

Village Council Meeting As
A Committee of the Whole
September 26, 2017

At 6:35 PM President of Council, Bill May, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, Mindy Curry, Bob Keogh, Bill May, Louann Artiaga, and Frank Billings. Also present were the following: Mayor Don Atkinson, Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Solicitor Kevin Heban, Director of Public Services Steve Pilcher, Community Development Coordinator Barbara Knisely, Clerk Susan Miller, Madisyn Curry, Bea and Paul Ludwig, Tom Malicki, Larry Yunker, David and Sharon Prueter, Michael A. Mitchell, Rob Casaletta, Mike and Kay Guess, Jack Fischer, Bob Lehman, Carol Beam, Michael Carman, Dawn Rhoades, Dave Uaster, Joe and Sharon Dyan, Davis Burkett, Ronald Studyvan, Ellen Tipping, Eric Leslie, Pat and Kathy Hughes, Mary Hertzfeld, John Kerscher, Cathy Kerscher, Beulah Weak, Elizabeth Williams, David Williams, Gary and Sue Bentley, Pat and Nick Arthaniks, Tesa Rayot, Eric Johnson, Kathy Johnson, O. Cunningham, Wanda Cunningham, Katrina Huebner, Dan Holman, Mary Beth Lutton, Michael Lutton, James and Lisa Forwerck, Adam Brady, Dan Kleiboemer, L. Palmer, Bob Palmer, Bob and Deb Less, Brad Richards, Lemore Murch, Bob and Margie Crowe, Sandy Phillips, Richard Bingham, Dave Boothe, Barb Szymaniak, Brian Kaffowski, Scott and Kim Czajka, Yvonne Walters, Cherie Roudebush, Carol and Jim Stiles, Lisa Morrisson, Phil Ruyle, Tom Vincent, and David Musch.

President of Council, Bill May explained that this meeting was being held for a presentation of the proposal for the outsourcing of refuse collection.

Administrator Jordan Daugherty presented the proposal

- Doing more with less, limited revenue, expectation of services does not diminish
- Providing excellent service – expensive
- Refuse has always been done by staff, number of households doubled in 1990s – staff did not double
- Cost is \$18-19 per house per month, private competition has driven down the cost to Outsource, proposed cost increase
- 1,550 refuse accounts, less than 4% have more refuse than a 96 gallon cart, less than 1% have Weekly unlimited type stops
- Proposed 96 gallon cart and 96 gallon weekly curbside recycling cart, quarterly unlimited Curbside refuse collections, infirmed residents can apply for assistance, background checks and Testing required of ARS employees, Monday collection date, special item collections per fee Schedule, \$11.49/month
- Revenue currently covers 50%, cost is \$18.39/month
- Pros and cons of keeping in house vs. outsourcing
- Workman's comp incident doesn't just affect department, but across the payroll in the same Classification

- Staff is not increased for the doubled population because of budget cost restraints, if services were allocated per household, the Village loses money, the Village does not make more money with more people
- 20-40 workman's comp cases over 20 years
- Concerns: unsightly totes that may blow around, unwieldy totes hard to store, personnel control, skyrocketing prices – 10 year contract, prices can increase due to fuel and landfill (both are capped) – if prices rise they will rise for the Village as well, taxes should pay for portion of refuse
- If refuse stays in house rates will likely increase and unlimited pickup will likely go away, likely to go to a cart with no curbside recycling, refuse is not a municipality required service by the ORC, our prices would not be competitive with the private sector
- Sign up for email, public notices are posted around town

President of Council, Bill May asked for Citizen Comments.

