

Council as a Committee of the Whole
Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2017

At 6:30 PM, President of Council, Bill May called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Louann Artiaga, Frank Billings, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, Mindy Curry, and Bob Keogh. Also present were the following: Mayor Don Atkinson, Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Director of Public Services Steve Pilcher, Community Development Coordinator Barbara Knisely, Tax Commissioner Tiffany Bachman, Jill Gundy, Clerk Susan Miller, Brian Carroll, Jonathon Daugherty, Madisyn Curry, Tom Malicki, Rob Casaletta, Michelle Ryder, Karen Gerhardinger, Dennis Recker, Jerry Finfera, and Richard Bingham.

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2017 meeting. 6 ayes

President of Council, Bill May, asked for Citizen Comments pertaining to Agenda items.

- It was inquired at what point was audience participation called for

The first order of business was to discuss outsourcing refuse. Michelle Ryder Vice President of ARS was present to answer questions.

- The Village has been looking at outsourcing for 10 years
- Everyone gets a 96 gallon tote and recycling cart, pickup on Mondays, contract with ARS for \$10.26/month, with the fee for carts it is proposed to charge residents \$11.49/month, ARS is to Distribute, repair, and maintain the carts
- Price can be affected over the life of the contract by fuel and landfill increases, items the Village Will also be affected by if refuse is kept in house
- It is recommended to have plentiful unlimited pick up opportunities, start with 4, to be paid out Of the general fund
- Maumee has 1.5% tax base, but enormous commercial base, municipalities with unlimited pick Up have higher tax rates
- Items will call ARS directly to pick up large and bulky items
- Refuse fee analysis, Purchase refuse packers every 5 years, historically fees to the residents Cover less than half of department fees for refuse collection, covering less and less/costs Increasing
- In 2003 Enterprise funds were in terrible shape, around 2009 established that what the Service Costs is what we charge the residents
- If the Village continues to provide refuse fees should reflect the cost of approximately \$18.00/ Month
- The Village is within a year of having to add another day for pickup, conservative population Increase estimate of 2%

- Refuse packer with arm, 1 day will need 2 packers and 3 people (instead of 5 people now), Do Not save money unless lay people off, landfill cost is 20-25% of sanitation cost – around \$60,000-65,000
- Spent a lot of money and work on the recycling center, 3 people instead of 5 leaves extra people For maintenance, Split pick up days until there are 2 refuse packers with the arm, Village Employees and service are top notch
- Village service no one can beat at \$18.00/month, ARS efficiency and value for dollars
- It is rare that pick up has to go into Tuesday, but the staff is working very hard and the Village Cannot sustain one day collection, ideal service and value by outsourcing
- Because of time this cannot be placed on the ballot
- There are a number of maintenance issues that we don't get to because of time, look at where We can free up time and give the resident value for their dollar and add service (curbside Recycling), win/win, cart style system, workman's comp, protect the workers and the Village
- The Village does basic services very well, beautify, add value
- During a snow storm Public Services need a minimum of 8 people working around the clock
- The Village should have begun to charge the appropriate rate a long ago, incremental changes Would have eliminated a large catch up
- Is refuse the only item that would be looked at for outsourcing? No, look at efficiency, Effectiveness, and cost – crack sealing, each community does what suits them
- Whitehouse, Cadillac service all the way through to your garbage
- ARS has better buying power, negotiating power and purchases workman's comp in bulk
- Primary landfill for Whitehouse would be the Evergreen landfill, but have agreements with Other landfills as a backup
- Recycling is done through a sister company, handled directly, but not at ARS
- Philosophy on how you treat employees, work efficiently, protect environment, bring drivers Home safe, sanitation is the third deadliest job – job training is very important, compensation is Very important, complete insurance packages are provided, 401ks, driver safety bonuses, Workers are number one for us, family owned and operated, workers have background checks, ARS is not self-insured
- Garbage was going to get more expensive no matter what, should have charged \$12 in 2015 and Eventually going to \$15
- Additionally pick up mattresses, tires, freezers, oil batteries, scrap metal, tried to eliminate this Service before to save costs – did not go over well
- Reduced fee for seniors, tricky to do, but can be done
- Huge benefit with curbside recycling, small percentage of people affected by reduction of Amount of garbage accepted, gotten good service but not been charged for it, if the Village Continues this service charge for it going forward, this service has been analyzed for many years, We have a recommendation from the Administrator and Public Service Director
- Grass clippings are not accepted, a container can be tagged if it contains green waste
- Some residents will only put a tote out once a month, the Village provides personalized service And takes pride in ourselves, adjust the cost, buy trucks with arms and do an excellent job

- Customer RFID tags count the houses being picked up and notes the time the cart was dumped, Wonderful company with great staff, will be bumps, Totes keep it neater – keep animals out, Calls are answered in the office – not an 800 number, ARS is responsive and don't leave things Unfinished
- If the Village provides extra services – charge for it, Cadillac service comes at a price, ARS may not be Cadillac service, but it will be good service, most likely there will be more comments about the price increase than the service
- Skyrocketing costs of improper recycling, loads contaminated a certain percent will be Landfilled, a little more restrictive as to what can be recycled – but then 100% of it will be Recycled, educating the residents, mailers and social media, the current recycling station has Abuse – need continued education
- ARS is following a tough act – Cadillac service with TLC by people who care, people expect Responsive service
- Contract is for 5 years with an optional 5 year renewal, \$10.26 fixed subject to fuel surcharge And increased landfill costs (which the Village would be subject to anyway), COLA not to exceed 3%, Village involved in billing, efforts to inform and educate the public
- Blue bags previously used by the Village, picking up spilled trash, cart location
- Contract rate \$10.26, Rate with cart \$11.49, ceiling for cost to trigger renegotiation – fuel over \$4 or under \$3, COLA 3% or lower
- Refuse trucks – declare as surplus and sell, keep one truck, money to go to the general fund
- Thank you to Lucas County Engineer, Jim Shaw and Michelle Ryder
- Recycling center to remain, a Lucas County facility with no cost to the Village
- Totes are incorporated into the \$11.49/month, credits for residents that already have totes
- Homestead exemption/discount for seniors

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Frank Billings to recommend to Council to move forward with outsourcing refuse as presented. 4 ayes, 2 nays Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, Bill May

The next order of business was to discuss the business property lease for General's Ice cream.

- The Ice Cream store is a downtown attraction
- Mr. Carroll has done a good job
- The lease is not to make money for the Village, lessee pays all taxes and repairs and provides Liability insurance, a recommended 10 year lease with the same terms, repairs are the sole Responsibility of the lessee, \$375.90/month, will remain an ice cream shop for the next 10 Years, fair and reasonable rate
- Look at the COLA – seems high

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Mindy Curry to recommend to Council to renew the business property lease for General's ice cream for a period of ten (10) years. 6 ayes

The next order of business was to discuss pickleball and basketball courts in the Village Park.

- Converting the ice skating rink into 3 pickleball courts - \$15,745, Coating/clean cracks \$5,370 – Can be repaired by staff in the future, 3 basketball courts and fencing \$42,565, the concrete can be good for another 10-20 years, lighting and parking can be done in another phase

Motion by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, seconded by Louann Artiaga to recommend to Council to move forward with the bids for the Pickleball and basketball courts. 6 ayes

Other items discussed:

- Skating rink dimensions 100' x 100', sloped concrete, black a nice color for the fence-easy to see The ball, middle fence only 4', Drain in the center, windscreen, gates to lock up and keep the ball In, Orienting the courts north to south
- Thank you to the Council, Administration, and Public Works Director
- Candidate Night details to come

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to adjourn at 8:39 PM. 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Miller, Clerk