

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Special Trash Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2023

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held in Borough Hall on Tuesday, January 31st & was called to order by Council President Poot at 6:00 p.m.

All present were Mayor Hovis, Council Members Dietz, Dowdle, Ellenberger, Kane, Norman, Poot, Thrapp, Manager Paashaus, Solicitor - Gross McGinley.

AGENDA

The Agenda was ordered approved as written.

GENERAL INFORMATION / TRASH PRESENTATION

Council Vice President Kane gave a thorough presentation on what the Admin/Finance committee has been reviewing for the Trash Contracts (The PowerPoint Presentation is included with the meeting record). Several options, statistics, costs, & information were provided to the residents. Kane welcomed the public's interaction. Seth Pellegrini, 55 Oxford Ridge Ct, asked for clarification on the bid & options.

Bill Miracle, 715 W State St, stated his appreciation for the current provider & expressed that he would want the longest contract to serve the Borough.

Audrey Howard, 701 Tilghman St, stated that 2x pickups would be appreciated for families & at a very low additional cost – estimated at \$20 more per quarter.

Betty Bamberger, 510 E Station Ave, stated her appreciation for the current provider & that they will take anything at the curb.

Steve Yeager, 73 E Station Ave, stated that, as a family of 4, he would not mind reducing to 1x pickup per week.

Judith Hewins, 690 Tilghman St, stated her preference for a 3rd party contractor at a longer term.

Aaron Heckert, 6599 Gun Club Rd, stated his preference for 2x per week.

Ken Mohr, 116 S Main St, expressed that the Borough has been quite fortunate with the previous contract & looked at it as “underpaying” for 7 years. Mohr stated that Labor, Fuel, & Landfill costs have all escalated.

There was discussion regarding the fact that this expense is not impacting Coopersburg alone, recycling, & the possibility of composting to reduce costs.

Nick Poole, 101 N Main St, stated that there should be more education around recycling in the Borough.

Anna Ellenberger, 326 S 9th St, stated her preference for 1x per week & a 3rd party contract.

Jim Wickert, 120 Hillside Dr, stated his preference for 1x per week.

Jack Felch, 600 S Main St, expressed his appreciation for outsourcing improving the appearance of the town, & that a subscription service would be detrimental.

There was further discussion regarding 1x vs 2x (minimal cost difference), problem resolution, length of the contract, & next steps.

Kane & Poot thanked residents for their attendance & sharing their opinions. The Admin/Finance Committee will review all feedback, & Council will make a final decision on February 21, 2023.

NO DECISION WAS MADE AT THIS MEETING.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.