

Montcalm County to pay for 'river rock' at recycling site

■ *Commissioner/
farmer educates
about potato stones*

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LAKEVIEW — Montcalm County will pay half the cost of parking lot improvements to the village of Lakeview's recycling site.

The Montcalm County Board of Commissioners approved paying \$1,575 to Lakeview for work done at the county's recycling site at the village's Department of Public Works facility.

The recommendation came from the county's Solid Waste Management Planning Committee after the committee heard a March

15 report from Lakeview Village Manager Shay Gallagher about an incident at the recycling site.

Republic Services attempted to do a recycling pick-up at the Lakeview site amid rain and thawing, and the Republic truck got stuck, according to Gallagher, who was quoted in committee meeting minutes.

Gallagher contacted county officials and arrangements were made to haul in "sand and river rock" to assure the issue wouldn't happen again. Gallagher requested the county pay half the \$3,150 expense to keep the site operating.

The request had to be approved by the full Board of Commissioners as the expense was not budgeted

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Montcalm County will pay \$1,575, which is half the cost of adding sand and stones to the parking lot of the county's recycling site at the village of Lakeview's DPW facility. The move came after Republic Services attempted to do a recycling pick-up at the site amid rain and thawing, and Republic's truck got stuck in the mud.

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for 2018.

Commissioners unanimously approved the request March 26; however, Chairman Patrick Q. Carr questioned the semantics of one item.

“Where do they get that river rock?” Carr asked.

“I don’t know, some river?” replied Commissioner Tom Lindeman who was reading the committee meeting

minutes aloud.

“It’s potato stones,” said Carr, a longtime Lakeview-area farmer, to chuckles from fellow commissioners and the audience. “We’ve never called it river rock. I’ve seen what it is and I know where it comes from.”

In other matters, the Board of Commissioners also approved a Solid Waste Committee request to allow a countywide Household Hazardous Waste event to take place from 8 a.m.

to 2 p.m. June 2 in the parking lot behind the Mid-Michigan District Health Department in Stanton.

The next regular meeting of the county’s Solid Waste Management Planning Committee will be 3 p.m. April 19 in the Montcalm County Administrative Building in Stanton. All meetings are open to the public.

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