

**YORK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

Richard Monroe  
Special Meeting

William Pavlick

Todd Zieja

March 13, 2018

Chairman Rick Monroe called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Bill stated that the purpose of the meeting was to obtain public input on going out to bid for one trash hauler. Bill invited Beth Biggins-Ramer from the Solid Waste District to review. Beth stated the trustees had approached her last fall after Montville Township had gone the bid route for one trash hauler. Montville was looking at continuity of service for their residents, good pricing and curbside recycling. We're here to gather info on what kind of service the York Township residents would be interested. Montville offered 3 levels of service.

Beth brought a 96-gallon trash can so people could see the size. There are various sizes, but the other size we'll focus on tonight is the 64-gallon trash can. They are easy to roll. The 96-gallon can will hold 5 kitchen bags and the 64-gallon can will hold 4 kitchen bags. Montville had a menu of items beyond the trash cans to utilize those occasional items you had to dispose of, such as a broken hot water tank.

Beth stated tonight is the night to make up the wish list of what residents want. The York Township Trustees have told me that they want residents to be able to opt out. The trustees would like to utilize a recycle cart and then whatever container/bag the resident wants to use for their trash.

One of the residents asked about unlimited set out of trash and that's what she would still like. Beth was also asked about the ease of rolling the carts down a gravel driveway in the winter with the snow and how an elderly person would be able to handle it. She said they roll easy. Beth also added to the list that we'd like a price on both the 64- and 96-gallon cans. Beth stated the trash industry is going toward total automation for the safety of the workers.

Norm Hinman asked about a rental fee on the trash can. Beth told him that would be worked in to the monthly cost for the bid.

Gary Gunkelman asked if this was a forgone conclusion and was told no. We already have lots of trucks so the decrease in a couple is not going to make a major difference. There's only one township that has bid out. What about the businesses? He was told businesses could stay where they are. You'd save for the beginning, but then what will happen? It will go up like other things. Why is the government getting into our business of taking away our choice? I want to be able make my own decisions.

Curtis Perkins doesn't approve of the townships contracting out the trash since there aren't that many trash haulers and the prices aren't that bad. If all the townships contract out their trash, it will drive companies like me out of business. Residential trash is not that expensive. I'm asking York to not do this.

Beth stated the current plan that the Commissioners are thinking about does not include going back to where all trash/recyclables go back to being in the same container to be sorted at the Solid Waste Plant. A one-size fits all plan does not fit all areas of the county.

None of the residents that spoke up was in favor of the trustees centralizing the trash hauling for residents. Another resident was not in favor of creating monopolies.

Beth stated some of the benefits with a single hauler is more control over possible problems.

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Dorothy asked Beth about the residents having options to choose from. Beth stated that would be something the trustees would decide to put in the bid specs.

For those concerned about wheeling a trash cart down the drive, the hauler cans have a wider stance and wheel much easier than the Home Depot cart.

Todd stated that the trustees were looking at getting a reduced price for the residents.

Gary Gunkelman asked the trustees why they wanted to put themselves in the position of dictating to the residents' things that the residents can decide for themselves. The system isn't broke, why do you want to fix it? Our choices are taken away enough from different levels of the government.

Another comment made was that I live in a township because I like the freedom.

Another resident stated the subdivisions are in favor of this. They have Homeowner's Associations so they can choose their hauler if they want one hauler and leave the balance of the township to continue as we are.

**RESOLUTION #18-03-02 – Adjourn**

**Moved** by Zieja, second by Pavlick to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Roll: Zieja, yes; Pavlick, yes; Monroe, yes.

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Richard Monroe, Chairman

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Beverly Fry, Fiscal Officer