

Aloha Township
Public Hearing on Recycling
July 10, 2007 6:00 PM

Board Members Present

Charles Maziasz
Barb Hall
Charles Veneros
Allen Barr
Marvin Shebel

Public Hearing was opened at 6:00 PM by Supervisor Charles Maziasz. Hearing held to obtain information and direction from Aloha Township residents on the issue of recycling. Main topic for discussion is the cost for recycling of \$24 per year to be added to winter tax bills. Questions are you for it?? How do you feel about the way this was done????

Citizen comments followed:

Glenn Kinkle, a resident of Grant Township on Zolner Road, presented information only that a local company can make bins for between 5 and 6 thousand, concern that the County would not go locally, against way to implement, mentioned four of the commissioners not on board with recycling.

Jim Stevens, questioned amount per year. Out of paper 15.7% have turned down already. Had questions for Commissioner Page. Commissioner Page replied that there had to be interlocal agreements with the Townships. No one or two townships can veto but does require a clear consensus of Townships to work. The County will be waiting until the end of August to hear from all Townships concerned. Commissioner Page continued that if was a millage vote would be for .31 mills. Only on households. Jim Stevens had no problem with dollar amount but with the way it was handled. Supervisor Maziasz stated in his opinion that an election would have been better than the \$24 surcharge. Commissioner Page stated that he was not here in 02 when recycle committee was created. The recycle committee went over the previous figures, updated them and used those to get to the \$24 surcharge. Page talked about bins, projected costs and the bid process. Jim Stevens concern that is five more years the dollar amount will double like it did from 2002.

Clayton Cannis, Hiawatha Drive, 1) No one against recycle but against taxation without representation, 2) Commissioners should look at general fund money, enough to give themselves raises and life insurance.

Dennis Lennox, Citizens Against Taxation, touched on number of topics: Cost estimate, bins not monitored, different assessors for Townships to determine what makes a house hold, ones who have opted out already, not voluntary and revenue generated no longer a fee but a tax, County did not want to wait for a vote of the people, no excuse for not allowing vote.

Yvonne LaFrinere stated she is for recycling and supports the program. Mentioned by audience member that if recycle is implemented maybe garbage companies in area could lower thier fees as collection would be less.

Supervisor has talked to PAC and the price would remain same for a number of reasons. Mainly cost of running the trucks and traveling the roads. Labor and tipping fees the same.

Fabian LaVigne stated that he is not opposed to recycling but feels he would not wash out cans etc and drive to recycle so why have to pay for it.

Max Mast stated that even if Townships opt out people can go to bins anyway as they will not be manned.

Joyce Barr stated that no guarantee that cost will not go up every year.

Donna Rosenfeldt wanted a hand vote of residents at the meeting.

Kathy Bricker, member of the recycling committee, addressed the meeting. She tried to give insight into why this option was selected. Children asking why adults don't recycle. Cheapest, some townships for it. Dick Bedell stated did not like to have to take off labels from cans. Kathy notified him this did not have to be done.

Tom Slunick for recycling but why not just abolish tin/plastic. This is just taking care of trash.

Commissioner Page brought up that 85% of Emmet County people recycle. 32% nationally. Per Kathy Bricker Emmet does not send anything to landfill. Door to door recycle is not feasible at this time.

James Sharkey mentioned that Commissioners as well as Township Board voted in but do not seem to agree with each other. Supervisor agreed we were voted in but needed to call this meeting to get a better feel of what the people wanted.

Clayton Cannis stated that any increase in taxes is taxation without representation. Brought up SRR not paying for itself and asked if Emmet recycle is breaking even. No per Kathy. Emmet is a County DPW. Per Page would cost around \$1,000,000 to have building etc like Emmet.

Larry Charboneau stated that a question should have went out with the tax bills. Treasurer said not everyone pays tax bill.

Hand vote	Opt Out	15 yes
		9 No

Allen Barr, Trustee, feels more education needed.

Supervisor mentioned other options for Township. Will be discussing with Benton and maybe partnering with them and Grant. This will not be dropped.

Max Mast asked if home containers furnished. No they are not.

If Emmet breaks agreement the backup is St Ignace. Per Page Emmet did start with a millage.

Supervisor thanked everyone for coming and Board meeting is Tomorrow night at 7 PM.

Meeting closed at 7:19 PM

Barbara Hall, Clerk