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Town of Onalaska  
Refuse and Recycling Committee Meeting  
February 7, 2017

The Refuse/Recycling Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Frank Fogel at 5:30 pm at the Town of Onalaska Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Road, Onalaska, WI. Members present were Frank Fogel, Jerry Bonsack, James Burch, Josh Storandt, Sara Kessler, Stan Hauser and Mary Rinehart. Harry Helfrich and Steve Wage were excused.

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

Discussion on Approval of Refuse and Recycle Contract: Hauser questioned why the negotiating sub-committee negotiated the town owning the cart when the committee and board directive was the town not owns the carts. Bonsack said they believed it was cheaper per household for the town to purchase the carts. Hauser said he had consulted with the town attorney and verified we can accept or reject each portion of the sub-committee recommendation individually. Fogel stated he was not in favor of rebidding and wanted this decision done. Fogel pointed out the cart has warrantee of 10 years and life expectancy of 15 to 20 years of the carts. Storandt questioned how the cart warrantee would be handled. Motion by Hauser; seconded by Storandt to open the floor. Motion passed unanimously. Gary Hougom of Hilltopper Refuse, said if Hilltopper is awarded the contract they will handle the warrantee issues for the town as it they owned the carts. Motion to close the floor by Hauser; seconded by Bonsack, passed unanimously. Motion by Hauser; seconded by Bonsack to recommend to the Town Board approval of Recycle and Refuse contract with Hilltopper Refuse in the amount of \$240,497.08 per year for 10 years. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of long term finance of Recycle and Refuse expenditures: Motion to open the floor by Rinehart; seconded by Storandt, passed unanimously. Rinehart indicated receipt of letter and emails with requests they be read into the record. Three were read as requested. Sandy Thompson then addressed the committee, offering to answer any additional questions anyone has in regards to her conversation referenced in the letter and stated "I believe it was fairly well spelled out that if we are going to finance any part of the service we will have to lower out levy because it is a service protected by Act 20". Fogel clarified the requirement that if we borrow the money we will still have to take it out of our budget. Hauser questioned if the bag sales could be credited from that amount. Fogel pointed out that we had taken the money from other things to use it for garbage. Fogel stated he would never consider borrowing for the service for 10 years. Motion to close the floor by Rinehart; seconded by Kessler passed unanimously. Motion by Kessler; seconded by Storandt to open the floor, passed unanimously. Gary Hougom answered questions as to cart lid sizes, Cart dimensions were verified as 41 x 30 x 36, and 39 x 25 x 31. Number of cart to purchase was verified as 100 extra of each size to accommodate growth and any warrantee issues that may arise. Motion to close the floor by Storandt; seconded by Bonsack passed unanimously. Motion by Storandt; seconded by Bonsack to recommend to the board to purchase the totes (carts) through finance if needed. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Hauser; seconded by Storandt passed unanimously at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Rinehart, Clerk

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