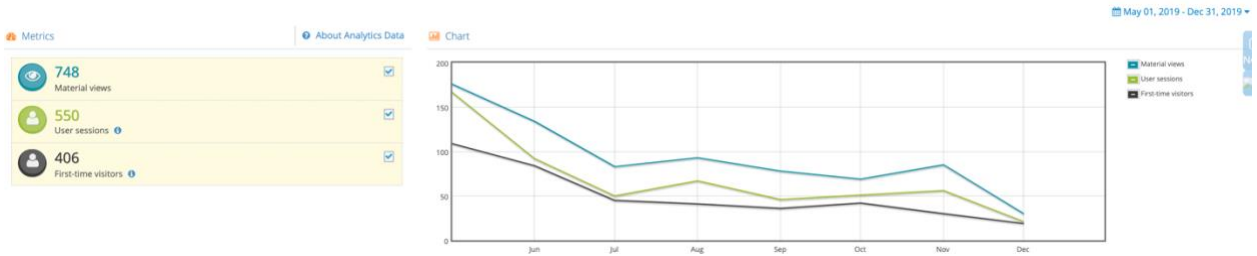
Ms. Neese and Ms. King actively manage social media and is always on the lookout for additional free marketing opportunities. Ms. King's monthly e-newsletter has been going well and you may sign up for it at <http://ow.ly/NXzs50CAXPA>. And the annual postcard went to our printer/ mailing company at the end of January. Staff kept the information on the postcard short due to potential schedule changes per COVID 19 restrictions.



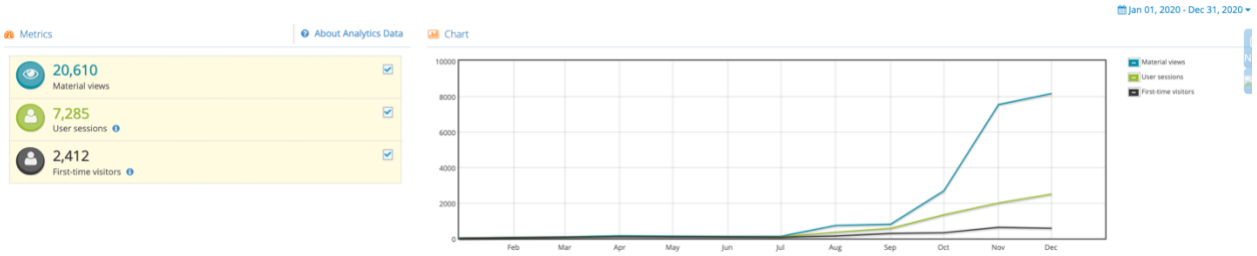
### Clinton County – Waste Wizard Usage Report (ALL TIME)



### Clinton County – Waste Wizard Usage Report (May-Dec 2019)



### Clinton County – Waste Wizard Usage Report (Jan-Dec 2020)

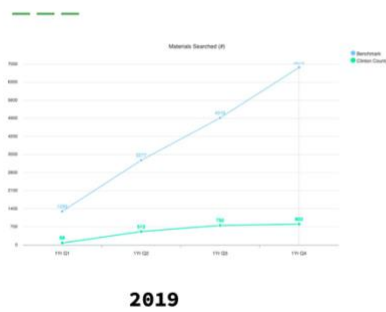


**2019 vs 2020 Benchmark Comparison – Medium Municipality (20-80k households)**  
*Now exceeding benchmark average of other municipalities in this sized category!*

## BENCHMARKS



Medium Muni - WW Only (35)



**Huge growth this year!**

## Top 10 Searched Materials

### Top Materials

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Views	Title
350	Television
229	Medications (prescription & over-the-counter)
227	Paint - latex (full or partially full)
194	Styrofoam
188	Mattress
187	Paint - oil (full or partially full)
185	Battery (disposable)
172	Motor oil
158	Gas
158	Tires

## Conclusion

Thanks to the efforts of the Department of Waste Management staff, the Waste Wizard experienced significant growth during 2020. Most notably during the fall of 2020 when cancellations of events, coupled with increased promotional efforts, diverted more traffic than ever to the Waste Wizard. Success and usage will continue to climb as more first-time visitors have experienced the user-friendly tool than the year prior.

