

Town of Onalaska
Refuse and Recycling Committee Meeting
June 10, 2015

The Refuse/Recycling Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Frank Fogel at 7:15 pm at the Town of Onalaska Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Road, Onalaska. Members present were Frank Fogel, Jerry Bonsack, Harry Helfrich, Stan Hauser and Mary Rinehart. Joel Miller was absent.

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

Motion to approve April 13, 2015 meeting minutes made by Bonsack seconded by Helfrich. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Discussion and possible action on electing refuse and recycling committee members. Motion by Hauser second by Bonsack for Fogel to chair the committee. Discussion followed. Motion passed 4 to 1 Helfrich opposed. Motion by Bonsack second by Fogel for Hauser to be vice-chair. Motion passed 4 to 1. Helfrich opposed. Motion by Helfrich second by Hauser for Rinehart to be secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on going to single stream curbside recycling. Motion to open floor made by Hauser second by Bonsack. Motion passed unanimously. Gary Hougum answered questions from the committee regarding approximate cost and size of recycling carts. Motion to close the floor by Hauser second by Helfrich, Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Helfrich to table this agenda item. No second motion died. Discussion followed. No action taken.

Discussion and possible action on sizes of carts for curbside refuse and recycling. Motion by Helfrich seconded by Bonsack to not take immediate action on cart size and schedule a public forum for resident input. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on ownership of curbside refuse and recycling carts. Motion by Rinehart second by Hauser to open the floor. Motion passed unanimously. Both Gary Hougum of Hilltopper and Gary Harter of Harters answered committee questions. Motion by Helfrich second by Rinehart to close the floor. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Helfrich second by Bonsack to postpone discussion until time frame is defined as beginning January 1, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on the effects of closing the large item drop off center to the current contract. Motion to open floor by Rinehart second by Bonsack. Motion passed unanimously. Gary Hougum of Hilltopper reported approximate revenue loss of \$500 monthly to Hilltopper. Motion to close floor by Helfrich second by Bonsack. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion followed. No action taken.

Motion by Hauser second by Helfrich to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously at 9:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Rinehart, Deputy Clerk.