

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP  
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 18, 2023

The Harrison Township Trustees met in special session on April 18, 2023 at the Township Hall. The Chairman, Mark Van Buren, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and he led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. The purpose of the meeting was to review, discuss and act on Proposals and Specifications for Single Hauler: Residential Refuse, Recycling and Yardwaste Collection, proposed amendments to the Zoning Resolution as well as approve minutes and warrants/bills. The Fiscal Officer called the roll, and the following members and guests were present.

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| Trustee             | Mark Van Buren                        |
| Trustee             | Eric Smith                            |
| Trustee             | Ray Foor                              |
| Fiscal Officer      | Carolyn Elder                         |
| Zoning Inspector    | Valerie Hans                          |
| Road Superintendent | Ben Patterson                         |
| Guest               | Pete Sigman, Road Department employee |
| Guest               | Jake Heffron, Rumpke                  |
| Guest               | Mark O'Brian, Rumpke                  |
| Guest               | Vickie Noble                          |
| Guest               | Vince Crawford, Waste Management      |
| Guest               | Nick Shy, WM                          |
| Guest               | Tony Cain, WM                         |
| Guest               | Brian Allan, WM                       |

From the floor – Vickie Noble, Zoning Commission Secretary  
Vickie presented the Board with proposed changes to the Harrison Township Zoning Resolution recommended by the Harrison Township Zoning Commission. The ZC voted on April 4, 2023 to present these changes to the Board.

**-Eric Smith moved to hold a public hearing on May 16, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the Harrison Township Hall located at 6750 Outville Road, Pataskala, Ohio 43062. The purpose of this hearing is to consider proposed revisions to the Harrison Township Zoning Resolution. Articles with proposed revisions to be presented, discussed and acted upon are: Article 3 Definitions, Article 14 Outdoor Lighting and Article 15 B-Business Districts. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

**-Eric Smith moved to approve the following:**

- 1. The minutes of the April 3, 2023 regular meeting.**
- 2. Payment advice 122-2023 through 128-2023.**
- 3. Warrants 18686 through 18696.**

**4. Check #18695 to Shoff Door Company, Inc. for \$1,578.95.**

**Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

The refuse bid proposals from Rumpke of Ohio and Waste Management were discussed in detail.

The proposals opened by the Board of Trustees at the April 3, 2023 regular meeting are as follows:

Rumpke of Ohio, Inc.

**Refuse Garbage Trash and Yard Waste**

Monthly unit cost for each residential household: \$16.30

Monthly unit cost for each residential household (Senior Citizen): \$14.67

**Refuse Garbage Trash and Yard Waste (Fuel Adjustment Alternative)**

Monthly unit cost for each residential household: \$14.18\*

Monthly unit cost for each residential household (Senior Citizen): \$12.76\*

**Recycling**

Monthly unit cost for each residential household

***weekly collection:*** \$5.00

Monthly unit cost for each residential household

***weekly collection*** (Senior Citizen): \$4.50

**Recycling (Fuel Adjustment Alternative)**

Monthly unit cost for each residential household

***weekly collection:*** \$4.62\*

Monthly unit cost for each residential household

***weekly collection*** (Senior Citizen): \$4.16\*

Monthly unit cost for wheeled Toter (90 Gallon minimum) \$3.50

\*Monthly fuel surcharge will be based upon the Department of Energy's Midwest Diesel fuel average and adjusted monthly based on the "Rumpke Fuel Surcharge Table."

Waste Management of Ohio, Inc.

Alternate Proposal Bid

Refuse Garbage Trash and Yard Waste (Fuel Adjustment Alternative)

Monthly unit cost for each residential household cart included

Year 1 \$15.50

Year 2 \$16.12

Year 3 \$16.76

Year 4 \$17.44

Year 5 \$18.13

Monthly unit cost for each Senior residential household cart included

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| Year 1 | \$13.95 |
| Year 2 | \$14.51 |
| Year 3 | \$15.09 |
| Year 4 | \$15.69 |
| Year 5 | \$16.32 |

Monthly unit cost for additional wheeled cart

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| Year 1 | \$9.30  |
| Year 2 | \$9.67  |
| Year 3 | \$10.06 |
| Year 4 | \$10.46 |
| Year 5 | \$10.88 |

Every Other Week Recycling (Fuel Adjustment Alternative)

