

## February 2025 MRF Report

Its been another productive month here at the MRF but with February proving to be the one true month of winter and things have been fairly quiet. We worked at getting as many of our boxes emptied for the boats to shut down, continued to organize paints for the upcoming clean sweep, and submitted a request for bid (RFB) for a new trash compactor. As we move into March, we will likely see an uptick in our numbers with people coming back to their cabins.

It finally happened, the boats shut down for the first time in almost 3 years, and there was a short time of an ice road. Now here at the end of February, the road was shut down, windsleds are running, and there's noise that boats will start back up in early March. With MIFL putting out the worked on the 10<sup>th</sup> that boats would be shutting down, Micheal hauled loads on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> to get our garbage boxes, demo boxes, and the one single stream recycling box emptied for boat shut down. We do have plenty of extra boxes for sustaining a couple months of boats being shut down, but its good practice to be as empty as possible. The garbage box was put inside the Public Works shop over the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> to thaw out, so that on the 10<sup>th</sup> when it would be hauled, the material would dump out. I would like to thank the Public Works crew for dealing with a very stinky box in your shop for multiple days. I would also like to thank Micheal and Woodstock (our 2004 hauling truck) for working in the below zero temperatures, hauling the 3 loads to the transfer station in Ashland.

We have continued to work at organizing paints over the month of February but due to some very cold days progress did slow down. With below zero temperatures at the beginning of February, outdoor work was brought down to a minimum, but we did manage to make some progress. We managed to fill another 1 cubic yard hazmat box with oil-based paints and we now have that box, along with the other one that was filled in January in heated storage. These boxes will be disposed of when we have our clean sweep event in July.

The one item we were able to take off our list was the organization of batteries. During the cold days, we worked in the office separating out batteries into proper bins. The lead acid batteries will be taken to Chicago Iron where we will receive some recycling revenue, and all the other batteries will go to a certified recycling facility this spring when the boats are running again. As we take in batteries, or any other universal/hazardous waste, we will work at putting them in organized bins as they come in, rather than putting them into a pile and dealing with it later. This way we can keep the MRF as clean as possible.

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Another item that we have gotten under control is the fluorescent light bulbs. We have found that the cat litter plastic containers work great for the smaller fluorescent light bulbs, and we have a couple set up in the main building for future bulbs that come in. For the 4ft and 8ft tubes, we have been using prepaid light bulb recyclepaks from Veolia. As we take in the bulbs they are put directly into the recyclepaks. Once a recyclepak is full we send them out via Fedex where they are shipped to a Veolia recycling facility in Port Washington, WI. Between bulbs that were stockpiled at the MRF and bulbs that have come in, we have shipped 3 boxes to Veolia totaling 155.2lbs. By the beginning of March, we will have shipped all of the fluorescent bulbs out of the MRF.

Near the end of February we submitted, and the Town Board approved, a request for bid (RFB) for the replacement of our oldest compactor. A thank you Alex for getting the RFB set up and sent out. During our last preventive maintenance service in summer of 2024, the technician recommended that the compactor should be replaced due to wear. All bids must be submitted to Town Hall before 4PM on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. The two main stipulations in the RFB is that the replacement must happen on a day we are not open, and the project will be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2025.

A letter was formed and submitted to the Town Board and Max for the possibility of either cutting out Mondays during the winter months or cutting hours during the winter months. We are finding that there is a lot of idle time during the open days. In order to keep operational costs down and use town labor efficiently the MRF crew would be able to assist the Public Works Department with any ongoing projects or snow removal operations on the days we are not open.

The new billing system for house accounts has gone well. I have been working with Liz and Dorgene in Town Hall on what reports Liz needs every month to enter information into Workhorse. By June I would think we will have all the minor kinks figured out once we have a few more billing cycles completed.

Just a couple of reminders for all of our users.

- We have gone single stream with plastic and paper. There is no longer a need for you to sort #1 or #2 plastics. We apologize for any confusion since we have not changed our signage yet.
- Aluminum foil/tin foil does **not** go in with aluminum cans. Please put them in with the tin cans
- We have been finding a lot of we cat food tins in with the aluminum cans. Please also put these in with tin cans
- There is a new discount card that can be purchased at MRF. User discount is 25%

## **Financial and operational data**

### **February:**

Gross Sales: \$5,367.00

MRF card discounts: \$607.00

MRF card sales: \$2,433.00

Total Revenue: \$7,193.00

Fees: (\$31.09)

Net Total: \$7,161.91

### **Year to Date:**

Gross Sales: \$14,656.48

MRF card discounts: \$1,102.50

MRF card sales: \$6,099.00

Total Revenue: \$19,652.98

Fees: (\$60.20)

Net Total: \$19,592.78

**Outstanding invoices through Square: \$3,929.15**

**Outstanding MRF card balance: \$3,800.25**

### **Recycling tracking:**

Fluorescent light bulbs sent out/cost: 155.20lbs/\$376.00

Cardboard bailed: Feb/YTD: 2204lbs/4402lbs

Aluminum bailed: Feb/YTD: 532lbs/1046lbs

Tin bailed: Feb/YTD: 0lbs/776lbs

### **Hauling:**

3 loads hauled during the month of February. 1 solid waste, 1 demo, 1 recycling.

Total hauling costs which includes labor, DOT truck time, tipping fees, ferry fees and fuel:

**\$4,170.03**