

**Public Works Committee**  
**April 12, 2017**

Trustee Dobbs called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. in the Court Room of the Safety Building, 6900 Nicholson Road, Caledonia, Wisconsin.

Present were: Trustee Dobbs and Trustee Trentadue

Staff present: Village Administrator Tom Christensen, Village Engineer Tony Bunkelman, Highway Superintendent Blaine Pfeffer.

**1. Approval of minutes**

Motion by Trustee Trentadue to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Trustee Dobbs. Motion carried.

**2. Garbage Cart Proposal**

Christensen went over the recycling change the Village has made in the last year and has approached Johns Disposal for options on automated garbage services. Automated garbage services would have an increase of 15 cents per home, per month. A total increase of just over \$16,000. This includes the bi-weekly recycling pickup and 2 bulk pickups per residence, per year. Each residence would receive a 96 gallon garbage cart and the option to have a 48 gallon cart if the 96 is too large. If a residence would like an additional cart or bulk pickup, the homeowner would be responsible for the additional fees.

Correspondence and phone calls were received both in favor and against the proposed change.

Discussion was held about the concerns with the new automated system. This included the size of the carts, limited bulk pickups and how the new system would affect the elderly and handicapped. The Village and Johns Disposal will work with residents. Hardship applications for accommodations are available at the Village Hall. Johns Disposal can provide a hitch to "tow" the carts to the end of a driveway if requested.

It was asked why trash and recycling rates are not the same? Recycling is only every other week and is processed at the Johns facility. There is a landfill fee for garbage and is more costly to process.

What do residents do with their current garbage cans if they were to receive the new carts? Johns can take and recycle them. Residents should leave a note that says "Please take and recycle" or the driver will not take the can.

Johns has done a good job and they have gone above and beyond to accommodate our needs. Garbage pickups would be one man trucks. Special route maybe twice a week to accommodate the scheduled bulk pickups. Extra pickups will be tracked by Johns Disposal. The workforce would not be reduced by this change. It will make it a more sustainable job as it is hard to find

people to lift and tip heavy cans. The Village of Caledonia is the second largest municipality they serve. The City of Franklin is the largest.

Increasing the number of bulk pickups was discussed. Bulk pickups are beneficial in keeping properties clean. Because of Caledonia's size, it is more costly to provide the bulk service. It is the John's experience, that the average residence uses only one bulk pickup per year. Bulk items include couches, water heaters, stove, etc. Electronics are not included in bulk pickup but may be picked up for an extra fee.

Correspondence from President Bradley was read. He expressed he is not in favor of the proposed change. He received many emails and phone calls about the burden it would have on the elderly.

It was asked if lengthening the contract would accommodate increasing the number of bulk pickups or absorb the extra 15 cents per residence? It was agreed that Johns would come back with different options and length of contracts. They will supply examples of the carts and the hitch option.

Trustee Trentadue motioned to forward discussion to the Village Board in June. Johns Disposal will bring back options to lengthen the contract while bringing down the costs and increase the number of special large item pickups as well as addressing the senior citizen concerns. Seconded by Trustee Dobbs. Motion carried.

### **3. Turn Lane on N Green Bay Rd at 4 Mile Rd**

The intersection was reviewed and there were questions about what the concerns were.

Trustee Trentadue motioned to table the discussion to next month's meeting to further investigate the concerns about the intersection. Seconded by Trustee Dobbs. Motion carried.

### **4. Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Dobbs to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Trentadue. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Spencer  
Deputy Village Clerk