

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES  
of the  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2014  
SPECIAL MEETING**

A special meeting was called to discuss and award the 2014 Refuse and Recycling Contract from bids received at the August 20, 2014 regular meeting. The meeting was held in the Township Municipal Building at 5 p.m. Notice of this special meeting was placed in the Beaver County Times on September 1.

Present were Chairman Jim Bouril, Supervisor Nancy Lamey, Supervisor Mark Hoenig, Manager Mark Taylor and Administrative Assistant Cindy Clark

Chairman Jim Bouril called the meeting to order.

**VISITORS**

None.

**DISCUSSION**

Mr. Bouril said that those at the table would be given a chance to share their feelings on the issue of the Refuse and Recycling Contract. Bids had been received from Valley Waste and from Waste Management.

Mr. Bouril began by saying that Chippewa Township is fortunate that two great companies presented competitive bids. He said that once a year Bradys Run takes hazardous waste and that will take place on October 11th this year. They accept such things as paint, aerosol cans, etc. On certain days they accept televisions and monitors and Mr. Bouril distributed price sheets on this. Mr. Bouril also checked with Best Buy and discovered they do accept tube televisions that are 32" inches or smaller, projectors and flat panel LED, LCD and plasma televisions that are 60" or less. There is no charge for this. He distributed these Best Buy Recycling informational sheets to those at the table and added that they will also take monitors, keyboards, etc. There were some additional web sites and phone numbers listed at the bottom of the Best Buy information sheet. The Manager said in a few years, as electronics change, the types of things accepted and not accepted for recycling will probably change. Mr. Bouril said the bid difference of about \$30 for garbage pick-up is not much for some people but for others who are on a tight budget it may be significant. He added that some residents may have to pay for the additional service but may never use it. He also said that it is hard to get out of a program once you are in it. Mr. Bouril said since the last meeting he has been wavering between the two bids. He said he will be fine with whatever decision is made today. He said the last time the Township took bids it was also close, about a \$17.00 difference.

Manager Taylor had asked Cindy Clark to check with Valley Waste to get the actual number of residents who presently have pick-up at the door. He was surprised to see that there were less than 20 households who presently want pick-up at their doors.

Supervisor Lamey said that although \$20 may seem like a lot of money to some people, spread out over a year it only breaks down to a small amount per month. She said what concerns her is

that people who don't want to use other types of disposal services will possibly throw items over the hillsides if the garbage company does not provide the service.

Supervisor Hoenig said it comes down to convenience. He said that although he has heard about the Bradys Run recycling program for 20 years, he has never personally taken anything down there for disposal. He said he agrees that once a service is offered it would be hard to take it away. He went over the figures and said the Waste Management amount is about \$2 - \$3 more per month. He said convenience is the real issue.

Supervisor Lamey noted that some furniture companies also take things away.

Supervisor Hoenig said people have been tossing things around the Salvation Army boxes recently and this has been causing problems for the Township. He said if the home service is provided, hopefully it would help people get rid of unwanted items. He hopes the service will stop people from throwing things over hillsides and by the donation boxes.

Supervisor Lamey said she has been talking to residents and the people she spoke to seemed to be happier with Waste Management's service than with Valley Waste's service. Mr. Hoenig had questions about when pick-up would take place. Mr. Taylor said that if Valley Waste is retained, they most likely would keep their present pick-up schedule as far as days of the week go and residents wouldn't have to switch days. Manager Taylor said if pick-ups are done on two different days, he would prefer that north of Route 51 be done on one day with the pick-ups south of Route 51 being done on the other day. He said he knows from the past that it is easy to split the Township at Route 51. He said if it is split by voting districts that can be a nightmare. He said he is OK with 2-days of pick-up but said three days of pick-up would be rough.

Mrs. Lamey asked if Valley Waste is ever going to start a Hazardous Waste Program and the Manager doubts this will be done. He said they have done this, though. He said one of the employees called Valley Waste and paid to have a television taken away. He said people are willing to pay for the convenience instead of having to load and haul away items themselves. Supervisor Lamey had questions about the contract and the number of pick-up days, but Manager Taylor said that he was informed by the Solicitor that the choice of a contract should be made by what is the best value for the Chippewa residents.

#### **MOTION**

**MR. HOENIG MOVED TO ACCEPT** the bid from Waste Management. Ms. Lamey seconded the motion. Mr. Bouril was opposed. The motion to accept the bid from Waste Management carried 2-1.

#### **ADJOURN**

With nothing further to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

