



Jerusalem Township Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Held on June 30, 2021.

The Board of Trustees of Jerusalem Township met in-person in Township Fire Hall at 9501 Jerusalem Road on the above date at 7:00 p.m.

Dave Bench opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance with the members as listed during roll call:

Beau Miller, Present
Dave Bench, Present
Mark Sattler, Present

Trash Pickup Information – Printed information about trash pickup along with an agenda was distributed to all attendees at the sign-in table.

Public Participation

Ray Johnson - wanted to know why the trash has to be out so early if not picked up right away. Mark Sattler explained that it depends on when the truck starts and the Resident's location in the Township. Mark Sattler indicated that because of some Republic service issues, a change was made in the Republic team servicing Jerusalem Township in mid-June. The new team servicing Jerusalem Township is coming from Sandusky and it appears they are beginning with the Eastern end of the Township and moving West.

Lonnie Hart - asked how much are we paying currently. Beau Miller indicated that the cost to the Township is about \$140,000.00 a year. Lonnie also asked what the cost would be per household. Mark indicated that given our 1,100-1,200 households, the cost to property owners would be \$150.00 a year (on improved properties only with vacant parcels excluded.)

Sandy Nissen - provided historical information about when the trash program started and the board of trustees designating transient lodging tax monies to pay for the service to the residents. Beau Miller and Mark Satter discussed with the audience and Sandy the overall background and the cost of the assessment per improved parcel household per month / annually. Beau Miller shared specifically that the cost is \$150.00 on each assessed parcel that is considered improved through the County Auditor, not a parcel that is empty or vacant. The monthly cost the first year is \$12.50, \$12.60 the second year and \$12.70 the third year including a 96-gallon toter/cart and one bulk item pickup at the beginning of each month. Beau Miller also discussed that any elderly or disabled resident may arrange

to have their trash picked up directly from the home in the toter - they would not have to take it to the curb.

Walter Adeler - shared two options from previous experiences, option 1 having a centralized drop location like he has experienced in New York where tickets are purchased for each bag or option 2 is where tickets are purchased and bags are placed and picked up with the ticket attached. Residences in the audience shared years ago that special color bags were purchased at local vendors and only these bags were picked up. The board does not know of any such program with a vendor like what was done in the past.

Maggie Adeler - asked the board what we have paid for trash compared with is brought in with the transient hotel tax to the Township. The Fiscal Officer provided the following financial information:

Year	Trash Expense	Transient Income
2021	\$59,451.00	\$50,626.44
2020	\$141,948.00	\$83,532.70
2019	\$134,046.00	\$121,328.02
2018	\$125,000.00	\$127,114.83
2017	\$125,000.00	\$120,475.57
2016	\$113,548.53	\$121,124.76
2015	\$108,704.91	\$117,057.51

Walter Adeler - asked the board we are we currently spend on trash collection. The Fiscal Officer also shared the Township pays around just under \$10,000.00 a month for curbside collection and in 2020 the cost of bulk pickup was over \$20,000.00.

Troy Soncrant - shared with the audience and board of trustees a personal experience he has with funding and townships. Specifically, his wife is the assistant fiscal officer for Lake Township and shared that many Townships have already been utilizing tax assessments to pay for trash collection. He feels this is an appropriate measure and that the board of trustees should continue with this method.

Deb Schabel - asked the board of trustees some clarifying questions regarding how much the \$150.00 a year assessment would bring. Mark Sattler shared that we are looking at the County Auditors information and it shows are 1100 to 1200 households. Deb asked if the entire assessment would be used to pay for trash collection. Mark Sattler and Beau Miller stated the assessment would cover almost all of the trash collection. The Fiscal Officer stressed that not all properties will pay their assessment and that the Township will need to cover some of the short comings. The board also reinforced the concern over the Township General Funds burden placed by the County Commissioners making the Township General Fund pay for 911 police dispatching starting in 2022.

Deb also suggested that the board of trustees not charge the full assessment but phase in the amount to each property owner and use the transient tax money to cover the difference. The concern the Fiscal Officer has is that our dispatching costs will continue to rise each year and the Township might continue to experience a shortfall if we attempt to collect a lower assessment.

James Klawitter - wanted to tell the board and audience he likes the idea of the assessment, having

everyone pay for trash keeps the Township looking nice. He remembers a time in the 60's and 70's when the Township looked much worse than compared to now.

Cindy Getzinger - also stated the Township looks much better now than when we did not have trash collection. She also asked who is paying the for the recycling center near the Township Complex. The board explained Lucas County Solid Waste is collecting taxes from each property owner to pay for that service.

Brenda Zacho - doesn't like the idea of individual trash service and feels that everyone should contribute and share in the benefit. It was asked by the audience how much would it cost to have someone sign up for personal trash collection. Brian from Klumm Brothers explained they would charge around \$220.00 minimum a year to a residence of they wanted curbside service. Brian also discussed that they would provide if requested, a smaller than 96-gallon toter for residences that request it but also stressed even though they will pick up bags at the curb the toter makes it much faster to collect trash, around 8 seconds per stop which speeds up collection.

Elvis Shepherd - reviewed all the financial data already shared and talked about the benefits to the community including the one bulk item pickup each month compared with dragging items out one time per year. He also talked to the board and members of the audience of the minimal cost to the resident. Elvis did ask the board to share what the Township has been doing to increase the Transient Tax and supporting our Townships businesses. Mark discussed some recent changes to the Township website and wants to make sure we all understand that more business in the Township will only help with future expenses.

James Myrice - shared he likes the idea of the toter, it keeps animals off the trash and also shared that a friend of his lives in another Township that has been serviced by Klumm Brothers for years and is very pleased with the service. He also wanted to thank the board for spending the time to discuss this with the residents and supports the decisions they are making.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board Beau Miller made a motion to adjourn today's meeting. Seconded by Mark Sattler with roll call as follows:

Beau Miller, Yes
Dave Bench, Yes
Mark Sattler, Yes

Motion carried at 8:17p.m.



Attested



Approved