

Hinckley Township Trustees Special Meeting
August 12, 2019

Chairman Becky Lutzko called the Special Meeting of the Hinckley Township Board of Trustees to order on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. The Special Meeting is being held for discussing the Hinckley Township Solid Waste Bids. Present were Trustees Becky Lutzko, Jim Burns and Ray Schulte, Fiscal Officer Catherwood, Medina County Solid Waste Coordinator Beth Biggins-Ramer and Assistant Medina County Prosecutor Dennis Paul. There were 3 reporters and 22 residents in attendance.

Ms. Lutzko announced that the meeting is being recorded for transcription purposes only.

Ms. Lutzko welcomed the public and asked those attendees interested in speaking to sign the sign-up sheet and limit their comments to no more than three minutes.

Ms. Biggins-Ramer reviewed the bid tab summary she had prepared following the bid opening on August 6, 2019 (the bid tab documents are included in this Public Record). She informed the Trustees that the bids reflect the fact that recyclables are not at their highest point and the bidders have priced their services to accommodate recycling's flexible market. She referenced email communication she had sent the Trustees outlining details within her bid tab summary and a recommendation as to which hauler she felt provided the Township the best pricing scenario,

Discussion was held regarding an estimate of how many residents may chose unlimited services rather than the bag service. Ms. Biggins-Ramer outlined her methodology for estimating overall costs to a resident utilizing the bag service, but indicated that there are far too many variables in the decision-making process to make an assumption. Ms. Lutzko asked if an assumption of one bag a week was reasonable, and noted that if a resident used less than one bag a week, the cost-per-month that Ms. Biggins-Ramer had outlined would be lower, based on actual use. Ms. Biggins-Ramer agreed.

Ms. Biggins-Ramer pointed out that waste haulers are moving toward a reliance on automation, uniform garbage containers that can be lifted into the garbage truck without manual labor are standard industry practice and many waste haulers would like to discontinue relying on manual labor to lift bags or other containers into the garbage trucks,

Ms. Biggins-Ramer pointed out several areas within the bid tab summary, which included:

- The bag service charges extra for bulky items, while the unlimited service allows 2 cubic yards of additional bulky items in addition to the waste and recycling containers.
- Pricing for additional carts beyond what the initial service provision consists of, will incur a one-time charge. All carts are the property of the waste hauler.

Ms. Lutzko stated that the Trustees must weigh the differences between the bag and unlimited services. It is Ms. Biggins-Ramer's opinion that more residents will choose the unlimited service option. Ms. Lutzko responded that, while she agreed that more would choose unlimited service, several residents have also expressed interest in the bag service option and this option must remain viable for residents who have a small amount of garbage and have a concern about the cart size. Mr. Burns asked if a resident chose the bag service would they be able to place the bags in a garbage can for pickup. Ms. Biggins-Ramer replied that the bags must remain loose.

Ms. Lutzko asked Trustees Schulte and Burns if they agreed that the issue of contracting with a single hauler would be placed on the August 20, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda. Trustees Schulte and Burns agreed to forward the issue.

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Resident Jim McClintock asked Ms. Lutzko to read the communication Ms. Biggins-Ramer had sent to the Trustees regarding the bid tab she had assembled and her recommendation as to which hauler had presented the best pricing scenario.

Ms. Lutzko read the email communications as follows:

All,

I have condensed, as much as possible, all of the pricing for the Collection Bid into a singular spreadsheet. The spreadsheet contains a tab by hauler that contains the responses for Bid For 3 and Bid Form 4. This tab lists the information for the Unlimited Collection Service and the Bag Service. There is a tab within the spreadsheet for the Bulky Items Service and another tab for the Additional Cart Pricing.