Monthly unit cost for each residential household cart included

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| Year 1 | \$5.90 |
| Year 2 | \$6.14 |
| Year 3 | \$6.38 |
| Year 4 | \$6.64 |
| Year 5 | \$6.90 |

Monthly unit cost for each Senior residential household cart included

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| Year 1 | \$5.31 |
| Year 2 | \$5.52 |
| Year 3 | \$5.74 |
| Year 4 | \$5.97 |
| Year 5 | \$6.21 |

Trustee Smith reviewed the cost for Rumpke and the fuel surcharges. If fuel was \$4.00 per gallon today, the monthly cost would be \$16.87. The bid price is \$16.30 for regular service. Rumpke is offering unlimited service. A cart would be an additional \$3.50 per month. Mark O'Brian with Rumpke introduced his team that was in attendance. Trustee Smith inquired, where would residents call if pickup was missed or they had a concern. Mark O'Brian stated that the call center is in Circleville. Trustee Foor ask what the senior citizen rate would be, \$14.67.

Mark O'Brian covered Rumpke's service for this contract. He stated that if the contract was awarded today, with an address list, they would set all new trash carts that needed to be delivered. They would meet with the Board of Trustees to plan and prepare notices for social media and create messaging for the changeover.

Trustee Foor ask about hiring shortages.

Mark O'Brian stated that customer service is their top priority. On June 12<sup>th</sup> they are starting to service Columbus and have added trucks and employees with no issues.

He stated that recycling should not be set out in plastic bags, the plastic clogs their sorting machines. Furniture and mattress must be wrapped in plastic to protect drivers from bed bugs. Rumpke is currently servicing 425,000 homes.

Vince Crawford with Waste Management introduced his team members in attendance. Vince Crawford explained that Waste Management is moving to all automated service. Employees like their job better. They are able to recruit and retain employees who are safest inside the truck. He shared a handout with an example of the amount of refuse that they would pick up. They will pick up trash in the cart, plus two bags, one bulk item and up to ten bags of leaves. Vince Crawford stated that residents can call and schedule pickup for additional refuse at an additional cost. They would want all residents to pay for and use a cart. Harrison Township has 2800 customers and currently 81% have a cart with 85% of senior citizens paying for a cart. The current rate with Waste Management is \$14.79 per month. The first year of regular service would cost \$15.50, \$13.95 for senior citizens. The five year average would be \$16.76 per month. Vince Crawford stated the trucks are coming out of Newark and that the routes are set to support Harrison Township.

The call center is in Michigan. New customers can sign up totally online or call WM. They will be using Smart Trucks with cameras in the future to educate residents about allowed items to set out. Township residents have issues with the call center not knowing the township area because they are in another state.

Trustee Van Buren stated that year three with Waste Management versus Rumpke's rate would be a difference of \$1.66 (Rumpke higher). Residents would be paying approximately \$1.66 per month to have full service (pickup unlimited trash). He stated that he prefers Waste Management, it is hard to switch company's but it will come down to the limit on refuse set out.

Trustee Smith mentioned that the Board could rebid the contract. Both companies know the Board of Trustees concerns and could address them.

Trustee Van Buren likes Rumpke's price and that it is unlimited pickup. There is a lot of trash set out in the township. Rumpke also followed the bid specifications and did not submit an alternate bid like Waste Management.

Trustee Smith stated that he would like to rebid the contract.

There are 800 residents currently recycling. WM would collect recycling every other week and Rumpke would collect every week.

**-Eric Smith moved to reject all bids for Single Hauler: Residential Refuse, Recycling and Yardwaste Collection and rebid the contract to open new bids on June 5, 2023. Mark Van Buren seconded the motion.**

**Discussion: Trustee Foor ask what are we going to gain from this?**

**Other companies could possibly submit bids and there is a concern that we might lose the unlimited collection service.**

**Trustee Van Buren stated that it was bid out and it is worth the extra cost for unlimited service.**

**Roll call: Van Buren NO, Smith YES and Foor NO. The motion failed.**

**-Mark Van Buren moved to except the Single Hauler: Residential Refuse, Recycling and Yardwaste Collection Bid from Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. at the rate of \$16.30 for regular service and \$14.67 for senior service per month as per contract. This will be a five year contract starting on October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2028. Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. shall be the exclusive provider of any or all services in Harrison Township. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith NO and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

Being no further business, Chairman Mark Van Buren adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Minutes are unofficial until approved by the trustees.

Respectively Submitted,

Carolyn I. Elder  
Harrison Township Fiscal Officer