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Town of Onalaska

Refuse and Recycling Committee Meeting

Tuesday July 25, 2017

The Refuse/Recycling committee meeting was called to order at 7:00pm Tuesday July 25, 2017 at the Town of Onalaska Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Road, Onalaska, WI. Members present were James Burch, Frank Fogel, Stan Hauser, Steve Wage and Josh Storandt. Sara Kessler was excused and Harry Helfrich was absent.

Motion to approve the agenda by Burch, seconded by Hauser. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve the minutes of the June 27, 2017 meeting: Motion by Hauser and seconded by Burch to approve the June 27, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Yard Waste Report: Fogel reported the town shop crew can't keep up with the brush pile due to current staffing levels and recent storm damage. Burch reported normal vehicle counts at the drop off site are Tuesday – 35 Thursday – 65 Saturday 85+

Discussion and possible action on staffing of yard waste drop off: Fogel suggested using volunteers and breaking down the shift into two 4 hour shifts rather than town shop staff working the Saturday hours. Discussion of not changing from volunteer until next year to get an accurate cost of operation for the board and budgeting. Motion by Hauser, seconded by Burch to have town clerk request volunteers for Saturday staffing hours. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on brush pile at yard waste site: Fogel reported the brush pile is out of control and the storms are putting town shop crew behind while the town equipment is not sufficient to chip the volume of brush the town is accepting. Motion to open the floor by Hauser, seconded by Burch. Motion passed unanimously. Patrick McHugh suggests the town install some sort of fence on the boundaries of the site to prevent after hours use of the site. He also noted that yard waste is spreading off town property onto his property. Motion by Hauser, seconded by Burch to close the floor. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Hauser, seconded by Burch to recommend the board take bids from contractors for brush chipping and removal on a per/hour charge. Motion approved

Discussion and possible action on possible fee for use of yard waste site: Fogel suggested the idea of a punch card that is purchased at town hall. Burch reported we already charge for yard waste on the tax bill so he is unsure if we can charge more for use of the site. Motion to open the floor by Hauser, seconded by Wage. Motion passed unanimously. Patrick McHugh suggested we remove the charge off tax bill and charge a flat fee per visit to the yard waste site much like the county dump. Motion by Storandt, seconded by Hauser to close the floor. Motion passed unanimously. No action at this time.

Discussion and possible action on review of Recycling and Refuse ordinance: Motion by Hauser, seconded by Wage to table agenda item 8 until committee secretary is in attendance. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Wage, seconded by Hauser. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Josh Storandt.