

YORK TOWNSHIP

Special Meeting October 30, 2019

Trustees – Chairman William Pavlick, Richard Monroe, Todd Zieja
Fiscal Officer Margaret (Peggy) Russell

Present:

Trustee Bill Pavlick, Chairman
Trustee Rick Monroe
Trustee Zieja
Fiscal Officer Peggy Russell
Dorothy Crouch

Also Present:

Prosecutor Dennis Paul
Dave Hull
Sarah Mathews, Rumpke
Several Residents

Chairman William Pavlick called the special meeting to order at 5:00pm for the purpose of discussing the execution of the contract for Collection, Transportation and Deliver for Disposal or Processing Residential Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Generated in and Collected from Residential Units in York Township and Township Facilities, and other business brought before the trustees. After the pledge of allegiance, Chairman Pavlick announced the meeting was being taped for transcription purposes only.

Several residents attended this meeting concerned that they had only very recently become aware that the collection of residential trash was changing to a single hauler trash for the township. Many of the same concerns expressed at earlier meetings were reviewed by Prosecutor Dennis Paul and the Trustees.

1. The township's effort in disseminating news to the residents. Legally, the township must follow the ORC (Ohio Revised Code) in informing the public to its actions. This is done by publishing and announced in a paper of general circulation. This is not an avenue conducive to many people being aware of what business is being conducted in the township. Unfortunately, newsletters are very costly for direct mail and time consuming to produce. Mailing information 1 or 2 times per year will not educate the public in a more timely manner. The best way to understand what the trustees decide is to attend meetings. Once minutes are approved, they are posted on the website. Yorktwp.org has been an active website for over a year after being under construction and unavailable in 2017. We will also be getting a new electronic sign from a grant monies/FD contribution where we can post new and safety information. Social media participation was discussed.
2. Constitutional right to choose trash. In 2017 the Trustees went through the proper channels to create a waste district. If there was no referendum filed at this time, calling for a vote on the formation of a waste district, the a waste district is created. The formation of the waste district allows for this bid and award process for a single hauler trash company for residential service. Commercial haulers for businesses are not affected. The public does not have the right to vote on this issue at this time in the process.
3. Opt out procedures. If there is a residence on a property or farm they will have to have Rumpke as a trash provider. If they wish to opt out, a mailer will be sent from Rumpke detailing the process. The township approved 6% (approximately 114 households may choose to have no trash service). Many political entities do not allow any opt out. This is a courtesy to allow individuals the choice to not participate, but to be fair to the companies working the finances for the bidding process, it is a limited amount. It is a first

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come first serve method, and must be applied for annually. Dates will be included in the mailer.

4. Levels of service are available for residents to choose. There is an unlimited option, a bag service, medical forms for assistance. The mailer will detail the process for choosing levels, changing can sizes, the plans were reviewed , and are available in past meeting minutes and in the attached contract. Trustees were trying to provide a necessary service at a discounted rate, to benefit the largest number of the population, while allowing those opposed to have a chance to refuse.

RESOLUTION #19-10-12 to Approve the execution of the contract to Rumpke for Collection, Transportation and Deliver for Disposal or Processing Residential Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Generated in and Collected from Residential Units in York Township and Township Facilities. (Attached.) Moved by Monroe, second by Zieja. Roll: Monroe, yes; Zieja, yes; Pavlick, yes.

Sarah Mathews went over the implementation plan. Carts will be ordered in January. Two new trucks have been ordered, and are being built to specification. They will be dedicated exclusively to work in York Township. The fire department will be contacted when the new trucks are in the neighborhood. Training of trash crew and delivery of cans will happen during the week of February 24, 2020. Mailers will go out mid December explaining the transition process, levels of service, and dates for implementation. If a trash hauler stops service early, there will be a contingency plan to maintain service for those impacted in the interim of March 2, 2020 start date.

Dennis Paul is retiring in a few weeks. Brian Richtor will be the Prosecutor dealing with the unfinished work on the contract.

Trustee Monroe made the motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Zieja. Roll: Monroe, yes; Zieja, yes; Pavlick, yes. Meeting adjourned 6:20 pm.

William Pavlick, Chairman

Margaret Russell, Fiscal Officer