
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Wall, Supervisor
Kim Markee, Clerk
Steve Thomas, Treasurer
Anthony Bartolotta, Trustee
Marie E. Hauswirth, Trustee
Janet Matsura Trustee
Mark Monohon, Trustee

ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robin McGregor	Derek Diederich	Gary Biron
Mark Simlar	Justin Westlake	Mary Craite

Supervisor Wall provided the Trustees with an update on the Priority Waste transition. He received 15 calls or more on Thursday and Friday. Farmington Hills slipped backward in their pickup schedule, along with Dearborn. Trustee Hauswirth asked, "What are other municipalities doing? Supervisor Wall said White Lake, Commerce, Orion, and Bloomfield are having the same problems we are. We hired Breen's to pick up the yard waste and invoiced two weeks to GFL and two weeks to Priority. When we met with Priority the CEO said they were not behind and were not late in picking up the trash. Since then we have been sending daily detailed records of any missed pickups that we know of. Clerk Markee said all residents that have missed garbage pickups should go online and complete a complaint form and Waterford will add it to the daily complaint list and send it in. This will help with any future litigation if necessary. Supervisor Wall mentioned when residents do not pay their garbage bill, it is reported by the garbage company to the Township. The Township then adds the unpaid garbage bill to their taxes. If this continues, the Township may hold back this money from Priority if pickups are still behind. Supervisor Wall and Shelly Schloss, Administrative Assistant, drive around the Township to get addresses of missed garbage pickups to report to Priority. Clerk Markee said that Shelly, Arlene, and Katie have done a fantastic job with taking all the calls and recording the missed pickups along with establishing the website form for residents to use.

Supervisor Wall said that the election results were favorable for most Townships because 94% of millage proposals were passed.

Supervisor Wall and Mark Simlar met with the Senior Center Encore Program and Catholic Charities and said the meeting went very well.

Trustee Monohon asked if we should check out different organizations to contract the Meals on Wheels program because Lighthouse is expanding its services. At this time, the Trustees were not in favor of making any changes to the Meals on Wheels program. He also mentioned that he would bring a resolution to the next meeting accepting the SEMCOG grant.

Trustee Hauswirth mentioned that she has seen buses going up and down M-59 where they have expanded the SMART bus routes.

Clerk Markee gave an election update with the turnout of voters at 25%. 71% of the voters voted using an absentee ballot, 26% went to the polls on election day and 3% voted at the Early Voting Center. She is concerned about the number of ballots that were delivered on election day because it's difficult for the staff to process the increased number and finish at a reasonable hour. Possibly the rain kept voters from going to the polls and they dropped their ballots in the drop box on the last day. This could be a problem for November's Election with residents waiting until the last minute to return their absentee ballot, and the results may be delayed. Voters can vote three different ways in Michigan and can take their absentee ballot to the Early Voting Centers and put it through the tabulator. They can also take their absentee ballot to the Polls on election day and put it through the tabulator.

Gary Biron, a Resident asked when the garbage contract expires and Supervisor Wall said that it expires in March of 2025, and bids for a new provider most likely will be requested this Fall. Mr. Biron asked if Priority uses the same recycling center that GFL uses and Supervisor Wall said, yes. Mark Simlar, HR Director, also explained that residents without internet access, can call the Township, and Arlene, Katie, or Shelly will input the complaint for them into the online system.

Robin MacGregor, a Resident was also concerned about the garbage services being behind and waited three weeks before her yard waste was picked up.

Clerk Markee mentioned that the DPW millage request on tonight's agenda showed a reduction in mills being charged to our residents and said that it was going in the right direction for our residents. The Township may charge 2.95 mills, this year's mills are 2.75 and next year's mills are proposed at 2.70 mills.

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.