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CONCORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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A Public Input Trash Contract meeting was held prior to the regular Board of Trustees meeting on January 11, 2016 at the Concord Township Administrative building. Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The roll was called and in attendance were Trustees Bart Johnson, Joe Garrett, and Jason Haney. Over 100 people attended in response to the township's postcard mailing.

Chairman Johnson gave a brief background into the township-wide trash and recycling proposal. Liberty, Orange and Genoa townships began a trash contract 18-24 months ago, and three more northern townships are currently preparing a contract. A questionnaire was sent to township website subscribers last spring, and more than 80% said they would support a township-wide trash and recycling contract.

A bid for trash and recycling services was let, with two responses from Rumpke and Republic. Representatives from both companies were in attendance. General bid details were reviewed: \$16.95 per month for weekly pickup from Republic, \$22.00 from Rumpke. Residents would be able to use their own trash cans/bags, or one provided by the vendor. Recycling was included in both bids. Other bid alternates were available.

As a Township, the Board can offer savings for residents, but also understand they are removing a choice.

Questions, discussions, and comments included:

- If there are service issues, the vendor is operating under a performance bond.
- There is no charge for standard containers, unless additional needed. No credit for own cans.
- Rumpke has come down a long lane to service common access drive homes. Would Republic?
- Contract must be exclusionary due to Ohio Revised Code language - only one vendor allowed in the township.
- Contract would be for three years with a price guarantee and no fuel surcharges per bid.
- Several residents (10-25) initially requested the township initiate this process, so the Board tried to get information out to all residents through the township website and a postcard mailing.
- Some residents upset that Board is telling them what they can do with their own garbage, taking away their rights, their choice, like the electricity program and sewer plant. Is there an opt-out program? Service should be optional. Can contract be put on ballot?
- Most residents at meeting seemed in favor; contract will reduce their bills (some in half).
- Scioto Reserves residents noted they all seem to be paying different rates for same service from Rumpke, and no one else will serve their area.
- A resident noted he and his neighbors use a small, local trash provider, with no recycling, and they are against consolidating.
- A resident noted he agrees with a group contract to get the lowest rate for everyone.
- Homeowners would be billed directly from the trash vendor chosen.
- A homeowner could opt-out if have another legal way for trash disposal, such as their own business dumpster.
- It was clarified the township survey was a questionnaire poll emailed to township website subscribers. A resident shared the poll allowed her to vote five times so results were inaccurate. The Trustees noted the results were widespread and evaluated based on township-wide response, about 2,300 from outside Scioto Reserve.
- A resident said he pays trash fees annually, included with his condo association fees.
- Trustee Haney noted the trash contract topic and pros and cons have been discussed at Trustee meetings for several months, and minutes are available on the township's website.
- Will there be a limit on bags? No.
- Many residents are happy with their current Rumpke service, but rates are higher. They are concerned about service from a different vendor.

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- A resident commented the overall fiscal perception is that a contract would save money. But personally he is losing his freedom to choose for \$0.70.
- Another resident commended the Board for working on a contract. The other townships are already saving their residents money. He does not care for Rumpke's rates or customer service.
- The service would start April 1st, and resident would be notified by the contract vendor.
- Existing trash contracts (i.e. through HOAs) would be dismissed.
- A resident remarked it is a Trustees decision, and residents can vote Trustees in or out.
- Pick-up days will probably not be the same, and still have to be negotiated.
- The contract will be awarded mainly by bid price.

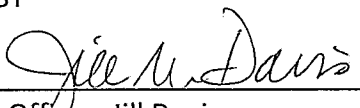
Fiscal Officer Davis provided information for residents to find the Ohio Revised Code requirements (ORC 505.27) and Request for Bid details (www.concordtwp.org) online regarding a trash and recycling contract.

Postcards to sign up for the township website emails were made available.

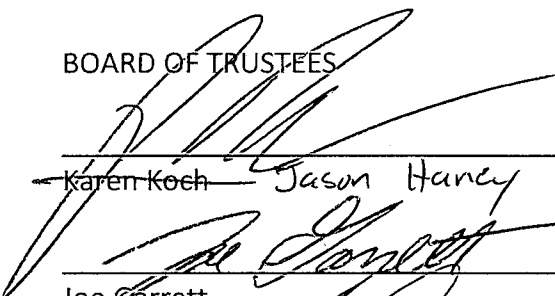
Chairman Johnson noted this was the last resort for the Trustees to consider, given the uniqueness of the township, and trying to balance needs of rural and subdivision residents. A show of hand was asked who was against the contract - about 15 people raised their hands. The rest were in support, and there was one unsure. The Trustees can be reached by phone or email for additional comments or questions.

As there was no further discussion, Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Garrett seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Vote: Haney-yes, Garrett-yes, Johnson-yes.

ATTEST


Fiscal Officer, Jill Davis

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Karen Koch


Jason Haney


Joe Garrett


Bart Johnson

The notes above summarize the recorded meeting held January 11, 2016. The full 1.75 hours recording is available upon request to the Fiscal Officer, 740-881-5338.