

**Lake Township, Huron County
Board of Trustees Meeting
And Public Hearing
4988 W. Kinde Rd., Caseville, MI.
August 19, 2019**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those in attendance: Valerie McCallum, Claren Russell, Clay Kelterborn, Nicole Collins, Dale Hartsell, representatives from Emterra-- Gary Varisto and Dan Garman. Guests: approximately 175.

Due to the large attendance, the meeting was moved to the side lawn to continue the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:45 P.M. Supervisor Valerie McCallum reviewed the reason for the Public Hearing. Due to the retirement of Dave Ferris, Emterra weekly curbside trash pickup service, with recycle every other week, has been negotiated by the Board for Lake Township residents with the tentative closing of the Transfer Station. The cost for the service would be \$216.00 per year (\$18/mo.) and would be mandatory for every Lake Township parcel of land that has a habitable building on it. The cost would be billed as a special assessment on the 2019 winter taxes and the trash service would start January 2020, with a 2% increase as of 2021, and again in 2022. The cost would then increase 3% for the next two years. This contract would be good for 5 years. Extra services would include each home being allowed to take one trailer or pickup load of trash to the land fill each month at no extra charge, and a curbside pickup service of 1 large item per month such as a refrigerator (minus the Freon), sofa (not sleeper couches) or recliner, a mattress, etc. This service would require prior notification in order to make arrangements for the pickup of certain large items. Weekly trash would be set at the roadside with no bag or trash container weighing more than 50 lbs. Several roads such as Whippoorwill, Old Coach, Hill Top, Clare and Taylor would have a small Emterra pickup service due to accessibility issues for a large truck.

Below are the residents who spoke at the meeting:

Leo Cartier
Don Vandeberghe
Bill Mutart
Maryanne Waters
Sandy Pobanz

Mark Gaeth
Kevin Krebs
Bob Tomlinson
James Fredryk
Mike Dib

Pat Moritz
Gerry Gustavus

Paula Dietlin
Jim Salerno

Jerry Burns	Dan Gibson	Cindy Arnone
Robert Miller	Debra Greene	Katie Draher
Rhonda Jennings		
Vicki Geiger	Steve Lancucki	Bruce Guigar
Joann Lancucki	Beth Wilton	Jeanne Majeski
Brad McIlhargie	Jim Stone	Paul Beck
Randy Armstead	Tom Pierce	
Sue Armstead	Richard Steffes	
Ann Krezminski	William Douglas	Jerry Glinski
Nick Ovcen	Mark Hoffman	Brian Palmer
Nancy Newberg	Richard Vielhaber	Jack Baker
Steve Rybinski	Linda Palmer	John Chasney
Dennis Insley	Terry Collins	Roy Tackett
Mary Insley	George Diebel	Doug Hyttinen
Cindy Vielhaer	Dan Lanfear	Rick Swanquist
Anita Wagoner	Ric Hogerheide	Maryellen Swanquist
Kathy Krebs	Paul Rolfe	Steve Mazurkiewicz
Carol Hayes	Mike Parrish	
Darlene Hurnalsteen	Larry Hazel	
Kevin Kolar	Ralph Nagorny	

There were a total of 175 letters and emails who responded to the 1331 letters/Notices that were sent to all residences.

Consensus of residents attending had similar opinions expressed:

- 1.) Do all residents have to participate?
- 2.) Why can't residents contract individually?
- 3.) Many residents state they don't leave trash here, but drive it home when they go back to their main residence.
- 4.) Concern was expressed for blowing barrels after trash picked up because no one here to take them back in.
- 5.) Concern that animals will open trash bags and spread trash all along the roadside.
- 6.) Regarding inability to get applications for the Transfer Station job, some residents felt adding electricity, water, and/or remodeling the building would make some people feel like applying.

- 7.) Some residents suggested raising wages for the attendant to \$25 or \$30 per hour would get applications.
- 8.) Suggestions were made to charge more per bag of trash to increase the income of the Transfer Station in order to subsidize and maintain it.

The meeting was turned over to the Supervisor to answer some of the questions. Due to the lateness of the meeting and the darkness, Kelterborn motioned to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Board Meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 A.M. in the Township Hall. Motion was supported by Nicole Collins. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M. and to reconvene tomorrow morning at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Claren Russell, Clerk