

Minutes Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
COUNTY OF LAKE
TOWN OF FREMONT

The Fremont Township Board of Trustees met at 22385 W. Illinois Route 60. Mundelein, IL 60060 on February 5, 2020 to conduct a Special Meeting. Purpose: Waste Hauling Agreement/Contract

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Diana O’Kelly	Supervisor
Christina McCann	Town Clerk
Alicia Dodd	Highway Commissioner
Joe Herchenbach	Assessor
Jeri Atleson	Town Trustee
Connie Shanahan	Town Trustee
Patricia Stejskal	Town Trustee
Keith Voss	Town Trustee

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE

Supervisor O’Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Trustee Atleson, Trustee Shanahan, Trustee Stejskal, Trustee Voss, Supervisor O’Kelly

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Clerk McCann

OTHERS PRESENT

The following signed the official attendance sheet:

Kim Spath, Kerry Stein, Tim & Donna Cardwell, Lew & Katherine Landry, Thomas Pilewski, Gary Goldblatt, Kevin Quinn, Jeanne & John Peterson, Dan Trahan, Holly Robinson, Sam Ford, Laurie Makg, Judy Hammel, Rose Marie Domeny, Doug Stein, Larry Dolemba, Lee & Kelly Dickinson, Elizabeth Kroening, Laura Finch, Sue Guarna, Phil Rambo, Radu Roman, Betsy Tekampe, Jackie Mateja, Catherine Shannon, Terri Borst.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. WASTE HAULING CONTRACT

Supervisor O’Kelly explained that in 2018 sixty percent (60%) of voters passed a Referendum authorizing the township board to negotiate with waste haulers and enter into a contract for the collection, disposal, composting or recycling of garbage, refuse and ashes within the unincorporated area of the township.

Upon passage of the Referendum, the township board appointed Supervisor O’Kelly to work with SWALCO and Community Representatives from a variety of neighborhoods to formulate a waste hauling program and vendor Agreement to benefit township residents.

After joint meetings were held with township officials, community representatives and waste haulers to formulate and clarify terms of the Agreement, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent to all waste haulers operating within the township. In response to the RFP, the township received two bids, one from Groot Industries, Inc., and another from

Lakeshore Recycling Systems. After evaluating both bids, the township has determined the proposal from Groot Industries, Inc., best meets the township's criteria for a consolidated waste removal program. O'Kelly noted that most households in the program area will save money under the proposed Agreement.

Tonight, the board will vote whether to adopt the proposed "Residential Solid Waste & Recycling Services Agreement" between Fremont Township and Groot Industries, Inc.

Supervisor O'Kelly and representatives from Groot briefly outlined services and financial terms for the Agreement. The floor was then opened for public comment.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Many residents thanked the township for taking on the project to provide savings for township residents.
- Several residents inquired for more information about how the transfer of services would be initiated. Township and Groot officials stated that an informational brochure will be sent to all households in designated unincorporated areas announcing Groot's starting date and the services available to residents as a result of the township Agreement. Other waste hauling vendors will be notified of the Agreement and the service start date.
- Two residents stated they don't need the service as they are enrolled in "take your trash to work" programs offered by their employers. Groot reps stated residents who will not require curbside service must call Groot and notify them prior to April 1st so they are not charged for service.
- Supervisor O'Kelly clarified that in order to lock-in the best rate, the Fremont Township/Groot Agreement requires households within the Agreement's designated service areas only use Groot for residential waste hauling services. Other vendors will no longer be licensed to service areas designated by the Fremont Township/Groot Agreement. Only two areas are exempt from this Agreement - Ivanhoe Woods and Ivanhoe Estates (currently under private contract) and the mobile home parks at the south end of the township.
- A couple of residents voiced their opposition to the township entering into a franchise waste hauling Agreement. Supervisor O'Kelly explained the Referendum was passed by a majority (60%) of voters and that under the Agreement, the township believes most residents will pay less, and in some cases substantially less than current rates.
- A couple of residents said they had to pay substantial cancellation fees to terminate previous Groot contracts and now they're expected to go back to Groot under the township's proposed Agreement. Groot reps stated under the new Agreement, the township will be under contract, not individual households. Groot suggested residents with this concern contact Groot's customer service department at 877-40-GROOT or fremonttownship@groot.com
- Concerns were raised about the length of the Agreement and billing increases. Supervisor O'Kelly stated the Agreement is for a period of six years and caps potential increases at 2% to 4% annually.
- The program is for residential waste only. Manure and/or equestrian waste is not included. Equestrian residents may contract with another vendor for manure removal service.

Trustee Shanahan moved and Trustee Voss seconded the motion to adopt the Residential Solid Waste & Recycling Services Agreement between Fremont Township and Groot Industries, Inc.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Trustee Atleson, Trustee Shanahan, Trustee Stejskal, Trustee Voss. Nay: None. All in favor, motion carried.

6. ADJOURN

Trustee Stejskal moved, and Trustee Shanahan seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Christina McCann, Fremont Township Clerk

Approved: