

**SOUTH STRABANE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING**

December 30, 2020

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The December 30, 2020 Special Meeting of the South Strabane Township Board of Supervisors (Board) came to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Mae C. Reynolds Meeting Room of the Municipal Building (550 Washington Road, Washington, PA 15301).

The following were present:

Board of Supervisors	Rich Luketich, Vice Chair; Bracken Burns; Mark Murphy (via Zoom), and Bob Weber.
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Absent	Thomas Moore, Chairman
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Also Present	Township Manager Brandon Stanick; Assistant to the Township Manager Patrick Conners; Township Solicitor Dennis Makel; and Township Solicitor Chris Furman.
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2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Luketich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comments.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4A: Motion Approving a One-Year Extension for Curbside Recycling Services by Waste Management of Pennsylvania Inc.

Township Manager Stanick presented for the Board's consideration a contract extension for recycling services by Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc. He stated the extension provides for one additional year maintaining services with curbside collection of recyclable materials, once-per-month (first Monday of each month) at a rate of \$2.89/month for each household or \$34.68/year. He noted this is an increase from \$2.60/month or \$31.20/year.

Mr. Weber moved to approve a one-year extension for curbside recycling services by Waste Management of Pennsylvania Inc. Mr. Burns seconded the motion.

Mr. Burns inquired regarding alternative vendors for curbside recycling. Township Manager Stanick noted that soliciting bids for alternative vendors and specifications would be worth

exploring in the coming year. Township Solicitor Makel highlighted that Staff could write a Request For Proposal (RFP) outlining specific metrics including bi-weekly pickup to provide a better service for residents. He noted this is common for other municipalities. Township Manager Stanick noted that bids for recycling and household waste collection will be prepared later this year to solicit bids to understand the marketplace for both services. He cited the potential cost savings highlighting the current system which requires residents to establish services themselves. He noted the challenges that would be associated with the endeavor. .

Mr. Burns expressed his apprehension to combine any potential RFP for waste and recycling pickup. He highlighted this would disqualify numerous haulers who may not be able to collect recycling at the level of Waste Management. Township Solicitor Makel stated the RFP could be separated to allow for two companies to provide the respective services. Mr. Burns continued by citing his displeasure with the overall service that Waste Management has provided noting a reduction in service (i.e. glass collection) and an increase in cost per household. A discussion regarding the current recycling program ensued. Township Manager Stanick reported that at the request of the Township's Green Team, an insert on the Township's recycling program would be included within the upcoming newsletter. He noted the newsletter would be mailed to residents within the month of January.

Township Solicitor Makel stated that the Township should think outside of the box regarding the recycling program. He noted a future waste hauler contract could be the starting point. Mr. Burns highlighted the Green Team is looking to build upon the existing infrastructure and sustainable programming. He stated the Recycle Center should be viewed as a "one stop shop" for the Township's recycling needs. He noted the Township is being responsive and filling the void created by Waste Management as a result of the existing market.

A discussion ensued regarding paper, cardboard, and aluminum recycling. Mr. Weber noted the robust market for some recyclable commodities. He stated the Township should look to get the greatest value for items collected. Township Manager Stanick highlighted that Staff is continuing to look into solutions, including the expansion of the Recycle Center. Mr. Murphy noted this topic needs discussed further. He highlighted increased public education regarding the recycling program.

After further discussion the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Burns moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Weber seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon J. Stanick
Township Manager