- \$11.49 is guaranteed for 10 years subject to capped fuel and landfill surcharges, arm equipment breaks down, don't want totes, workman's comp a non-issue, against outsourcing
- Thank you to the Village for their work, small frontage, on street parking, difficulty picking up totes, HOA complaints to keep totes inside, turnaround time to requests/complaints
- HOA – no room in garage for 2 totes, smaller totes? Can fit 6 weeks of garbage in 96 gallon totes, still able to take items to the recycling center, don't need recycling or 96 gallon tote
- Roll out assistance will occur that day, totes will go through the snow easier than other cans, pulls through the snow fairly easily
- Smaller totes? People who pick up the trash are the eyes and ears of the community
- Great work Steve's crew does, large snowfall will only effect pickup if there is a Level III snow emergency, shorter contract period
- If you don't recycle will your rates be higher? No
- Toledo offered two sized totes, 1.5 foot of snow – just didn't take the trash out that week, HOA state keep the totes inside, totes roll easily
- Being good stewards of resources, landfill space is limited, recycling cart is required for the contract with Lucas County, new ways to do more with less, be open to new ideas, HOAs consider accommodating carts to do our part to extend the life of landfills
- Curbside recycling – 2 separate trucks, recycling station to remain open, only has 1 bag of trash/week
- Tote is 4 times the size needed – will only put it out 1 time per month, smaller containers? Different sizes are not a different fee – getting to the stop, equipment, personnel cost the same, landfill fee is only 10- 20% of the cost
- Avid recycler. Fee for contaminated bin? No, tagged as nonrecyclable and dumped. Service will be stopped to a repeat offender after multiple communications, blue bags and pricing, recycling education – ARS website, Village website, information into the hands of residents
- Smaller totes? Clarification of what can be recycled

- Will this be passed as an emergency taking away the citizen's right of referendum? Just taking Opinions, hearing from people, not in a hurry
- Application for assistance – show a need, doctor's note, trash taken out that morning – Village To get it back to your house
- Tote size, HOA states to store it in your garage, 10 year price guarantee, Company history – Been in business since 1969, locally owned and operated family business, every call answered by A live person, taken seriously until resolution, contracts with surrounding municipalities
- \$140,000 in wages and benefits are still going to be paid – receive the benefit of freeing up People
- Getting the word out of what can be recycled, plastic bags are a no no
- Mayor Don Atkinson, didn't accept phone or laptop, last year had the largest carry over, Scrutinize every dollar, if the Village is not satisfied there is an out from the contract, there will Be changes either way, Different sizes of totes, Arm trucks are the industry standard, looked at Every possible option, confidence in the Administrators recommendation – thorough, If it cost \$18 – we should pay \$18 – no surcharge, the actual cost
- Outsource, down the road determine we dislike it, now need to purchase 2 new trucks
- Concern for safety of our workers, the Village is going to purchase arm trucks in refuse is kept in House, going to totes and arm packers
- Going to totes whether refuse is in house or outsourced, unlimited pickup is unreasonable
- Turn out for the meeting is wonderful, thank you for coming and sharing your thoughts, lots to Think about, show of audience hands is not applicable – many people communicate with Council Through other means, ride along with garbage trucks, current pace doesn't allow the worker's To look at anything else, got to get to the landfill before it closes, data on number of one bag Stops, guys will do what we need them to do, cost of blue bags, will do what the majority says, Tote size, population influx concerns, places to put totes, curbside recycling, controlling landfill Costs, like what we've got today, Recycling center, not in a hurry, if it ain't broke – don't fix it
- Will Whitehouse becoming a city affect the contract? No. Timeline? If Council approves, finalized contract and then implementation...3 months? In house, if arm truck approved in Budget, spec/order/build – 4-6 months
- Safety issue of totes if you're on a slope in the rain/ice/snow
- Lower rate for snowbirds? How many residents have one bag, Cost is associated with the People, truck and fuel
- Unlimited pick up is the convenience of when – after a party
- Totes near a fire hydrant, Garbage truck hitting a mailbox concern
- Compensation for residents who have already purchased totes, leasing trash equipment, past experience of leasing on capitol projects has been bad

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to adjourn at 8:35 PM. 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Miller, Clerk