

Carlisle Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting May 06, 2024 7:00 PM

The Carlisle Township Board of Trustees met on May 6th, 2024 at 7:00 PM. In attendance: Trustee James Wright, Trustee Berry Taylor, Trustee Jared Smith, Fiscal Officer Kelsey Sizemore, Administrative Assistant William Oliver, and Fire Chief Stephen Higgins. Twenty (20) people signed the attendance sheet.

- **7:00 PM Regular Meeting / Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Trustee Comments**

Trustee Smith noted that we'll begin the meeting with Trustee comments first. For the past two weeks the township has received numerous call and emails regarding recycling and trash pick-up. The townships are permitted to enter into service agreements with independent contractors for curbside pickups for trash and recycling for their residents. The township entered into an agreement to join the Lorain County Solid Waste Consortium on September 5th, 2023. Entered it as a participant into the bidding process. On January 23rd, 2024, Rumpke waste and recycling services was notified that they were awarded the contract. Prior to joining the consortium, the Township had no contract with Republic waste and recycling services. On Feb 12, 2024 the township notified Republic in writing that Rumpke would be the exclusive provider for services in the township and the letter would also serve as a notice of cancelation on behalf of all township residents as required. The township also requested that Republic waive any trash or recycling removal fees.

Trustee Smith then further explained the invoicing with Republic. If you individually did not have a written contract, you were on an what's called an invoice to invoice contract by paying your quarterly bill.

The terms of the invoice to invoice contract specified that advanced notice be given to Republic Services for the termination of services. It also states on the back of you bill, that a container delivery removal fees are set by each operating subsidiarity and are subject to change at any time at that operating subsidiarity's discretion. Also, neither your container delivery or removal fee would exceed \$50.00 per container.

Trustee Smith continued with additional remarks:

We found that Republic has reduced (not sure if this is universal) the pick the fees by 50%. For example, instead of charging \$50.00 per container, it would be \$25.00 per container.

The positive piece by going into the contract with Rumpke the cost of our quarterly bills has been reduced drastically. The average cost that the residents were paying were \$125+ per quarter.

In the first year of savings, each resident will save on average about \$60.00 per quarter, which is about \$240.00 per year. The contract is a 5-year contract, in a 5-year period, you'll be saving over \$1,000.00. Why we feel like this was a good deal for the township, you follow the same math, and with each resident saving \$1,000.00 over a 5-year period, residents of Carlisle Township for their curbside trash

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and recycling fees in total, will save over 3 million dollars. We think that is a good thing for the township.

For public participation, Trustee Smith said that we won't go down the list like we normally do, anyone that would like to come up to the podium to please do so, and state your name and address. Then you may comment or ask your question, and to please keep it two minutes or under. After we get through everyone that would like to participate, we will then take a short recess then come back to our regular scheduled meeting.

Public Participation

Resident, Michael Thomas - Stated that he moved into the township in August, 2011, and he is record keeper at home. He pulled his first invoice from Republic from August 2011, and the container removal fees was written on that invoice when we started service.

Resident, Maggie Hopkins - Stated the monetary value you mentioned of what the savings would be, if the township Trustees would have sat down and taken a meeting with Republic, they were offering between \$22.00 - \$23.00 per month. Which would have been the same if not less quarterly than Rumpke. She felt that we could have better communication.

Trustee Comment

Republic did make several attempts to contact the township after September 5th, and Trustee Smith mentioned that there were maybe one or two prior to that date. However, township had already agreed to enter the consortium. For township law, the contracts must be entered in by competitive bidding. Republic did not want to be a part of the bidding process.

Public Participation:

Resident, Maggie Hopkins asked if she could speak again. Trustee Smith said yes. She had mentioned that she knew attempts were made to set up a meeting with Trustee Taylor prior to the September date.

Trustee Taylor then said he would like to respond to her comments. Trustee Taylor said that when Dave Kitter retired from Republic, he went to Dave, asking who he can talk to that is taking his place. Dave said he get back to him, and he followed up with Dave a couple of times. Finally, Dave told Trustee Taylor, Chase would be in contact with him. By the time Trustee Taylor heard from Chase, the township already joined the consortium. Chase asked Trustee Taylor, well, can we still have a meeting. Trustee Taylor thought sure, but I am only one Trustee, I can't make these decisions myself. The other Trustees said its too late we already joined the consortium. In addition, we got a call from Mr. Gibbons, and by that time it was still too late. We already joined the consortium and paid our \$5,000.00. Nobody from Republic contacted us when Dave left. Trustee Taylor had to contact Dave, and he contacted him twice. Furthermore, he's not sure where the numbers are coming from, \$22.00-\$23.00, because Republic never gave us any indication of a price.

Resident, Mike Phillips - Question to the Trustees, was why did you start Rumpke before the quarter was up with Republic? Trustee Smith said because that was the way the contract was set up for the consortium. Mr. Phillips went on to say a lot of people paid for the quarter. The Trustees said they all

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paid ahead too, then got charge \$7.00 and change. Trustee Smith reiterated that's the way the consortium does their bidding. There are 12 other township and 1 municipality that is part of the consortium and it's the way they had it all set up.

Public Participation Continued

Resident, Linda Lowery - Made the remark that Republic charged us that third month when they knew in advance that we would not owe. So, part of her problem is with Republic.

Resident, Christine Harmen - Expressed her concerns on the containers fees and how broadly this was put out there. That even a certified letter was sent to Republic and sent to the wrong address. Full disclosure the township should create a transparent project plan for any future project from conception to conclusion. She further expressed her frustration.

Trustee Comment:

Trustee Smith, commented and said that we sent a second certified letter to Republic, stating that we would like to have an orderly transition. Which we never heard anything from Republic after that. Ms. Harmen then asked who asked who the decision makers to sign with Rumpke and to terminate the contract with Republic. Trustee Smith said there was never a contract with Republic. Only in years prior we had a memorandum with them and it was never renewed.

Trustee Wright commented that said its not like we didn't try. How can we reach our residents, we had advertising in the Rural Urban, we had several meetings, we had discussions on how we can reach more people to let them know what's going on? Furthermore, the Trustees are accessible, we are for the people, that is what's nice about township Trustees. We've done at least the best, we thought we could do, and I apologize for the lack of trying if I did not do enough.

Public Participation Continued

Resident, Karen Weber - There were two public meetings last summer a couple months apart. Each had representatives present from consortium and did a very thorough PowerPoint presentation of what the whole process was about with dates included. Then there was a bid process and from her understanding that Republic did not want to be a part of that process and did not meet the deadline.

Trustee Smith asked should we just go on with the regular meeting, Trustee Taylor & Trustee Wright said yes.

Trustee Smith went back to the list and asked anyone else that wanted to speak for public participation.

Rich Resendez – Running for Lorain County Sherriff: He visited one of our meetings about 4 to 5 months ago and wanted to re-introduce himself to the township and the residents. State why he is running and some priorities that are on his mind.

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Matt Lundy – Outreach Coordinator, Grafton-Midview Public Library: Trustee Smith on the opening of the time capsule, complementing Trustee Smith on preserving and remembering our history. Encouraging those to visit the Bicentennial display at the library.

Resident, Dave Runkle - Update on Marden Rd (Trustee Smith said we'll talk about it). What are we doing about East Carlisle school? Trustee's said we own it and it won't be annexed.

Fiscal Officer

Payments for April 1st through May 6th, 2024 for a total of \$258,659.81. Trustee Smith made motioned to approve. Trustee Taylor seconded; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Lorain County Bicentennial traveling exhibit, share with the Trustees to look over.

Administrative Assistant

- ODOT Salt Participation / Submission received 150 T
- Keep Lorain County Beautiful - May 18th 9am-12pm
 - Station Cleanup May 11th
- Lorain Co. Bicentennial Tree / Location, going to be planted soon, sometime this summer. Location near the Veterans Memorial.

Zoning Inspector Report

- For the period of 4/15 thru 5/2/2024, Twenty-two (22) permits were issued for a total of \$4,036.00.
- Husk property clean-up, a phone conversation with the owner emphasized the need to see a positive result. I would like to extend the time frame until the next trustee meeting, if the condition does not improve I would like to present a nuisance resolution for the Trustees signatures.
- Justin at Lorain County Public Health has been in touch with Mr. Husk as well concerning the other properties he owns in the township, again results are very slow coming.
- Justin has also been in contact with Mr. Nash and has had some limited cooperation.
- Many properties in the township are showing abatement concerns witch in the past has been the norm for this time of year. If these properties are not addressed by June first violations will be issued.

Road Department

- Vacation

Trustee Smith to review the Marden Speed Study results. From 4/2-4/16, traffic counts average 200 cars per day. Direction of travel was spilt pretty evenly. Speeds range from as low as 6 MPH to as high as 39 MPH. Based on 85% percentile speed and pace speed range, 25 MPH would be appropriate. Conversion of two-way streets to one-way operation of residential street can be used reduce direct through routes and impacted neighborhoods.

Trustee Smith also reached out to the engineer's office about Marden. Is it a dedicated road way, before we

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move on dedicated signage and roadway? Tax records show it highway right-away, it is not dedicated street. Trustee Wright commented that we have always treated it a dedicated street. He suggested we may want to get with the Prosecutor's office on this matter. Trustee Taylor asked Trustee Smith if he will contact them. Trustee Smith, said yes, and will continue to follow up on this.

• Fire

- April Run Report: A total of 86 calls for April.
- May 11th Station Cleanup, May 18th a live training fire that we'll be attending.
- Harris Radio Update and installed last week. The guys like the portables, and everything sounds better is clearer.

People's Fund Grant we received from LMRE, we asked for two of the gas monitors, they were able to grant us one of them. The Chief is requesting the township pay for the other one out of the MVA fund for \$3,017.10. Trustee Smith made motioned to approve. Trustee Taylor seconded; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

• Additional Business & Announcements

- Dumpster Day, this Saturday, May 11th from 8:00- a.m. to 1 p.m. for all residents only with proper I.D. We had all the items listed in the Rural Urban that you cannot bring. Any questions call the Road Department or the Administrative office with any questions.

Mark your calendars:

- Next Regularly Scheduled Trustees' Board Meeting Monday May 20, 2024
- **Keep up with Township events and contact information at www.CarlisleTownship.com**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Taylor, roll call: all ayes, meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.


Trustee Jared Smith


Attested: Kelsey Sizemore
Fiscal Officer


Trustee Berry Taylor


Trustee James Wright