

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Franklin Township

Special Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

August 15, 2017

Chairman Horn opened the special meeting on Tuesday August 15, 2017 at 1:00pm at location, 2193 Frank Road. This meeting is about what route the township would like to take after the ending of the Local Waste Contract in December 2017.

Chairman Ralph Horn suspended the saying of the pledge.

Vice Chairman John Fleshman seconded this.

Vote taken: John yes, Ralph yes, Don yes.

Roll Call: Fleshman yes, Horn yes, Cook yes.

Also present: Assistant Fiscal Officer Teresa Rodriguez and Eric DeHayes from Local Waste.

Chairman Horn starts off the meeting by telling the audience that the Local Waste contract ends December 31, 2017. We now have to decide what we would like to do.

Eric DeHayes from Local waste says we basically have three options.

1. Go out to bid.
 - a. This option will cost the township more money, DeHayes says, he will not be as cheap now, than if they were to go out to bid.
2. Join a consortium.
 - a. Grove City, Jackson Township.
3. Each resident would find their own provider for trash pickup.
 - a. This option gives the citizens the ability to stay with Local Waste.

IF the township decides to go out to bid, DeHayes says his prices will be higher than if we were not to choose option 3.

Trustee Don Cook asks DeHayes roughly how many people do NOT pay for trash. They come to the agreeance that around 2,700 don't pay for trash.

Vice Chairman John Fleshman asks on behalf of the residents, will the current price go up, after the contract ends, IF we go with option 3. DeHayes states he would keep the rate the same until the end of 2018; if there was reasoning for the price to raise, a letter would be sent to all residents.

DeHayes goes on to explain that the Franklin County Board of Health states that, every occupied home MUST have weekly trash pickup.

A citizen is concerned and asks WHO would be the person knocking on doors telling people they are in violation and etc.

Vice Chairman John Fleshman states if we had Home Rule, the township would hire a code enforcement person to take care of matter such as this. The citizen goes on to say, but we don't have Home Rule, so we don't even know if Home Rule will pass. Then what?

DeHayes goes on to say that the township realistically has two options.

1. Go out to bid.
 2. Let the contract end, and then every resident is responsible to find a waste removal provider.
- He says, he thinks option two would be the cheapest and more realistic for the township as a whole.

A citizen asks why we cannot just make another contract. Vice Chair John Fleshman says we cannot because the contract did not offer a renewal. He goes on to try to wind down the meeting and decide what the township would like to do.

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A citizen spoke to ask DeHayes, while minutes are being taken, is he (DeHayes) willing to commit that if we find out that yard waste cannot be put in with trash, and he has to put a third truck back on the road, is the price going to stay down. DeHayes says there are many communities that do not run yard waste.

Trustee Don Cook makes a motion, that the township will let the contract with local waste run until its end, December 31st, then as of January 1, 2018, each resident will become responsible for their own provider for trash pickup.

A discussion is held.

DeHayes says, IF Swaco says they do have a problem with the yard waste going in with the normal trash, then, he would send out a letter telling the residents, he can no longer haul yard waste. Vice Chairman John Fleshman get the meeting back on track, saying we still have a motion on the floor.

Seconded by John Fleshman

Vote taken: John yes, Ralph yes, Don yes.

This decision does not prevent future contracts or decisions with a new vendor or with Local Waste in 2018 or future dates. Our current contract runs until December 31, 2017.

Vice Chairman John Fleshman explains, the township will not entertain another contract or join another consortium for the remaining of 2017. Moving forward, the contract will end on the 31st of December. If you want to find a new provider you can do so OR keep doing what you are doing now with Local Waste. He then states, it is still the law that you must have trash pickup every 7 days.

A citizen asks, how Local Waste will know if someone goes with another provider. DeHayes asks that they call and let the business know, they no longer need pick up with Local Waste.

DeHayes gets information from certain citizens to help them specifically with their problems, or concerns.

Ralph Horn motions to adjourn the meeting.

Vice Chairman John Fleshman seconds this.

Vote taken: John yes, Ralph yes, Don yes.

Ralph Horn, Chairman

John Fleshman, Vice-Chairman

Don Cook, Trustee

Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer