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Town of Onalaska  
Refuse and Recycling Committee Meeting  
May 2, 2016

The Refuse/Recycling Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Frank Fogel at 5:33 pm at the Town of Onalaska Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Road, Onalaska, WI. Members present were Frank Fogel, Harry Helfrich, Stan Hauser, Steve Wage and Mary Rinehart. Jerry Bonsack and Joel Miller were absent.

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

Motion to approve November 5, 2015 meeting minutes made by Hauser seconded by Wage. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Discussion on recycle center and large item drop off operations and signs. Motion by Helfrich, seconded by Wage to recommend to continue with grass and brush drop off, discontinue curbside chipping after the May 1, 2016 pick-up cycle, and to have signage posted as previously recommended for the grass\leaf, and brush drop off areas. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on Refuse and Recycling contractor bids for curbside pick-up. Motion by Hauser, seconded by Helfrich to open the floor. Motion passed unanimously. Gary Hougom of Hilltopper and Gary Harter of Harters addressed the committee. Motion to close the floor by Rinehart seconded by Helfrich. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Hauser, seconded by Helfrich, to recommend to the board to get all-inclusive bids for Refuse and Recycling contract for a 7 year period, with and including tip fees, curbside pickup, carts, maintenance of carts, and with the town owning the carts at the end of the contract. Cart size to be 65 gallon for refuse and 95 gallon for recycling. Pick up to remain weekly for refuse and bi-weekly for recycling effective with the January 1, 2017 contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on referendum questions in regards to transition to curbside refuse and recycling carts. No action.

Discussion on referendum question in regards to increasing the cost of town garbage bags. No action.

Discussion on public informational meetings to be held prior to referendum voting. No action.

Discussion on possible shortfall of current recycle bins prior to changing to carts. No action.

Motion by Hauser, seconded by Wage to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Rinehart