

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
10/30/2014

The following ad was emailed to the Lancaster Eagle Gazette on Friday, October 17th at 2:15pm requesting a confirmation.

Rushcreek Township Trustees will be holding a Special Meeting to address updated solid waste management plan from the CFLP Solid Waste District. The meeting will begin at 4pm on Thursday, October 30th at the office located at 213 Marietta Street, Bremen.

Bill Myers, Chairman called the special meeting to order at 4:00pm. Those present in addition to Bill Myers were: Trustee Dave Myers, Trustee Hart Van Horn, and Fiscal Officer Connie Moyer.

The Trustees were presented at the October 1st board meeting with an updated solid waste management plan from the CFLP Solid Waste District and told the plan was 425 pages and was available on a CD in Bob's office. Each was instructed to review prior to this meeting so that the requested Resolution could be considered for adoption. At the October 15th board meeting Connie questioned each Trustee if they had reviewed the document and Hart Van Horn was the only Trustee who had taken time to do so. Therefore this special meeting was called in order to meet the requirements of the CFLP Solid Waste District.

Dave advised he reviewed the plan and saw nothing wrong with the presentation. This is a recycle program which he supports.

Bill stated he contacted CFLP Solid Waste District and requested a paper copy of the plan which he presented to the Board and reviewed prior to this meeting. He reported that his only issue with the proposed plan was that they want to do so much and wondered how cost effective the plan would be down the road and how it would be funded in the future.

Connie reported that she did not review the plan however the proposed resolution wording had a couple of problems that were corrected. The resolution read that public hearings were held in all four counties of the District. Since this is a resolution that Rushcreek Township Trustees were adopting, the District was contacted and "Proof of Publications" were obtained and would be part of the resolution if the Trustees approved. Also, the certification was done by the "Clerk" so that wording was changed to read "Fiscal Officer."

Hart stated that he had several issues while reviewing the plan. Seven representatives from each county and one representative at large were part of the planning committee. With the District made up of four counties and the representative at large each meeting should have a maximum of twenty-nine people. The representatives were listed on pages 1-3, 1-4, and 1-5. Each meeting had few representatives present and the question arose on whether a "quorum" was in attendance as less than half were in attendance for approval of the plan.

The Final Resolution had three of the seven Fairfield County representatives present left alone for adopting the final plan. One representative was Fairfield County Commissioner Mike Kiger who was not present. If Rushcreek Township is to support this plan and our County leaders did not represent the committee that leaves some unanswered questions and whether Fairfield County's majority is actually supporting it.

Secondly, 1.3 million ton of waste for the District, page III-4, there is approximately 372,000 ton of exempted waste which has not been identified. The plan commented later in the report that there was no means to identify. Approximately 372,000 ton of 1.3 million ton is 25%. How can 25% of waste be exempted/unidentified which is coming from commercial and industrial waste. This is a great concern.

After discussion, all Trustees concurred that they could not pass a resolution supporting this plan at this time. A letter will be drafted to Fairfield County Commissioner Kiger asking clarification of information discussed at this meeting with a copy of the letter sent to Carol Phillipps, Executive Director of CFLP Solid Waste District. Hart agreed to draft the letter and have prepared for signatures at the November 5th Township Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 4:45pm.

Bill Myers
Carol Phillipps
Hart