

Town of Onalaska  
Refuse and Recycling Committee Meeting  
August 23, 2016

The Refuse/Recycling Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Frank Fogel at 7:00 pm at the Town of Onalaska Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Road, Onalaska, WI. Members present were Frank Fogel, Harry Helfrich, Stan Hauser, Jerry Bonsack, Steve Wage and Mary Rinehart.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Hauser; seconded by Wage. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve July 19, 2016 meeting minutes made by Hauser; seconded by Bonsack. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Stan Olson of W6771 Sugar Lane, Onalaska spoke in favor of converting to bins for both refuse and recycling. He commented that he thought the cost would have been higher than \$114 for refuse and \$36 for recycling. Eric Wachershueser of W6780 Hilltop Drive, Onalaska spoke asking if the cost of the bin was included in the proposed costs. He is in favor of converting to the cart system. Sue Olson of W6783 Sugar Lane, Onalaska spoke in favor of converting to carts, but would have like to have had seem more communication prior to the referendum.

No board feedback was presented.

Discussion on shop lot chipping: Motion to open floor by Hauser: seconded by Wage. Motion passed unanimously. Eric Wachershueser stated he was at the brush pile during the previous weekend and is concerned that a substantial number of users were not residents of the Town of Onalaska. He likes the openness of access to the brush and leaf area due to busy schedules. Hauser suggested to possible go back to curbside chipping and gate off the lot and open it 2 times per week. Bonsack commented that when he observed the drop yard several vehicles were making multiple trips and did not have stickers. Motion to close the floor by Helfrich; seconded by Hauser, motion passed unanimously. Helfrich asked the question "What do we as a town do?" Motion by Wage; seconded by Hauser to open the floor. Motion passed unanimously. Stan Olson suggested hiring an employee specifically for the disposal lot. Eric Wachershueser understands the disposal costs, and that we need to control them. He loves where we live and appreciates what we do. Motion by Hauser; seconded by Wage to close the floor. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Hauser; seconded by Rinehart to close off access to shop lot from XX and access the back lot through the shop area only and only during business hours of the shop. Motion passed 4-2 (Helfrich, Fogel).

Discussion on curbside chipping: Motion to recommend to board to complete post storm chipping, then revert back to current policy made by Bonsack seconded Hauser. Motion passed 4-2 (Fogel, Helfrich).

Discussion on signage for the shop lot: Motion to recommend to board to post a sign on shop lot entrance post stating "This service for Town of Onalaska Residents Only" made by Bonsack; seconded by Wage. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on August 9, 2016 referendum results: Motion to open floor made by Hauser; seconded by Fogel, motion passed unanimously. Gary Hougum and Gary Harter both addressed the committee. Motion to close the floor by Rinehart; seconded by Bonsack. Motion passed unanimously. Motion to recommend to board to extend current contract for one year, go back to referendum in April 2017, with

numbers included in the question, stipulating not to take a loss on the levy and include resident education prior to election, made by Bonsack; seconded by Wage. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on contractor bids. Motion to postpone by Bonsack; seconded by Wage. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on cart purchase: No action.

Discussion on park garbage and recycling containers: Motion made by Hauser seconded by Bonsack to recommend to board to refer to parks committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on Shoreline garbage and recycling containers: Haulers will pick up at boat landing in same manner as residential service. Motion to recommend to board to refer to Shoreline committee made by Wage: seconded by Rinehart. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Hauser; seconded by Wage. Motion passed unanimously at 9:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Rinehart