

Chairman Becky Lutzko called the Special Meeting of the Hinckley Township Board of Trustees to order at 5:35 p.m. on January 29, 2019. Present were Trustees Becky Lutzko, Jim Burns and Ray Schulte, Fiscal Officer Martha Catherwood, 5 residents and 1 reporter. All joined the Pledge to the Flag.

Ms. Lutzko noted that the meeting is being taped for transcription purposes only.

Ms. Lutzko stated the purpose of the Special Meeting is to 1) approve travel appropriations for the Service Department; and 2) create a bid package for a single hauler waste system.

Mr. Burns made a motion to approve an application of travel/educational expenses for Service Department members, Jason Hamlett and Mike Walendzik to attend the 2019 OTA Winter Conference for an amount not to exceed \$180.00. Lutzko second. Vote: B=yes, S=yes, L=yes.

The Trustees moved into discussion regarding the creation of a township solid waste district bid. Mr. Schulte stated that Beth Biggins-Ramer, Medina County Solid Waste Coordinator would be attending to provide recommendations as establishing such a program.

Ms. Biggins-Ramer arrived at 5:45 p.m. The Trustees discussed Ms. Biggins-Ramer's prior recommendations following the October 30, 2018 Public Meeting, which consisted of the following, levels of service:

1. Unlimited carts service = 95-gallon trash cart, along with 2 cubic yards of trash/material/bulk set out next to trash cart + 64-gallon recycling cart
2. Bag service = monthly routing fee which includes a 64-gallon recycling cart + cost to purchase trash bags from contractor (no ability to set out additional materials)
3. Unlimited trash set out = resident to use their own bags or cans to place up to 2 cubic yards of trash/material/bulk + 64-gallon recycling cart
4. She would not allow anyone to opt out.

Ms. Lutzko asked if Ms. Biggins-Ramer had changed any of her recommendations. Ms. Biggins-Ramer replied that she recommends two levels of service and a 5% opt out. A discussion regarding the size of the containers followed and the use of garbage bags. Ms. Biggins-Ramer cited the use of automated trucks and that bags must be manually lifted.

Ms. Biggins-Ramer stated that Brunswick City had received three very competitive offers during their recent bid process. A recap of Ms. Biggins-Ramer's recommendations was held (included in record). Ms. Lutzko inquired as to the routing charge assessed for those who may opt for the bag service; Ms. Biggins-Ramer replied that is a fee assessed for the truck to drive by the home, and includes a recycling container.

The Trustees asked about the opt-out, Ms. Biggins-Ramer replied that since a waste hauler's contract would only be for residential customers, businesses would be included in the opt-out percentage. She added that the more people that opt out leads to erosion of the residential base.

Discussion ensued as to the size and cost of the containers and bulk garbage. Ms. Biggins-Ramer replied that the cost of the containers are amortized into the bid pricing. Containers may be returned if they are not used. A lengthy discussion regarding the size of the containers was held. She recommended that the size options remain simple. The bulk garbage recommendation is limited to 2 cubic yards and there may be

types of bulk garbage that are prohibited. She cited Montville Township as having a number of clauses inserted into its contract language.

Mr. Schulte asked Ms. Biggins Ramer what the next steps in the process were, she provided the Trustees with a draft bid for review. At this time, Ms. Lutzko opened the floor for comment.

Resident Ron Rhodes stated that he thinks this is a wonderful idea but is upset that residents are mandated to participate. He feels that government should not be able to tell him what garbage hauler to use without it being voted on as a levy. Mr. Rhodes asked what the duration of the contract would be. The Trustees stated that Montville’s contract is for five years with three, one-year year extensions. Mr. Rhodes asked the Trustees if they felt this would maintain competition, the Trustees replied that they felt it would.

Resident Terry Walrath expressed his displeasure due to the lack of choice. Mrs. Wallrath added that she had been able to negotiate a lower price directly with her hauler.

A representative from C. Martin Trucking in attendance suggested that the contract should be kept simple; by maintaining one type of garbage container and the recycling carts. He added that he did not think that Hinckley would receive the pricing that Montville did since Montville was the first township to undertake the process. Ms. Lutzko asked if he was suggesting that residents not be able to use their own containers. He replied in the affirmative.

Ms. Lutzko thanked Ms. Biggins-Ramer for accommodating the concerns expressed by residents. The Trustees decided to review the draft and provide feedback to Ms. Biggins-Ramer.

Mr. Burns made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:11 p.m. Schulte second.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Meeting minutes approved by:

