

**FREEMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
CLARE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

At a meeting of the Freeman Township Board of Clare County, Michigan, held at 7280 Mannsiding Road, Lake, Michigan on

Special Board Meeting, Thursday, the 2nd of May, 2019

Present Board Members: Supervisor Housler, Treasurer Lackie, Clerk Lightfoot, Trustees Barnett & Sable.

TIME: 9:00 a.m. Call to Order.

Roll Call was taken with all members present, along with 1 citizen (Rick Fancon, American Waste,) and our two Transfer Site Personnel, John Lackie and Robert Eckardt.

Supervisor Housler noted this meeting is for the further discussion on curbside pickup. No firm prices will be listed here so we do not violate the privacy of the sealed bid process.

Mr. Fancon started by letting everyone know that each household would receive the large garbage tote. You would be allowed to fill that tote, plus 2 extra bags. We could also state in the contract that one addition large item can be left per week. (Large items such as a chair, mattress, etc.)

A short discussion was held on how private roads would be handled. Much of that will be decided on whether the trucks would be able to get down the private road in all different types of weather. If they are able to, they would just put their tote out at the end of the driveway like everyone else will do. If the trucks can't get down, they would put their tote at the main road. There may be instances where a locked container would be at the main road where everyone on that private road could put their trash.

Next there was a discussion on what day pickup would be. We would prefer Monday, however Mr. Fancon said that almost everyone prefers Monday, so with the schedules right now they would have to put on extra people/trucks to fulfill the Monday request and thus our prices would be higher. With that in mind, our next preferable day is Tuesday. Mr. Fancon didn't believe that would be a problem.

There was a question on whether the residents had to pay for their own tote. Mr. Fancon said the cost of the container is built into the contract price. They will supply the first bin. If you damage your bin, then you would be responsible for the cost of the second one.

As talked about in the past, if we don't go with curbside pickup and instead go with improvements to the Transfer Site and purchase another compactor, we are looking at upwards of \$50-60,000 to do this. We did a very quick calculation and in order to pay for these improvements, we would need to increase our current tax for garbage to \$100-110 per year. The issue with this is we could do all these improvements and increase our costs, and then not have the personnel to man the transfer site. If that happens, we would be forced to go to curbside pickup. But we need to keep in mind that we would still be required to finish paying for the improvements to the Transfer Site. This would result in paying for the debt PLUS the

cost of curbside pickup. This is why the Board has been discussing the option of transferring over to curbside pickup.

Next question came about recycling. How should we handle this and at what cost. Mr. Fancon did note that Northern Oaks is required to supply "x" number of free dumpsters for recycling throughout the Townships. We may be able to get one of those. So how many days a month do we want to have recycling available? Where do we want to put the recycle bins. If we put it at the Transfer Station, we would again have to have manpower. We could put it at the back of the Township Hall and make it available all day on a particular day. Keep in mind that right now every time we have an empty recycle bin delivered at the Transfer Site the cost is \$425. Another question comes about the metal bin. Right now, we have a mess by the Metal Bin. We are basically breaking even on the metal, so it may be better to just get out of that business.

There was a final question on what we do if someone builds a house, or perhaps one is demolished by fire in regards to the billing for services. Mr. Fancon noted that the number of households would be adjusted on a yearly basis. (Right now, we have approximately 985 households.) He also noted that the contracts can go in 3 or 5 year increments and can be extended with mutual agreement.

One final note: Vacant properties will NOT be assessed for garbage pickup. Only those that have a habitable structure on them.

Mr. Fancon noted he would like to drive around our Township to check out the roads.

There being no further questions, Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett, moved to prepare the necessary paperwork for starting the process to implement curbside pickup. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Adjourn: Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable to adjourn the meeting.
TIME: 10:04 a.m.

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Julie Lightfoot, Township Clerk