Within the hauler tabs, I represented the bid information in green (top color) under Year 1. I also calculated the per Residential Unit monthly cost on this line. These prices assume, as per the Bid that the gate rate at our facility would be \$50.00/ton and that recycling would be \$0.00/ton. For the Bag Service, I used 4.33 weeks to represent a month in the calculations. I also assumed that a Bag Service customer would only place one bag per week at the curb for collection.

The yellow data set (second color under Year 1), represents what the cost would be for these service levels if the recycling gate rate increased to \$30.00/ton.

The lowest current (green) monthly Unlimited Service pricing was offered by Rumpke (\$19.17/RU/Mo.) followed by Republic Services (\$21.49/RU/Mo.) and then Kimble (\$21.75 RU/Mo.).

The lowest current (green) monthly Bag Service pricing was Kimble at (\$19.89/RU/Mo.) followed by Rumpke (\$24.87/RU/Mo.) and then Republic Services (\$28.72/RU/Mo.). However, this pricing needs to be considered against the individual pricing for the collection of bulky items, as delineated on Bid Form 5. A Bag Service customer has to pay for each bulky items placed at the curb. If a resident were to place three bulky items at the curb within a 12-month period, Kimble's pricing would surpass the monthly cost offered by Rumpke. Additionally, the cost of the individual bag for this level of service ranges from \$2.54/bag with Rumpke, followed by Republic Services at \$2.70/bag and Kimble at \$3.00/bag.

Please note that two of the three bidders provided Bag Service pricing that was greater than what they offered for the Unlimited Service option. The solid waste industry is moving to the use of carts as a preferred collection method and this pricing, along with the No Bid response from C. Martin, reflects this industry standard.

Any of the three responsive bidders have the capacity to offer the services outlined in the bid specifications.

In reviewing the overall offerings of the three responsive haulers, I believe that Rumpke has presented the best pricing scenarios.

I look forward to meeting with you Monday, August 12th at 6:30 to address any questions pertaining to this bid tally.

Beth

Resident Ron Garapick pointed out that the Unlimited Service option does not allow a resident to use his or her own can. He stated that he has a friend with a 750-ft long driveway and he currently puts his friend's garbage can in his truck and takes it to the street for waste pick-up. Mr. Garapick returns to retrieve the can for his friend. Mr. Garapick questioned how will he lift the 94/95 gallon carts into his truck. He also asked who cleans up the mess if an animal tears into a bag under the Bag Service. Biggins-Ramer said the clean-up would be the responsibility of the hauler. He asked the Trustees when the Opt-Out period would begin and stated he does not feel a savings of a couple dollars is worth losing his freedom of choice and he strongly encouraged the Trustees to reject all the bids.

Resident Wayne Jesenowski asked the Trustees to not take away his freedom of choice from him. He asked who pays for any damages to the cart that may occur during the winter due to snowplows hitting the carts.

Resident Paul Madachik expressed his concern that the Trustees may choose a hauler that he does not like all to save a few dollars a month. He questioned all the time spent on this issue and feels that choosing a waste hauler is something residents can do on their own.

Resident Terry Walrath agreed that choosing a waste hauler is something residents can do on their own. He also stated that the contract prohibits "human excreta" which he feels prohibits diapers being placed in the carts for pick up by the haulers. Ms. Lutzko replied that she had inquired into Mr. Walrath's concern and confirmed that the contract language is to be interpreted as outlined in the Ohio Revised Code and other governing laws and it refers to prohibiting the "human excreta" being thrown away by commercial businesses and hospitals; residential disposals are excepted.

Mr. Walrath also expressed a concern that a lien can be placed upon a resident's tax bill if they do not pay the waste hauler.

Resident Jerry Parle expressed his feeling that the program is unfair and the Trustees are taking away his rights.

Resident Micki Smith said she pays C. Martin \$74.00 a quarter and is happy with their service. She does not understand why this topic is being discussed.

There being no additional comment from the floor, Ms. Lutzko made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:45 p. m. Burns second. Vote: B=yes, S=yes, L=yes.

Meeting minutes approved by:








