

## **MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

**APRIL 7, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bev Aas at 6:05 p.m. Members present were Willie Butkofski, Dick Michaelis, Gene Beavers, Harry Thielen, Brian Jones, Duane Olmscheid, Mike Jensen, Urban Fuchs, and Chuck Koshiol. Advisory members present were Ron Mergen and Don Williamson. Absent was Renee Eckerly. Also present were Jeff Bertram, Jennefer Klennert from Waste Management, and local residents Mary Janotta, John Janotta, John Hartert, Bob McDaniel, and Teri Athmann.

**Motion was made by Koshiol to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2011 Environmental Committee meeting. Seconded by Jones and unanimously carried.**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Mike Jensen was introduced and welcomed to the Committee. Jensen will be replacing Don Wiese in representing the Township.

### **SPRING CLEAN UP & HHW COLLECTION**

The flyer was distributed to members noting the date, time, materials, cost, etc. New this year is the service to shred documents. Members were informed that Bank of the West will pick up the \$600.00 fee to have a shredder at the Spring Clean Up. There will not be a charge for the service, but residents will be limited to two boxes of documents.

Volunteers were also discussed. The Township will provide 3 volunteers, plus the tractor and West Central Sanitation and D & D will each bring 4-5 volunteers.

### **CURBSIDE SCAVENGING**

It was noted that this has been very successful in the past and it is proposed to be held April 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMPOST SITE**

It was noted that the site is being prepared and will open on April 13<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

### **TOWNSHIP OIL DEPOT REPORT**

Thielen reviewed the numbers from last season. Members commented on its success and commended the Township on a well run operation.

### **REFUSE COLLECTION CONTRACT**

It was noted that the Committee needs to make a decision on whether to negotiate a new contract with West Central Sanitation or proceed with RFPs.

Jones corrected some of the information from the previous meeting and a letter from Boyd Hengel was presented noting his full support for West Central Sanitation.

A number of local residents were present and spoke to the Committee. Their comments are as follows:

- We have very delightful service and I don't understand why you would look elsewhere.
- West Central Sanitation sponsors a scholarship for us each year and their service is convenient and affordable. We have never had any negative experiences with West Central Sanitation.
- Their service is excellent and their community involvement is great with Relay For Life.
- We have had great service for 20 years. They are very professional and will always go the extra mile, so why are we even looking around?
- Why look around when we have such great service. Don't fix what isn't broken.
- We have had great service and West Central Sanitation works well with local businesses. We owe Don Williamson some loyalty.
- Jennefer Klennert from Waste Management noted that she just wanted to make members aware that there are other services out there.
- It was questioned how Waste Management found out about the contract. Klennert noted that she is in sales and she monitors the contracts in her area.
- It was also questioned how much they give back to the community. Klennert said it depends on the contract, but generally 2-3%. This was also asked to Williamson and he noted 10% of the net contract.

After a short discussion,

**Motion was made by Jones to negotiate a new contract with West Central and set a subcommittee of Aas, Beavers, and Mergen. It was suggested that a silent ballot be held. Seconded by Jensen and unanimously carried.**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.