

**RYE TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL MEETING
Trash Collection Policies
September 15, 2009**

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PRESENT: Chairman Robert Lightner, Vice-Chairman Ron Evans, and Supervisor Ken Quigley, Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer, Road crew employees: Mike Miller and Brad Sloop, Beverly Miller, Larry and Jean Kuhn, Pete and Barbara Fitting, Sam Leonard, Clyde Sloop, Leslie C. Kunkle, Sean Fedder, Peggy Fedder, Brian Mader, Kathy Godfrey, Carol Bishard, and Gary Roth.

FORMER SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Tom Graupensperger, Charlie Kunkle, and Phyllis Page.

The meeting was advertised in the Duncannon Record and proof of publication is on file. The special meeting was held at the municipal building. Chairman Lightner convened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The meeting was tape recorded to aid with the preparation of minutes.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Chairman Lightner welcomed all to the meeting & announced that opportunities to voice comments would be provided later under "Business". No other comments were offered at this time.

AWARD OF BID: Three requests for proposals were received for the Fall Clean-up scheduled for October 2, and October 3, 2009 as follows:

| | <u>Waste Management</u> | <u>Sylvester's Services</u> | <u>Tiger Trash</u> |
|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Hauling fee | \$ 75.00 | \$100.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Haul fee w/waste | \$ 215.00 | \$100.00 | \$200.00 |
| Total per pull | \$ 290.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| Tipping fees | \$ 65.00 | \$ 65.50 | \$ 66.00 |
| Charge Scrap | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Metal Containers | \$150.00 | \$. Zero | \$ Zero |

Discussion ensued. Costs were estimated on the above quotes based on an average of 15 dumpsters used and 51 tons collected. Upon due consideration Supervisor Evans made a motion to award the Fall Clean up contract to Sylvester's Services as noted above for the delivery of and hauling away of roll offs, tipping fees, and scrap metal disposal conditional upon the receipt of a certificate of Workers Compensation and Liability and a certificate of compliance with Federal CDL requirements for drug and alcohol testing for their drivers; Supervisor Quigley seconded; motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS: Chairman Lightner gave a brief synopsis of the purpose of this second special meeting to discuss future trash collection options. He offered that the Board is open to gain input from residents prior to implementing any change in the current trash collection policy. Chairman Lightner commended the current employees on their job performance with the trash collection. He offered his concerns with increased liability from potential injuries, accidents and exposure to all the related hazards involved with the collection process.

Supervisor Quigley offered that he worked along the roadways for Penn Dot for over thirty (30) years. There are no safety regulations in Publication 203 in effect relating to trash trucks at this time. He agreed the collection of trash along the roadways is a dangerous situation. Supervisor Quigley offered his concern that an outside hauler may bid low in order to gain the award and then raise the costs in the years to follow. Quigley suggested the Board proceed with caution when the contract is written and awarded. However, the Township does have the benefit of having the statistics on hand to know exactly the average amount of tons collected weekly.

Supervisor Evans offered that everything was already said. However, he is not in favor of the bag system for collection of trash because some residents will not purchase the bags. This may or may not create additional dumping along the mountain roads. Evans also offered that the Township continue to bill residents for trash through Capital Tax Collection Bureau quarterly instead of the residents paying the hauler directly. The Township would then pay the hauler for their services. Supervisor Evans indicated this is how Marysville Borough handles their trash collection billing with an independent hauler.

Chairman Lightner offered that there is an option that may be explored where a community can go to the bag system and yet require a minimum purchase of bags for each residence. This assures that each residence will use the service provided and provided the County the required documentation that the Township is providing trash service to each residence.

At this time Chairman Lightner opened the floor to those in attendance to offer their comments. The following is a brief summary of the input and comments received from residents.

Former Supervisor Phyllis Page of Mountain Road offered that the Solid Waste Fund is no longer very productive financially to the Township as it was during the years she served as supervisor. Page encouraged the Board to adopt and enforce regulations for collection. In general her opinion was that it was better for the Township to get out of the trash business.

Peggy Fedder of Valley Road agreed that it is time to find a responsible outside hauler to collect the Township's trash.

Brian Mader of Tower Road offered that the Board closely research the option to keep the costs down. He suggested the Board consider bidding for two options of collection: the bag system and the bulk tonnage collection system. Mader offered that most of the dumping of trash along Tower Road comes from people outside of the Township.

Pete Fitting of Dicken Drive was not in favor of the bag system because of those residents who would not purchase bags to properly dispose of their trash. Fitting was in favor of looking into an outside hauler for collection of the Township's trash.

Employee Mike Miller of New Valley Road offered that he is in favor of getting out of the trash business. Miller emphasized the concern for safety by telling about an incident on Mountain Road where a pick up truck turned at the last minute and barely missed him, but hit the trash can he was holding. Miller offered that it is not "if" an accident happens, but "when". Employee Brad Sloop of Valley Road agreed.

Former Supervisor Tom Graupensperger of Valley View Road offered his understanding of the concern for personal safety of the employees. With due consideration for that concern, Graupensperger also asked the Board to consider making their decision on good business principles relative to total associated costs for operation of both options: in-house and an outside hauler. Graupensperger offered that the Board keep in mind that current costs for collection have increased, even though the Board has chosen not to increase trash rates to residents. Graupensperger offered that residents would not appreciate a large increase in their quarterly trash bills.

Carol Bishard of Stiles Drive commended the Board for the professional manner in which the Board meeting was conducted this evening. Carol offered that everything costs more than it did before so an increase in trash at some point is inevitable. Carol felt that no value can be placed on a person's life.

Former employee Sam Leonard of Valley Road offered that his doctor's opinion told him that no one over the age of fifty (50) years old should be collecting trash.

Jean Kuhn of Flowers Lane asked if the Board could include the collection of recycling along with the bid for trash collection.

Chairman Lightner said that curbside recycling is a good idea. However, it would take another truck and that option would cost more and was not under consideration at this time.

Supervisor Quigley offered that it is mainly first class townships and boroughs that are mandated by the State that provide the curbside collection for recycling.

Larry Kuhn of Flowers Lane offered that neighboring Marysville Borough offers the option of collection of one bulk item per week and would like to see the Township look into this option.

Brian Mader of Tower Road echoed the remarks made by former supervisor Tom Graupensperger that the Board balance their final decision with concern for employee safety and good business sense.

The Secretary/Treasurer noted that the current Solid Waste budget is approximately \$180,000. She explained that a percentage of costs for labor, benefits, and pension are currently paid for by the Solid Waste Fund.

Chairman Lightner offered that if the costs for the options explored by the Board prove to be cost prohibitive, then the Township does not need to make a change.

It was the general consensus of the Board to explore other options for trash collection. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Lightner thanked everyone for their attendance and input. He anticipated that no change would be implemented until the year 2011.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: With no further business before the Board, Supervisor Evans made a motion and Supervisor Quigley seconded to adjourn the special meeting at 8:17 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Daisy Lightner
Secretary/Treasurer